The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should you use the resource (and whether your professor would want you to!).

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

- When was the information published or posted? _____
- Has the information been revised or updated? _____
- Is the information current or out-of date for your topic? _____
- Are the links functional? _____

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

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? _____
- Who is the intended audience? _____
- Is the information at an appropriate level? _____
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? _____
- Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? _____

Authority: the source of the information…….....

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? _____
- Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? _____
- What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? _____
- What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? _____
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? _____
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? _____

Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content…….....

- 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? _____
- Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion? _____
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? _____

Purpose: the reason the information exists……

- What is the purpose of the information? _____
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? _____
- Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda? _____
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? _____
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? _____

45 - 50 Excellent | 40 - 44 Good
35 - 39 Average | 30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable
Below 30 - Unacceptable

Total: