Using the CRAP Lens is one way to help determine the quality and value of a source (book, article, website, etc.) as it relates to your particular assignment.

Current

Relevant

Authoritative

Purpose

Questions to Consider

- Does my assignment indicate I can only use sources published in a specific time frame?
- Can I verify the information in another source?
- Does the information help me answer my research question and/or support my claim?
- Does my assignment give direction on the use of scholarly and non-scholarly sources?
- If you need a scholarly source, does this source meet that requirement?