

Using Sources Effectively: Overview

Using Sources in Different Fields

Sciences

Social sciences

Humanities

Organizing Sources

When working on an assignment that requires you to weave sources together, you may want to consider the following schemas to test out how your sources relate to each other.

Definition	
Length	
Benefits & Drawbacks	

When you bring the sources together, try to keep in mind the following "do"s and "don't"s

DO	DON'T

Evaluating Sources

Primary sources

Secondary sources

Tertiary sources

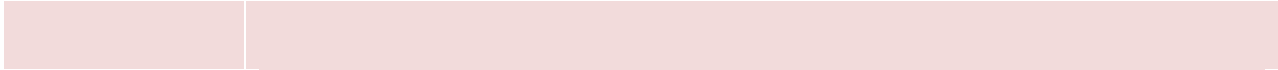
The CRAP Test

This simple acronym is helpful when thinking about broad categories of evaluation.	
Currency	
Reliability	
Authority	
Purpose:	

For more information about the CRAP test and its application to web-based sources, visit: Peabody Library Learning Commons, Vanderbilt University (n.d.) *What the C.R.A.P.?* retrieved May 9, 2012 from http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/visions/CRAP_VUceptor_Guide.pdf

Scholarly Sources

Identifying Scholarly Sources



For more information about identifying scholarly sources, visit Stauffer Library, Queen's University (2009) *Distinguishing Scholarly Journals from Other Periodicals* retrieved May 9th, 2012 from <http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/qeval.htm>