**Website Evaluation Checklist (aka C.R.A.P Test)**

*Directions: Choose one of the web research questions. Research the question using three different websites. As you research, use the following table to evaluate the quality of each website. Then answer the final question in complete sentences.*

**My Research Question:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | **Website #1**  Title of the page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  URL of the home page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Website #2**  Title of the page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  URL of the home page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Website #3**  Title of the page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  URL of the home page:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **CURRENCY**  **When was the page written or updated?**  If no date is given on the page, visit the home page to look for a date. If none there, put “no date.”  **Is the information current enough for your topic?**  Why might the date matter for your topic? | **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Yes No** | **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Yes No** | **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Yes No** |
| **RELIABILITY**  **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.  **Is the content primarily opinion?**  Is the content biased or balanced? Why might bias matter for your topic? | **Yes No**  **How many?**  **Yes No** | **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Yes No** | **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Yes No** |
| **AUTHORITY**  **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.  **Is there evidence that the author or organization is an expert on this subject?**  What are the credentials? | **Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Contact Info:**  **Evidence:** | **Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Contact Info:**  **Evidence:** | **Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Contact Info:**  **Evidence:** |
| **PURPOSE AND POINT OF VIEW**  **Why was this page put online?**  Are there ads on the site? How do they relate to the topic covered?  **What is the domain extension?**  How might this influence the purpose?  **Based on the writing style and vocabulary, who is the intended audience?** | Information  Persuasion  Sales Tool  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **.**com .edu .mil .org .net .gov Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * Children * General Public * Scholars or professionals | Information  Persuasion  Sales Tool  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **.**com .edu .mil .org .net .gov Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * Children * General Public * Scholars or professionals | Information  Persuasion  Sales Tool  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **.**com .edu .mil .org .net .gov Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * Children * General Public * Scholars or professionals |

In the space below, compare the quality of your three sources. Which would be most reliable for answering your question?

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