

# Source evaluation worksheet

Name of source:

Author:

Date:

Publisher:

Medium:

Source category:

Is this a primary, secondary, tertiary source?	
<i>Assign 3 points for primary, 2 points for secondary, 1 point for tertiary or experiential.</i>	

## The CRAP Test

Assign points on sliding scale: 5 for very good, 1 for poor

<b>Currency</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How recent/up to date is the source?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the website updated and maintained recently?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has this information been updated/superseded elsewhere?</li> </ul>	
<b>Reliability</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the author make clear their source for facts and quotes?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has this work been peer reviewed or professionally fact checked?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is opinion included, is it <u>balanced</u>?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do they cite specific sources for data or quotations?</li> </ul>	
<b>Authority</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How credible is the <u>author</u>?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How credible is the <u>publisher</u>?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the publisher have a known bias?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are advertisements clearly marked?</li> </ul>	
<b>Purpose/Point of View (Bias)</b>	
<i>Give 5 points for "least evidence of bias", 1 for "most biased"</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this fact or opinion?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the author seem to be trying to push an agenda or particular side?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the creator/author trying to sell you something? If so, is it clearly stated?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there known political, religious, or other biases of this publisher?</li> </ul>	
<b>Final Score</b>	