

# The CRAAP Test Worksheet (Meriam Library, California State University, Chico)

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of the quality of the resource.

**Currency:** .....

- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Is the information (also links) current or out of date for your topic?

**Relevance:** .....

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?

**Authority:** .....

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- Are the author's organizational affiliations given? If yes, are they appropriate?

(Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?)

- What are the author's qualifications to write about the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?

**Accuracy:** .....

- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem unbiased and is it free of emotion?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors, do links work?

**Purpose:** .....

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information a fact, an opinion or propaganda?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? **Total**

**CRAAP:** .....

45 - 50 Excellent | 40 - 44 Good | 35 - 39 Average | 30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable | Below 30 Unacceptable