**C.R.A.P. Website Evaluation Checklist**

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| **Title of page you are evaluating:**  **URL of page:** |

**CURRENCY**

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| **When was the page written or updated?**  If no date is given on the page, visit the home page to look for the date. | Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| **Is the information current enough for your topic?**  Why might the date matter for your topic? | Yes No |

**RELIABILITY**

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| **Are there references given for the information on the site?**  Look for a bibliography or any list of materials used in the creation of the page. | Yes  How many?  No |  |
| **Is the content primarily opinion?**  Is the content biased or balanced? Why might bias matter for your topic? | Yes No |

**AUTHORITY**

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| **Who wrote the page?**  If there is no specific author, what is the name of the organization responsible for the site? You may need to visit the home page to find the answer. | Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| **Is there evidence that the author or organization is an expert on this subject?**  What are their credentials? | Evidence: |

**PURPOSE AND POINT OF VIEW**

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| **Why was the page put on the web?**  Are there ads on the site? How do they relate to the topic covered?  Example: an ad selling ammunition next to an article about firearm legislation.  Is the content primarily opinion? | Information/facts  Persuasion  Sales tool  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Will you use the site for your paper? Why or why not?**  **Conclusion:**  **If yes, write full citation:** |
| **What is the domain extension?**  How might this influence the purpose? | .com .edu .mil .org .net .gov  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Based on the writing style and vocabulary, who is the intended audience?** | * Children * General Public * Scholars or professionals |