

Source:

Evaluate sources with the CRAAPP Test

Answer each question, then assign a score for each category from 1 (*least* 🤔) to 5 (*most* 🤔). Then total the score and decide how to use the source.



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Currency the timeliness of the source

- When was the source published?
- For older sources, are other scholars still debating or discussing this work? Is it still useful for your topic?
- For newer sources: does the work build upon well-regarded sources, substantiate their claims, or add new information?

Relevance the importance of the source for your needs

- Does the source relate to your question or fit a need in your analysis-in-progress?
- Does the information within cover your topic extensively or marginally?
- Is this source too general for your needs? Is it too technical or specialized?

Authority the origins of the source

- Does the author hold an academic position in the field of publication?
- Who is the author? What disciplines were they trained in? Do they have other publications on related topics? What are the author's qualifications on the topic?

Accuracy the validity of the source's content

- Are the author's sources scholarly or non-scholarly sources? Check the bibliography.
- Is the author's argument supported by the evidence? Does the information presented appear to be valid and well-researched? Are the methods sound?
- Are the author's assumptions reasonable?
- Are there any notable errors or omissions?

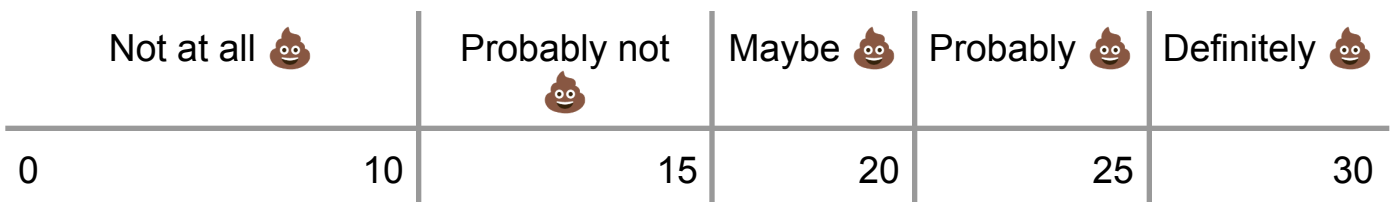
Purpose the reason the source exists

- Where is the source published?
Is it a scholarly periodical or academic book press?
- Does the source have a worthwhile motive, whether topical, scholarly, or both?
- Does the author reach conclusions based on their evidence, or do they seem to have an agenda in mind?

Prestige the impact of the source

- Do other scholars reference this work? (On scholar.google.com click “cited by”)
- Do other sources which cite this work themselves pass the CRAAPP Test?

Total:



Questions to consider

- How might you use this source?
- When you introduce the source, how might you signal its trustworthiness to the reader?
- What **evidence** from the CRAAPP test could you include?
- What is your [Gaipa](#) relationship to the source?
- What other sources could you use to substantiate your argument?