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**CRAP Checklist:** Prove that your research source isn't CRAP! 😊 Write notes after each question in the middle section and circle the yes/no questions.

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ URL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hint: The more "Yes" answers you get, the better your website!**

<b>Currency</b> How old is the information?	Is it a science or technology based document? Does it cover current events? If so, it needs to be very current. If it is a humanities or historical document, these documents can be decades old and still relevant.  When was this site last updated? What date can you find?		
	Is it current enough for your project?	Yes	No
<b>Reliability</b> Is this information accurate? What is the origin of the information?	Is the information from a known and trusted organization? <i>Hint: You can always Google the organization to find out more.</i>	Yes	No
	Does the information come from a school or government organization? (.edu, or .gov )	Yes	No
	Does the information agree with other TRUSTED sources that pass the CRAP test?	Yes	No
<b>Authority</b> Who is behind the information?	Is there a specific author listed on the website?	Yes	No
	Does the author have expertise, education, skills or credentials in the subject area?	Yes	No
	Is the author's email address, contact information, included?	Yes	No
	Are there links to strong citations for website or other sources used? Do links go to other reliable information? ALWAYS click the links!	Yes	No
<b>Purpose</b> What is the motive of the site?	Does the website seek to inform you and present various sides of an argument or issue?	Yes	No
	Is the information use neutral language? Is it largely <b>free of</b> bias (clearly one-sided opinion), and <b>not</b> trying to sell you something?	Yes	No