The CRAPP test is a list of questions you can ask yourself in order to determine if the information is reliable. Please keep in mind that the following list of questions is not static nor is it complete. Different criteria will be more or less important depending on your information need or situation.

**Currency:** The timeliness of the web page

- If relevant, when was the information gathered?
- When was it posted?
- When was the information on the site last revised?
- Are the links functional and up-to-date?
- Is there evidence of newly added information or links?

**Relevance or Coverage:** The uniqueness of the content and its importance for your needs.

- What is the depth and breadth of the information presented?
- Is the information unique: Is it available elsewhere, in print or electronic format?
- Could you find the same or better information in another source? For example, in a general encyclopedia?
- Who is the intended audience? Is the intended audience easily determined?
- Does the web site provide the information you need?
- Your overall assessment is important. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

**Authority:** The source of the web page.

- Who is the author/creator/sponsor?
- Are the author’s credentials listed?
- Is the author a teacher or student of the topic?
- Does the author have a reputation?
- Is there contact information, such as an e-mail address?
- Has the author published works in traditional formats?
- Is the author affiliated with an organization?
- Does this organization appear to support or sponsor the page?
- What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything?

**Accuracy:** The reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the informational content

- Where does the information come from?
- Are the original sources of information listed?
- Can you verify any of the information in independent sources or from your own knowledge?
- Has the information been peer reviewed or refereed?
- Does the language or tone seem bias?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typos?

**Purpose/Objectivity:** The presence of bias or prejudice/The reason the web site exists

- Are possible biases clearly stated?
- Is advertising content vs. informational content easily distinguishable?
- Are editorials clearly labeled?
- Is the purpose of the page stated?