# Week 3: CRAAPO Test

Directions: The acronym CRAAPO stands for Currency (C), Relevance (R), Authority (A), Accuracy (A), Purpose (P), and Objectivity (O). Answer the questions below as a guide to evaluate your selected popular article for reliability and credibility. Do not submit this document for grading; this document is to help you complete your assignment.

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| **Currency (C)** **measures the timeliness of information.** | | |
| * When was the information published or last updated? | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| * Is the information current for your topic? | | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” |
| * Are the links functional? | | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” |
| **Relevance (R) assesses the importance of the information for your needs.** | | |
| * Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Who is the intended audience? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Is the information at an appropriate level (for example, not too simple or advanced for your needs)? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Have you looked at a variety of resources before determining this is one you will use? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| **Authority (A)** **gauges the credentials and expertise of those who create or publish the information.** | | |
| * Who is the author? If there is no author, what is the organization responsible for the content? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Why is the author qualified to write on this topic? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source (for example, .com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net)? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Accuracy (A)** **determines the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the informational content.** | | |
| * What type of evidence is provided to support the information in this source? *(Online popular sources often link to supporting sources rather than cite them. Newspaper and magazine articles may use interviews as evidence.)* | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Has the information been reviewed? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Are there spelling, grammatical, or other typographical errors? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| **Purpose (P)** **evaluates the reason the information exists.** | | |
| * What is the purpose of the information? To inform? Teach? Sell? Entertain? Persuade? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Do authors or sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| **Objectivity (O)** **appraises the degree to which the information is free from bias and prejudice.** | | |
| * Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |
| * Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda? | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| * Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? | Click or tap here to enter “yes” or “no.” | |