Finding Reliable Information Using the CRAAP Test

Name of Website: 
URL of Website: 

Directions: Use your judgment in allotting points for the various categories. Enter points and add up the points for the total score.

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<th>Rate Site 0-5 points</th>
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| **Currency**         | • If relevant, when was the information gathered?  
|                      | • When was it posted?  
|                      | • When was it last revised?  
|                      | • Are links functional and up-to-date?  
|                      | • Is there evidence of newly added information or links? |
| **Relevance/Coverage** | • What is the depth and breadth of the information presented?  
|                      | • Is the information unique?  
|                      | • Is it available elsewhere, in print or electronic format?  
|                      | • Could you find the same or better information in another source (for example, a general encyclopedia)?  
|                      | • Who is the intended audience? Is this easily determined?  
|                      | • Does the site provide the information you need?  
|                      | • Your overall assessment is important. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? |
| **Authority**        | • Who is the author/creator/sponsor?  
|                      | • Are author's credentials listed?  
|                      | • Is the author a teacher or student of the topic?  
|                      | • Does the author have a reputation?  
|                      | • Is there contact information, such as an e-mail address?  
|                      | • Has the author published works in traditional formats?  
|                      | • Is the author affiliated with an organization?  
|                      | • Does this organization appear to support or sponsor the page?  
|                      | • What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything? Example: .com .edu .gov .org .net |
| **Accuracy**         | • Where does the information come from?  
|                      | • Are the original sources of information listed?  
|                      | • Can you verify any of the information in independent sources or from your own knowledge?  
|                      | • Has the information been reviewed or refereed?  
|                      | • Does the language or tone seem biased?  
|                      | • Are there spelling, grammar, or other typos? |
| **Purpose**          | • Are possible biases clearly stated?  
|                      | • Is advertising content vs. informational content easily distinguishable?  
|                      | • Are editorials clearly labeled?  
|                      | • Is the purpose of the page stated?  
|                      | • Is the purpose to: inform? teach? entertain? enlighten? sell? persuade?  
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Total:  Do you feel this is a reliable source for college level research?