The CRAAP Method

Unleash Your Evaluation Skills

CURRENCY
- When was the source written and published?
- Has the information been updated recently?
- Do you need something written in the last 5 years?

RELEVANCE
- Does the source cover the research topic comprehensively, or just one aspect?
- To what extent does it answer the research question?
- Does the source meet the assignment requirements?

AUTHORITY
- Is the author credible? Check credentials and affiliation.
- Can you describe the author's background (experience, education, knowledge)?
- Does the author provide reputable citations?

ACCURACY
- Can facts/statistics be verified through another source?
- Based on your knowledge, does the information seem accurate?
- Can you verify the information with other sources?
- Are there spelling and/or grammatical errors?

PURPOSE
- What is the source's purpose? (inform, promote, etc.)?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the source balanced and objective, or does it show bias?