

CRAAPP Test for Articles

Title of article you are evaluating _____

Author _____

Title, date, volume, issue, and pages of journal/magazine _____

CURRENCY

When was the article written?	Date:
Is the information current enough for your topic?	Yes/No Reasoning:

RELIABILITY

Is the article from an appropriate source for your topic and assignment?	<i>Answer the rest of the questions for help deciding!</i>
Are there references given for the article? (Look for a bibliography or works cited list.)	Yes/No If so, how many?
Are there in-text citations, footnotes, or endnotes?	Yes/No
Is the content biased?	Yes/No

AUTHORITY/ACCURACY

Who wrote the article?	Author's name _____
Is there evidence that the author is an expert on this subject? (Google their name if you need more evidence.)	Affiliation? _____ Other publications? _____
Can you find some of the cited works in the Library databases?	Yes/No

If there are books in the Works Cited list, are they published by university presses?	Yes/No
Consider the previous questions and decide: Is the periodical a... (You can Google its name for more evidence.)	Scholarly journal? Magazine? (Credible but not scholarly) Trade publication? (Credible but not scholarly) Newspaper? (Credible but not scholarly)
Has your instructor limited you to scholarly resources only?	Yes/No

PURPOSE AND POINT OF VIEW

Why was the article published?	Information/facts? Persuasion? Sales tool? Addition to scholarly discourse (conversation) on the topic? Review of a book or performance?
Based on the writing style and vocabulary, who is the intended audience?	Scholars? College students? Professionals in a particular field? General public? Children?

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