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C.R.A.A.P. 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. The CRAAP Test was developed by California State University, Chico

**Provide a citation for your source here:**

What type of source is it? Circle: **Journal Article Magazine Newspaper Book Website Other?**

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

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| When was this published, posted, or last updated? |  |
| Is it recent enough to be relevant to your thesis? Why or why not? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Does it contain outdated information/references? |  □Yes □No Explain: |

1. **Relevance:** *how well the source meets your needs*

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| Does the information connect to your topic or answer your question? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Is the writing level appropriate for what I need? (not too simple or too technical?) |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Are there other sources that better meet my research needs? |  □Yes □No Explain: |

1. **Authority:** *the reputation of the source*

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| What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations? |  |
| Does the author seem qualified to write on this topic? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| How was this published? A peer-reviewed journal, a magazine, a blog, a website, something else?  |  |

1. **Accuracy:** *the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the source*

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| Is there evidence to support the authors claims? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Can you verify the information elsewhere? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Are there spelling, grammar, or other errors? | □Yes □No |
| Do they cite a variety of reputable sources? |  □Yes □No Explain: |

1. **Purpose:** *the reason the source exists*

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| Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
| Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, financial, or personal bias? Does their data collection method have any obvious flaws? |  □Yes □No Explain: |
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