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 “FAQs”
★ 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?