EVALUATING ONLINE RESOURCES

The CRAAP test helps you evaluate the information you find online to determine if it is useful and trustworthy.

CURRENCY

When was the information published?
Has it been updated?
Does your topic require current information?
Are the links working?

RELEVANCY

Does it relate to your topic or answer your question?
Who is the intended audience?
How in-depth is the material?
Have you looked at a variety of sources besides this?

AUTHORITY

Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
What are their credentials?
Are they qualified to write on this topic?
Is there contact information?
Does the URL tell you anything? (.edu .gov .com .org)

ACCURACY

Where does the information come from?
Has it been reviewed or refereed?
Can you verify the information with another source?
Does the language and tone seem unbiased?
Is it free from grammatical and spelling errors?

PURPOSE

What is the purpose of the information?
To inform/teach/sell/entertain/persuade?
Is there advertising or sponsored content?
Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?
Is there a political, ideological, cultural, institutional or personal bias?

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