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C.R.A.A.P. Worksheet

The CRAAP Test is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find. Select a source appropriate to your research topic. Use that source to answer the questions below to determine if it is appropriate to use. The CRAAP Test was developed by California State University, Chico

Provide a citation for your source here:

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What type of source is it? Circle: **Journal Article Magazine Newspaper Book Website Other?**

1. **Currency:** *the timeliness of the source*

When was this published, posted, or last updated?	
Is it recent enough to be relevant to your thesis? Why or why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Does it contain outdated information/references?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:

2. **Relevance:** *how well the source meets your needs*

Does the information connect to your topic or answer your question?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Is the writing level appropriate for what I need? (not too simple or too technical?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Are there other sources that better meet my research needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:

3. **Authority:** *the reputation of the source*

What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?	
Does the author seem qualified to write on this topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
How was this published? A peer-reviewed journal, a magazine, a blog, a website, something else?	

4. **Accuracy:** *the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the source*

Is there evidence to support the authors claims?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Can you verify the information elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Are there spelling, grammar, or other errors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do they cite a variety of reputable sources?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:

5. **Purpose:** *the reason the source exists*

Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, financial, or personal bias? Does their data collection method have any obvious flaws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Is the creator/author promoting a specific program, or trying to sell you a product?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No