**The CRAP Test**

**Evaluate Sources Based on the Following Criteria:
Currency, Reliability, Authority and Purpose/Point of View**

* **Currency**
	+ How recent is the information?
	+ When was the website last updated?
	+ Is the website’s information current enough for your topic?
* **Reliability**
	+ What kind of information is included in the resource?
	+ Is content of the resource primarily opinion?  Is it balanced?
	+ Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?
* **Authority**
	+ Who is the creator or author?
	+ What are his/her credentials?
	+ Who is the publisher or sponsor?
	+ Are they reputable?
	+ What is the publisher's interest (if any) in this information?
	+ Are there advertisements on the website?
* **Purpose/Point of View**
	+ Is this fact or opinion?
	+ Is it biased?
	+ Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?