



The CRAAP Check List



Use this checklist to help you assess the credibility of a source. If a statement applies to your source check the box. If most of the boxes are checked when you get to the end, it is likely a credible source. Note: not all check boxes are relevant or equally relevant to every source.

<u>C</u> urrency	
It has been published or posted recently.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information has been revised or updated.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information is current enough to answer my question.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>R</u> elevance	
This source relates to my topic or question.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information is written at the appropriate level (e.g. not for elementary school children).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be comfortable citing this in my research paper that is being graded.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>A</u> uthority	
The author have credentials or appropriate organizational affiliations (e.g. researcher at U of T).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The author qualified to write on the topic.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The contact information for the author or publisher is provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If it is a website, the URL ends in .edu or .gov .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>A</u> ccuracy	
The information comes from a reliable source.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information is supported by evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information has been reviewed or refereed (e.g. peer review).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information is verifiable (from another source or your own knowledge).	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no spelling, grammar or typographical errors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>P</u> urpose	
The information is fact not propaganda.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The purpose of the information is clear and appropriate for my purposes (e.g. to teach, or inform).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The point of view is objective and impartial.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The writing is clear from biases (e.g. political or personal).	<input type="checkbox"/>