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CRAP Checklist: Prove that your research source isn't CRAP! 😊 Write notes after each question in the middle section and circle the yes/no questions.

Website: _____ URL: _____

Hint: The more "Yes" answers you get, the better your website!

<p>Currency</p> <p>How old is the information?</p>	<p>Is it a science or technology based document? Does it cover current events? If so, it needs to be very current . If it is a humanities or historical document, these documents can be decades old and still relevant.</p> <p>When was this site last updated? What date can you find?</p>		
	<p>Is it current enough for your project?</p>	Yes	No
<p>Reliability</p> <p>Is this information accurate? What is the origin of the information?</p>	<p>Who is sponsoring this publication?</p>		
	<p>Does the information come from a school or government organization? (.edu, .gov and sometimes .org—non-profit)</p>	Yes	No
	<p>Why do you trust this source? Why, or why not?</p>	Yes	No
<p>Authority</p> <p>Who is behind the information?</p>	<p>Is there a specific author listed on the website?</p>	Yes	No
	<p>What knowledge or skill does this author have in the topic area?</p>		
	<p>Is the author's email address, contact information, included?</p>	Yes	No
	<p>Is the information from a known and trusted organization?</p>	Yes	No
	<p>Is there a bibliography given citing the website sources used? Do links go to other reliable information?</p>	Yes	No
<p>Purpose</p> <p>What is the motive of the site?</p>	<p>Does the website seek to inform you and present various sides of an argument or issue?</p>	Yes	No
	<p>Is the information use neutral language? Is it free of bias (clearly one-sided opinion), and not trying to sell you something?</p>	Yes	No