

## Evaluating Sources: CRAP Analysis

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| <b>Conclusion</b>                           | Based on your evaluations above, would you cite this in an academic research paper? Why or why not?<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____   |