C.R.A.P. Test

Website Evaluation Worksheet

Ask yourself the following questions about each website/online article you're considering:

Currency

Things to consider:
- How recent is the article/information? _____
- Can you locate a date when the page(s) were written/created/updated? _____
- Does the website appear to update automatically (this could mean no one is actually looking at it)? _____

Final Vote: My article is current: ☐ yes ☐ no

Reliability/Relevance

Where does the information come from, and does the information apply to your topic? Things to consider:
- What kind of source is it? Primary? Secondary? Something else? _____
- Are references/works cited/a bibliography provided? _____
- Who published the information? Are they connected to the subject academically, for profit or something else? _____
- Is the information general or detailed? _____
- Is the information balanced or biased? _____

Final Vote: My article is reliable/relevant: ☐ yes ☐ no

Authority

Who authored this information?
- Was it a single person or several people? A bunch of cryonics researchers or a really big fan of Frozen? _____
- Was it a corporation or organization? If so, what is their purpose? Are they trying to get people to donate their bodies to cryonics research? _____
- Are their credentials provided? _____
- What is their reputation or expertise? _____
- What is the domain (i.e. .com, .org, .gov, .edu)? _____
- Who is the site publisher or sponsor, and is this information easy to find? _____

Final Vote: My article is authoritative: ☐ yes ☐ no

Purpose/Point-of-View

What was the intent of the author, and how is the author connected to the information?
- Who is the intended audience? _____
- Is the information intended to inform, persuade, sell, entertain, ...? _____
- Do you think this author would have a reason to be biased? _____
- Does the author have a vested interest in the topic? _____
- Are there any advertisements or other distractions? _____
- Could the site be ironic, like a satire or a spoof? _____

Final Vote: My article is unbiased: ☐yes ☐no