

If you want independent, informed, accountable information to determine your academic source, who to vote for, or what medical information is reliable, you better know how to confirm the facts! Is your website, article or book credible or is it a bunch of CRAAP? **Total Score:** _____

Points:	0	1	2	3
<p>Currency Looking for science, tech or health info? How about archival, cultural or historical info? The date matters and it's important your source tells you this critical piece of info!</p>	The source doesn't list when the content was created or updated	I can see when the source was created, but not when it was updated	I can see when the source was created, revised or updated, but it's been more than 5 years	I can see when the source was created, revised or updated, it's been within the last 2 years and the sources cited are also recent
<p>Relevance How will this info help you? Are you looking for primary, secondary, entertainment or academic sources? Did your instructor request specific types of sources?</p>	My topic is only briefly mentioned or the source is not what I'm looking for	I can find info about my topic but it's not enough or not the right type	There's most of the info I need here but I still need more or from another source	I've found the info I need, there's the correct amount and it's the right type
<p>Authority Who is the author, publisher or affiliated organization? Does the author have <i>relevant</i> credentials? Can I find more info about my sources' history and expertise?</p>	I can't find the author or I've found the author and I can't find any info about who they are and why they are writing about this topic	Author is clearly named but doesn't have credentials, or the organization looks shady <i>Protip: groups can choose names that sound like credible organizations</i>	Author/Organization is named with credentials, but not in a related field or with verified expertise	Author/Organization is well-known, demonstrated expertise or provides highly credible credentials
<p>Accuracy Does the source include proper citations, footnotes or a bibliography?</p>	I can't tell where the info comes from	I have to assume where the info comes from based on a vague reference	Source of info is generally referenced, but without enough info to locate it	Sources are clearly found with enough info to locate it, Images are labeled with sources
<p>Purpose Who is the intended audience? Is it stating a point of view, selling or promoting something? Consider the author's credentials if you detect a bias and don't forget to consider your own biases!</p>	The source's purpose is purely to promote a specific idea, service or product and is not backed up with facts	The purpose of the source is to sell or promote something, but a logical argument is presented and supported by some evidence	The source is intended to educate or offer mostly factual info and any expressed opinions are logical and provide well-cited evidence	The source is purely scholarly or academic, any opinions provide adequate, factual evidence, usually presented as numbers in charts, graphs, tables or statistics

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