



## The CRRAPP Criteria Rubric

When you are researching a topic for a college-level academic assignment, it is important to subject your online information sources to a greater level of scrutiny. You'll get better grades and learn more if you use high-quality dependable sources of information. If you're not sure whether or not you should use a particular resource, ask yourself the following questions. These questions were developed with websites in mind, but most will work for other types of sources, both print and online.

<b>CURRENCY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was this page created? Last updated or revised?</li> <li>• Do the links work?</li> <li>• Is the page being maintained and new material added?</li> <li>• Is it important that this page be current, given your subject?</li> </ul>
<b>RELEVANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the article improve your understanding of the issue?</li> <li>• Is the article lengthy enough to be worthy of inclusion?</li> <li>• Does all or most of the article apply to your topic?</li> </ul>
<b>RELIABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the content mostly opinion or is it stating facts?</li> <li>• Are there sloppy errors, such as bad grammar, misspelling, etc. which might indicate hastiness?</li> <li>• Does the author provide references for or sources of facts, data, or quotations?</li> <li>• Can you confirm what the author is saying in another source?</li> </ul>
<b>AUTHORITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the author of this page?</li> <li>• What are their credentials?</li> <li>• Can you find more information about the author somewhere else?</li> <li>• What institution are they affiliated with?</li> <li>• Can you find more information about their institution elsewhere?</li> </ul>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the purpose of this page?</li> <li>• Does the author intend to persuade you of something? Teach? Inform? Entertain? Provoke an emotional response?</li> <li>• Does the author or the sponsoring organization state their goals?</li> </ul>
<b>POINT OF VIEW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the author is affiliated with an institution (government, university, business, organization, etc.), does this affiliation bias the information presented?</li> <li>• If you search for the name of the author or their institution, can you find any information about any bias or what they stand for?</li> <li>• Does the sponsoring publication have a known bias?</li> <li>• Is the tone of the article inflammatory or snarky?</li> </ul>

