CRAAP Test for Information Evaluation – Webpages

URL of Webpage:____________________

Evaluation Criteria

For scales of 1-5: 1=Very Negative and 5= Very Positive

**Currency:** The timeliness of the information.
- When was the information published, posted, or revised?
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?  
  - Current
  - A little dated
  - Very dated
- Are the links functional?  Yes  No

**Relevance:** The importance of the information for your needs.
- How well does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?  1 2 3 4 5
- What from this webpage will you use in your project?

**Authority:** The source of the information.
- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
  - Author____________________
  - Publisher/Sponsor_______________
- What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations?
- What are the author’s qualifications to write on the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address?  If so, what?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?  examples: .com .edu .gov .org .net

**Accuracy:** The reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the informational content.
- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information supported by evidence (a bibliography or references)?  Yes  No  Unclear
- Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal knowledge?  Yes  No
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?  Yes  No

**Purpose:** The reason the information exists.
- What is the purpose of the information?  
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?  (circle one)
  - Unclear
  - Somewhat Clear
  - Clear
  - Very Clear
- Is the information . . . Fact?  Opinion?  Propaganda?  (circle one)
- How objective and impartial is the point of view?  (circle one)
  - Extremely Biased
  - Somewhat Biased
  - Mostly Impartial
  - Impartial
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?  Yes  No  Unclear

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Example:

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