



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.

CURRENCY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was this page created? Last updated or revised? • Do the links work? • Is the page being maintained and new material added? • Is it important that this page be current, given your subject?
RELEVANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the article improve your understanding of the issue? • Is the article lengthy enough to be worthy of inclusion? • Does all or most of the article apply to your topic?
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