IS YOUR RESEARCH CRAAP?

Using The CRAAP Method to evaluate information sources.
Why use The CRAAP Method?

- It is important that you are able to determine the reliability of your academic information sources.
- The CRAAP Method is a set of evaluation criteria that can be applied to websites, articles and other information sources to help you determine if the information is reliable.
What does CRAAP stand for?

C – Currency
R – Relevance
A - Authority
A - Accuracy
P - Purpose
C – CURRENCY
The timeliness of the information...

- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Is the information current or out-of-date?
- Are the links functional?
R – Relevance

The importance of the information…

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the information at an appropriate level?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one?
A – Authority

The source of the information...

- Who is the author / publisher / source / sponsor?
- What are the author’s qualifications?
- Is there contact information, such as publisher or email address?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?
A – Accuracy
The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the information…

- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem free of emotion?
P – Purpose
The reason the information exists...

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Do the authors / sponsors make their intentions clear?
- Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?
Click the link to watch a helpful video about evaluating information using The CRAAP Method...

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