**C.R.A.P. Test (C**urrency**, R**eliability**, A**uthority**, P**urpose**)**

A checklist for evaluating websites

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| ***Instructions:***  1) Evaluate your website using the checklist below.  2) Review your completed checklist to determine the credibility of your website. |

1. What is the name of your website? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Copy and paste the web address, or URL, of the website being evaluated in the space below:

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| **Criteria** | Yes | No | NA |
| **Currency - Is the information recent enough for your topic?** |  |  |  |
| Can you find a date when the site/page(s) were written/created/updated? |  |  |  |
| Based on your topic, is it current enough? |  |  |  |
| **Reliability/Relevance** |  |  |  |
| Based on your other research, is it accurate? |  |  |  |
| Are their links or references showing where the author got their information? |  |  |  |
| If there are links, do they work? |  |  |  |
| **Authority** |  |  |  |
| Is the author’s name listed (including first and last name)? |  |  |  |
| If there is an author, is there a way to contact them? |  |  |  |
| Does the author have the credentials and education to be knowledgeable or an expert?  ***Hint:*** *Google the authors’ name(s)* |  |  |  |
| Is there a publisher or sponsor of the site? |  |  |  |
| If there is a publisher or sponsor, are they reputable?  ***Hint:*** *Google the name of the publisher or sponsor* |  |  |  |
| Do others link to the site?  ***Hint:*** Google a link check to see who, if anyone, is linking to the site (ex. link:<http://www.mypearlcity.com/>) |  |  |  |
| **Purpose/Point of View** |  |  |  |
| Look over the contents. Can you tell why it was written (ex. to persuade, to sell you something, etc)? |  |  |  |
| Based on the domain (.edu, .org, .gov, etc), can you tell if the site is reliable or not? |  |  |  |
| Look for point of view. Can you tell if the site is fair and objective? Is it an advocacy site? Is the page affiliated with an organization that has a particular political or social agenda? |  |  |  |

3) Based on my evaluation, I feel my website is (*circle one*)

Very Credible Somewhat Credible Not Credible Not enough information available

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