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**Is it CRAAP**

Use your best judgment in allotting points for the various categories. Add up the points for a total score.

**Scoring**

45-50 - Excellent

40-44 - Good

35-39 - Average

30-34- Borderline Acceptable

Below 30 - Unacceptable

**Currency** *– Timeliness of the information* (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* When was the information published or posted?
* Has the information been revised or updated?
* Does my topic require current information, or will older sources work as well?
* Do the links work?

**Relevance** – *Importance of the information for your needs* (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
* Who is the intended audience?
* Is the information at an appropriate level (not too elementary or advanced for your needs)?
* Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this in one you will use?
* Would you be comfortable citing this source in your research paper?

**Authority** – *Source of the information* (0 to 10 Points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Who is the author/publisher/ source/sponsor?
* What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations?
* Is the author qualified to write on the topic?
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* Where does the information come from?
* Is the information supported by evidence?
* Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
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* What is the purpose of the information? Is it to inform, teach, sell, entertain, or persuade?
* Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
* Is the information fact, opinion, or propaganda?
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