

Evaluating Sources

Currency

- How current is it? How current should it be?
- Information up to date?
- Links working? Info regularly updated?

Relevance

- Appropriate level? Intended audience?
- Meets assignment specifications/info need?
- Helps to answer research question?

Authority &
Accuracy

- Author qualified to write on the topic?
- References? Type of source? Reputation?
- Info can be verified? Peer reviewed?

Purpose &
Point of view

- Fact? Fiction? Opinion? Other?
- Author's purpose?
- Visible bias: political, cultural, personal or other?

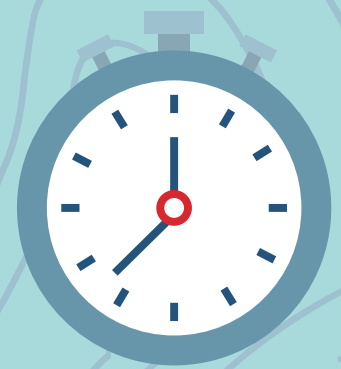
The CRAP Test

Assessment

CURRENCY

How current is it/does it need to be? Information regularly to date? Links working? Info regularly updated? Does info change frequently or stay consistent over time?

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RELEVANCE

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PURPOSE/POV

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT?

