The CRAAP Test
Are your sources crappy or not? You’ll use this test to evaluate your sources.
30 points possible. Need at least 22.5 points (75%) to pass.

| Currency [6 points total] | 1. My topic requires information that is less than:
| | a. 1 year old
| | b. 5 years old
| | c. 10 years old
| | d. No date limit/doesn’t matter
| | 2. What year was the information published, posted, or last updated?
| | a. If answer fits criteria from question 1 = 6 points
| | b. If can’t tell = 0 points

| Relevance [9 points total] | 1. How many usable quotes did you find?
| | a. I found three quotes that I could use in my paper = 3 points
| | b. I found two quotes that I could use in my paper = 1.5 points
| | c. There were no usable quotes = 0 points
| | 2. Do you think you could explain the information in this source to someone else?
| | a. I can explain the whole thing = 6 points
| | b. I can explain half of the source = 3 points
| | c. I only understand certain sentences = 0 points

| Authority [6 points total] | 1. The author/publisher/source/sponsor of this information is:
| | a. A real person(s) (first and last name) = 3 points
| | b. A real organization (government, business, institution) = 3 points
| | c. Username or pseudonym = 0 points
| | d. Can’t tell = 0 points
| | 2. The author is:
| | a. Very qualified to write on this topic and has formal training = 3 points
| | b. Qualified to write on the topic, but has no formal training = 1.5 points
| | c. Not qualified to write on the topic and has no formal training / can’t tell = 0 points

| Accuracy [6 points total] | 1. Does the author cite other experts?
| | a. Yes = 3 points
| | b. No = 0 points
| | 2. Does this information have spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?
| | a. Yes = 0 points
| | b. No = 3 points

| Purpose [3 points total] | 1. The main purpose of this information is to:
| | a. Provide facts or teach something = 2 points
| | b. Sell something = 0 points
| | c. Provide entertainment = 0 points
| | 2. Does the author make the intention or purpose of this information clear?
| | a. Yes = 1 point
| | b. No = 0 points