

Authenticity: Evaluating Sources with the CRAAP Test

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What does "authenticity" mean?

We are bombarded with ideas, opinions, and information all the time. Information and misinformation can be used for many purposes, some of which may be to convince or even mislead. As you participate in the world around you, your job is to decide what you think and what you will do. In order to make the best decisions for yourself, you need to know how to get good information that you can trust. By using the CRAAP Test you can consider information that's coming your way and decide how to use it.

C	urrency
When was the information published, updated, or revised? Does this topic require current info?	
R	elevance / Reliability
Intended audience; Related to your topic; Appropriate reading level	
A	uthority
Who are the authors / editors / publishers? Peer reviewed (by experts)? Who does the author work for?	
A	ccuracy
Do other sources back up the information? Typos / grammatical errors? References / sources?	
P	urpose
Is it objective (fact-based, not opinion)? Why does this information exist? (Entertain, persuade, inform, sell?)	