

News Source SCORECARD

Name _____

Use the following checklist to help you decide which news sources are CRAAP and which are trustworthy. Add the points up at the end to see whether to USE IT or LOSE IT.

WEBSITE URL:

CURRENCY	PTS
When was the story posted? _____ Search to see if more recent information is available on the web. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> No – (1 point)	

RELEVANCE	PTS
<p style="text-align: center;">Imagine you were researching this topic. On a scale of 1 to 5 rank the usefulness of this site to your research. PICK ONE.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 </p>	

AUTHORITY	PTS
Who is the author of the article? _____ Are they qualified? Check "About Us." <input type="checkbox"/> I couldn't tell (0 pts) <input type="checkbox"/> The author is identified (2 pts): <input type="checkbox"/> The author is not qualified (-2 pts) <input type="checkbox"/> The author is qualified (2 pts)	
Is there contact information, such as an email? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (-2 pts.)	
When you look at the end of the URL, what abbreviation do you see? <input type="checkbox"/> company (.com) <input type="checkbox"/> non-profit organization (.org) <input type="checkbox"/> academic institution (.edu) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. government agency (.gov) <input type="checkbox"/> network of computers (.net) <input type="checkbox"/> personal web page (.com) <input type="checkbox"/> country-specific site (e.g., .uk) <input type="checkbox"/> Other? Describe:	X
Does the domain name look odd or fake? Misspellings, missing letters, etc.? <input type="checkbox"/> No. (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (-1 pt.)	

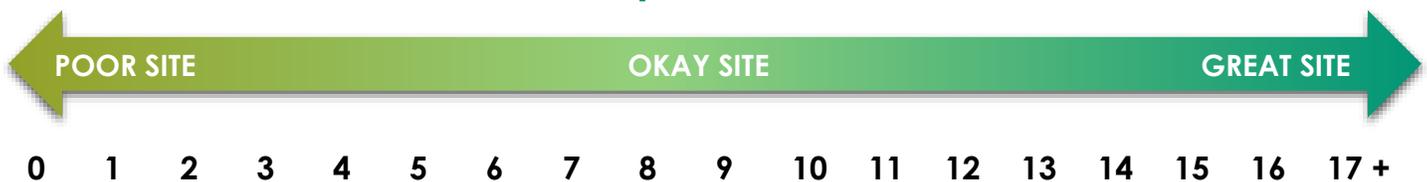
ACCURACY	PTS
Does the website cite its sources? <i>Citing a source may be a link to the original information or a description of where the information came from. Select ONE.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 pts.)	
Are there any broken links on the site? <i>Select ONE.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (-1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> A few (0 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (1 pt.)	

ACCURACY	PTS
<p>Compare this information to another site. Which site did you choose?</p> <p>Write the URL _____</p> <p>Does this information confirm the original site? <input type="checkbox"/>No. (-1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/>Yes. (1 pt.)</p>	
<p>Does the language or tone seem unbiased or free of emotion? <input type="checkbox"/>No. (0 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/>Yes. (1 pt.)</p>	
<p>Are there any spelling or grammatical errors? <input type="checkbox"/>No. (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/>Yes. (-1 pt.)</p>	

PURPOSE	PTS
<p>Why was the site created? (i.e. to sell something, express an opinion, provide facts, entertain, mislead . . . etc.)</p>	X
<p>Do the authors make their intentions or purpose clear? <input type="checkbox"/>No. (0 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/>Yes. (2 pts.)</p>	
<p>Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda? <input type="checkbox"/>Fact (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/>Opinion (0 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/>Propaganda (-2 pts.)</p>	
<p>Does the site have ads or sensational side stories (Clickbait)? <input type="checkbox"/>No. (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/>Yes. (0 pts.)</p>	
<p>Is this website biased? <i>Select ONE.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes, it is biased and has arguments that are NOT well supported (-2 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>This site is unbiased. (4 pts.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes, this site is biased, but has well supported arguments (2 pts.)</p>	

TOTAL POINTS:

How does this website measure up?



Use It

Lose It