CRAAP TEST
GUIDE FOR EVALUATING SOURCES

Review websites and web content for validity and reliability with a few quick questions!

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The CRAAP Test

Remember:
Research is a process of trial and error. To find the best results, try your search different ways: use different terms and search different websites.

When was it last updated? Do I need current information for my topic?

What does this have to do with my topic?

What references does the writer provide?

Is the writer a credible source on this topic?

Why did someone write this? Is the website a stakeholder in the claim?

For reliable sources, use GALILEO!
galileo.usg.edu

What common domains tell you:
.com any private individual or company
.edu university or college site
.org an organization or association, check for their issues and advocacy
.gov government site, great for stats and specific reports

Check your facts!
snopes.com
factcheck.org
politifact.com

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