Evaluating Sources-The CRAAP Test
Answer the following questions to rate the website’s Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy and Purpose. Grade each of the five (5) on a scale of 1 to 10 (1=unreliable, 10=excellent). The highest score out of 50 identifies a quality source.

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• Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? ________________________
• Are the links functional? ____________________________________________

Relevance: The importance of the information for your needs.
• Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? ________________
• Who is the intended audience? ____________________________________________
• Have you looked at other sources before selecting this one to use? ________________
• Would you be comfortable citing this source in your paper? ______________________

Authority: The source of the information.
• Who is the author/source/publisher? __________________________________________
• What are the websites credentials? Examples: school, museum, journal ____________
• Is the website qualified to provide information on the topic? ______________________
• Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? ________________
• Does the URL reveal anything about the source? ________________
Examples: .com, .edu, .gov, .org

Accuracy: The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content.
• Where does the information come from and is it supported by evidence? ________________
• Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal knowledge? ________________
• Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors? ________________________________

Purpose: The reason the information exists.
• What is the purpose of the information? Is it to teach, sell, inform, entertain or persuade? ________________
• Do the authors make their purpose clear? ________________________________
• Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda? ________________________________

45-50 Excellent | 40-44 Good | 35-39 Average | Below 30 Unacceptable
Total