Evaluating Resources Using the CRAAP Method

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| **C** Currency | • When was the source written and published?  
• Has the information been updated recently?  
• Do you need something written in the last five years? |
| **R** Relevance | • Does the source cover your research topic comprehensively or only cover one aspect?  
• To what extent does the source answer your research question?  
• Is the source considered popular or scholarly?  
• Is the terminology and language used easy to understand?  
• Does the source meet the requirements of your research assignment? |
| **A** Authority | • Who is the author (person, company, or organization)?  
• Does the source provide any information that leads you to believe the author is credible or an expert on the topic?  
• Can you describe the author's background (experience, education, knowledge)?  
• Does the author provide citations? Do you think they are reputable? |
| **P** Accuracy | • Can facts or statistics be verified through another source?  
• Based on your knowledge, does the information seem accurate? Does it match the information found in other sources?  
• Are there spelling or grammatical errors? |
| **A** Purpose | • What is the purpose or motive for the source (educational, commercial, entertainment, promotional, etc.)?  
• Who is the intended audience?  
• Is the author pretending to be objective, but really trying to persuade, promote or sell something?  
• Does the source seem biased? |