C.R.A.P. Test
Evaluating Research Sources

**Currency**

Is the Information recent enough for your topic?

- Published within the last ___ years?
- Published around time of event? (Historical topics only)

**Reliability/Relevancy**

Where did the Information come from?

- Is it a Primary or Secondary Source?
- Are methods or references provided?
- Who published the Information?
- Was it peer reviewed?

Does the Information apply to your topic?

- Does all of it apply, or only part?
- Is the Information general or detailed?
- Is the Information balanced or biased?

**Authority**

Who authored the Information?

- Was it a person or several people? A corporation/organization?
- Are their credentials provided? What is their reputation/expertise?

**Purpose/Point of View**

What was the intent of the author?

- Who is the intended audience?
- Is this intended to Inform them? Persuade? Entertain?

How is the author connected to the Information?

- Is this a first-hand account of an event or research?
- Does the author have a vested interest in the topic?