**C.R.A.A.P. TEST WORKSHEET**

The CRAAP Test\* is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find. Select a source appropriate to your research topic. Use that source to answer the questions below to determine if it is appropriate to use.

**Provide an APA citation for your source here:**

What type of source is it? **□ Scholarly Article** **□ Magazine □ Newspaper □ Book □ Website**

**1. Currency:** *the timeliness of the information*

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| When was the information published or posted? Updated? |  |
| Is it recent enough to be relevant to your thesis? Why or why not? Think: is it current for your topic? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| \* Websites Only: Are the links functional? | □Yes □No  Explain: |

**2. Relevance:** *the importance of the information for your needs*

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| Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Is the information at an appropriate level? Think: Audience | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? Meaning, does this source make you look intelligent or ignorant? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? List sources you decided not to use. |  |

**3. Authority:** *the source of the information*

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| Who is the creator or author? Publisher/sponsor? |  |
| What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations? |  |
| What are the author’s qualifications to write on this topic? Credentials, degrees, career? |  |
| Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? | □Yes □No |
| \*Websites Only: does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? (examples: .com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net) | □Yes □No  Explain: |

**4. Accuracy:** *the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content*

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| Where does the information come from? |  |
| Is the information supported by evidence? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Has the information been peer reviewed? | □Yes □No |
| Are there citations or a bibliography included? Can you verify any of the information in another  source? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? | □Yes □No |
| Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion? | □Yes □No  Explain: |

**5.  Purpose:** *the reason the information exists*

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| What is the purpose of the information? |  |
| Do the creator(s) make their intentions or purpose clear? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda? |  |
| Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal bias? | □Yes □No  Explain: |
| Is the creator/author trying to sell you something? | □Yes □No Product: |

**6.  Conclusion:** *is this an acceptable source?*

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| What is the defining reason to use this source or what is the deal breaker of this source? |  |