

CRAPP Test

Currency

- When was the information published?
- Is its publication date appropriate for your topic?
 - If you are writing about current diabetes treatment, an article from 1970 would not be appropriate. However, if you are writing about the history of diabetes, an article from 1970 may be useful.
- Have there been any corrections or updates to the web page?

Tip: If you're unsure about whether the information is current enough for your research, ask your professor.

Relevance

- Does the topic relate to your research question?
- Who is the audience?
- Is the information at an appropriate level?
 - For a biology research paper, an academic journal like *Primate Biology* would be a better choice than *National Geographic*.
- Have you read a variety of sources to make sure your source is the most appropriate for your information needs?

Authority

- What are the author's qualifications? Advanced degrees? Professional or personal experience related to the issue?
- Who published the information/source? (Is it from a newspaper, magazine, journal article, something else?)
- Is it easy to contact the author or publisher?

Accuracy

- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Are there references or citations?
- Can you verify the information presented?
- Does the language or tone of the paper indicate any strong emotion or bias?
- How has the information been reviewed?

Purpose

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Is the information a fact, opinion, or created to persuade you of something?
- Are there ideological, political, religious, cultural, institution, or personal biases present?