**CRAP Assessment**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Site Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** Review a site and answer these questions and prompts in the Currency, Reliability, Authority, and Purpose (CRAP) Assessment.

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| **Currency: When was the article written?** |
| *Does the author include a date for the information written? What is it?* |  |
| *Is it important that the information be current?* |  |
| *Do the links on the site work, or are they outdated?* |  |
| **Reliability: Can the information be verified for accuracy?** |
| *Are the author's sources listed in the article? Linked?* |  |
| *Does the author include a works cited or other links to provide additional resources or original source information? Identify one.* |  |
| *Are there identified sources for any data or statistics in the content? Write one statistic and its source.* |  |
| *Can you find other sources that share the same information, or is this the only source? Name which other source you accessed.* |  |
| **Authority: Who wrote this information?** |
| *Can you identify an author? A real name or an alias?* |  |
| *What are the author’s credentials (education, training, or experience) as it relates to this content?* |  |
| *Does s/he have a professional title or is s/he recognized as an authority? Identify the title.* |  |
| *Is the author connected with an organization? If so, can you determine if it is a respected organization? Name the organization. What is the organization’s interest (if any) in this information?*  |  |
| *Can you contact the author or company? How?* |  |
| *If the author is unnamed, can you take extra steps to find information about this author? What steps did you take?* |  |
| **Purpose/Point of View** |
| *Is the content fact or opinion?* |  |
| *Is it biased or balanced?* |  |
| *Is the author trying to sell you something or get you to donate?* |  |