Name: The CRAAP Test to Evaluate Websites

Title of Web Site:

URL:

Directions: Use your judgment in allotting points for the various categories. Add up the points for the total score.

Currency (0 to 10 Points)
If relevant, when was the information gathered?
When was it posted?
When was it last revised?
Are links functional and up-to-date?
Is there evidence of newly added information or links?

Relevance (0 to 10 Points)
Does the site provide the information you need?
Is the information unique?
Is it available elsewhere, in print or electronic format?
Could you find the same or better information in another source (for example, a general encyclopedia)?
Who is the intended audience? Is this easily determined?
Your overall assessment is important. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

Authority (0 to 10 Points)
Who is the author/creator/sponsor?
Are author’s credentials listed?
Is the author a teacher or student of the topic?
Does the author have a reputation?
Is there contact information, such as an e-mail address?
Is the author affiliated with an organization?
Does this organization appear to support or sponsor the page?
What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything? Example: .com .edu .gov .org

Accuracy (0 to 10 Points)
Where does the information come from?
Are the original sources of information listed?
Can you verify any of the information in independent sources or from your own knowledge?
Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
Does the language or tone seem biased?
Are there spelling, grammar, or other typos?

Purpose (0 to 10 Points)
Are possible biases clearly stated?
Is advertising content vs. informational content easily distinguishable?
Are editorials clearly labeled?
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TOTAL SCORE: 

SCORING
45 - 50 Excellent
40 - 44 Good
35 - 39 Average
30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable
Below 30 - Unacceptable