Evaluating Sources

When you are selecting information sources for your research, it is important to evaluate them. One method you can use is called the CRAAP test, which stands for Currency, Relevancy, Authority, Accuracy, and Purpose. Examine the source and information provided, and then determine which source best fits each criterion in the CRAAP test and explain why you selected that source.

**Currency:** Which source has the timeliest information? Which source best fits this criterion? Why?

**Relevancy:** Which source focuses most directly to the topic? Which source best fits this criterion? Why?

**Authority:** Consider the source of the information.

**Accuracy:** How reliable, truthful, and correct is the information?

**Purpose:** Why does this information exist? Which source best fits this criterion? Why?
Finally, you will want to consider how you might use any information you find in your own writing. Various sources types are used for different purposes in research and writing. Select two of the sources below (these are the same sources you evaluated on the previous page) and briefly explain how each resource could be used.

Provide the title of your first source, and explain how you could use it in your own project.

Provide the title of your second source, and explain how you could use it in your own project.