IS IT CRAAP?
News Edition

When it comes to news, who and what do you trust? Put it to the CRAAP test to find out! Use this list of questions and details to look for to evaluate news sources.

CURRENCY
- When was the information first published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Visit the homepage. Are articles current and frequently published?

RELEVANCE
- Read beyond the headline
- Is the article actually about the topic?
- How in-depth is the article?
- Is the information presented clearly?
- Have you looked at a variety of other news sources to understand/form conclusions about the topic?

AUTHORITY
- Is the author's name and bio provided?
- Can you verify who the author is through a quick Google search?
- Look around! What organization is behind the publication? Is it a news organization or a publication sponsored by a think tank/political party/corporation?

ACCURACY
- Are other news outlets reporting on the same issue? Do they have the same facts?
- Does the article provide evidence of where information was obtained? (i.e., a document, eyewitness source)
- Can you follow-up on claims using other reputable sources?

PURPOSE
- Does the author use emotional "buzzwords" that make you angry, happy or scared?
- Does the point of view appear objective?
- What are your own biases? How do they influence the way you gather and interpret news?