





Your name: _____

Name of website: _____

Website Evaluation - The CRAP Test

	Evaluation Questions	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality
Currency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">When was the website created or updated?Based on <i>your topic</i>, is this current enough? <p><i>Hints:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Look at the top or bottom of the page for dates.You may need to go to the <i>home page</i> of the website.	Not at all current (0 - 1 pt)	Somewhat current (2- 3 pts)	Highly current (4-5 pts)
		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><u>Evidence:</u></p>		
	Evaluation Questions	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality
Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What <u>kind</u> of information is included?How <u>much</u> information is included?Does the site look professional?Are there spelling and/or grammar errors?Is the site easy to navigate?Is there a bibliography or list of sources?	Not at all reliable (0 - 1 pt)	Somewhat reliable (2- 3 pts)	Highly reliable (4-5 pts)
		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><u>Evidence:</u></p>		

	Evaluation Questions	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality
Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is the creator or author? What are his/her credentials (<i>education, experience, etc.</i>)? Is the publisher or sponsor <i>well-known</i> and <i>reputable</i>? Is contact information for the author and/or publisher provided? <p>Hints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for <i>About Us</i> or <i>Contact Us</i> links. You may need to go to the <i>home page</i> of the website. 	Not at all qualified (0 - 1 pt)	Somewhat qualified (2- 3 pts) 	Highly qualified (4-5 pts)
		Evidence:		
	Evaluation Questions	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's the intent of the website (<i>to inform, to persuade, to sell something, etc.</i>)? What can you learn from the URL and the domain suffix (<i>.com, .edu, .org, .gov</i> etc.) about the site's purpose? Is the content primarily <i>fact</i> or <i>opinion</i>? Is the content <i>balanced</i> or <i>biased</i>? Are there ads? How do they relate to the topic? 	Not at all objective (0 - 1 pt)	Somewhat objective (2- 3 pts) 	Highly objective (4-5 pts)
		Evidence:		

How many points did your web page get? _____

More than 16 points? Your web page is OK to use.
Less than 16 points? Find a better web page.

Modified from the works of Jacquie Henry and Bobbi Newman:

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