**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?