What is CRAAP?
A guide to evaluating web sources

**Currency**
How old or new is the information?
- When was the information posted or last updated?
- Are the links working? If not, that means no one is maintaining the website.
- What is the copyright or publication date?

**Relevancy**
Does it have the information you need?
- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is it too simple or too advanced for your purpose?

**Authority**
Is the author of the information qualified and trustworthy?
- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? - Associations, agencies, affiliations, titles, credentials
- Is the author qualified to write on this particular topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address, for further investigation?
- Read the About Us, Our Mission, and FAQ sections of a site
- Google the author for more information about the author or organization.

**Accuracy**
Is the information accurate and unbiased?
- Is it supported by evidence you can check and verify yourself?
- Is it objective and free of emotion?
- Are there errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation?

**Purpose**
Why was the information created and shared?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? - Is the purpose to Inform? Persuade? Sell? Entertain
- Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective & impartial?
- What can the mission statement tell you?