INFORMATION LITERACY CRAP TEST FOR WEBSITES

Pick one of the websites you visited and evaluate it for the criteria below:

- **CURRENCY**: Regular updating of information is important for some types of Web sites, and not so important for others. How recent is the information? Can you tell? How recently has the website been updated? Is it current enough for your topic?

- **RELIABILITY**: The information should be accurate and credible with supporting documentation and evidence to show that it is true. What kind of information is included in the resource? Is content of the resource primarily opinion? Is it balanced? Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

- **AUTHORITY**: The site should provide information about the creator’s knowledge and qualifications. Who is the creator or sponsor of the Web site and what are his/her qualifications for putting the information up there? Are they reputable? Are there advertisements on the website?

- **PURPOSE**: Decide the purpose of the Web site by looking closely at the information. What is the purpose of the Web page or site? What information does the Web site provide and how can you tell if the information is either objective or biased? Is this fact or opinion? Is it biased? Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?