Worksheet 2 – CRAAP Test

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1) Note the answer to ***at least two questions*** in each section. 2) Then evaluate the answers and make an X if you think it is good, questionable or unknown. If an entire section is unknown then you should not use this site for academic research.

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|  | **Answer** | **Good** | **Questionable** | **Unknown** |
| **Currency -** |  |  |  |  |
| How recent is the information? |  |  |  |  |
| When was the website last updated? |  |  |  |  |
| Does your topic require it be more current? |  |  |  |  |
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| **Reliability -**  |  |  |  |  |
| Does it appear to be someone's opinion? |  |  |  |  |
| Does the author cite sources or provide links to references? |  |  |  |  |
| What kind of information is included on the site? |  |  |  |  |
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| **Authority -** |  |  |  |  |
| Who is the author? Is it a person or an organization? |  |  |  |  |
| What are their credentials (education/experience) or mission if an organisation? |  |  |  |  |
| Are they members of related professional organizations? |  |  |  |  |
| Have they published books, written articles, been profiled as an expert? |  |  |  |  |
| Do they accept advertising on their website? |  |  |  |  |
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| **Accuracy -** |  |  |  |  |
| Where does the information come from? |  |  |  |  |
| Is the information supported by evidence? |  |  |  |  |
| Has the information been reviewed or refereed?  |  |  |  |  |
| Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal knowledge?  |  |  |  |  |
| Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion?  |  |  |  |  |
| Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? |  |  |  |  |
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| **Purpose/Point of View -** |  |  |  |  |
| Is this fact or opinion? |  |  |  |  |
| Is it biased? |  |  |  |  |
| Is the author trying to sell you something? Did the search engine direct you to that page so you would see the advertising? |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Xs** |  |  |  |  |

Based on your evaluation why did you decide to use this source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 *adapted from loex2008collaborate/The Crap Test*