CRAP Checklist

The **CRAP** Test is a helpful tool to help you decide if your information/source is credible and valid. Use the checklist to determine the currency, reliability, authority, and purpose of the source.

C CURENCY

How old is the information?

- How recent is the information?
- How recently has the website been updated?
- Is it current enough for your topic, or is it outdated?

R RELIABILITY

Is the information accurate?

- What kind of information is included in the resource?
- Is the content of the resource primarily opinion? Is it balanced, showing both sides of an issue?
- Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

A AUTHORITY

Who is behind the information?

- Who is the creator or author? What are their credentials?
- Can you find any information about the author's background?
- Who is the publisher or sponsor? Are they reputable?
- Are there lots of advertisements on the website? Are they clearly marked?

P PURPOSE

What is the motive of the source?

- Is this fact or opinion? Does the author list sources or cite references?
- Is it biased? Does the author seem to be trying to push an agenda or particular side? Does it use neutral language?
- Was this written to inform, sell, persuade, or entertain? Is the site full of clickbait or pop up ads?