

## Website Evaluation Exercises

Before you use a website as a resource, evaluate it with the five **CRAAP Principles**:

- **Currency**: the timeliness of the information
- **Relevance**: the importance of the information for your needs
- **Authority**: The source of the information
- **Accuracy**: The reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content
- **Purpose**: Why was this written and for whom?

As you compare the pairs of sites below, consider these questions:

- **What kind of site are you looking at? Informational? Sales? Personal? Advocating for a cause?**
- **Who is responsible for the information? Look for an ABOUT page.**
- **Which one is more appropriate for college assignments?**
- **Which is more credible?**
- **What factors helped you decide?**

Exercise 1 - Compare the following sites. Use the questions above to guide your analysis.

- [Center for Consumer Freedom](#)
- [Consumer Reports](#)

Exercise 2 - Compare the following sites. Use the questions above to guide your analysis.

- [The Effects of Pesticides from the Global Healing Center](#)
- [About Pesticides](#)

Exercise 3 - Compare the following sites. Use the questions above to guide your analysis.

- [Factcheck.org](#)
- [JustFacts.com](#)