

Evaluating Peer-Reviewed Articles

You will be assessed on the quality of sources that you use and cite in your research assignment. Review the article you selected and use this worksheet to guide your evaluation based on the C.R.A.P. criteria: credibility, relevancy, accuracy, and purpose.

1. Select a peer-reviewed article. Copy and paste the APA citation below.

APA Citation: _____

2. Copy and paste the permalink.

Copy and paste a permalink to the article. Note that the permalink is not the URL at the top of the page. Learn how to find the permalink at <http://bitly.com/library-permalink>

Permalink: _____

3. Evaluate your article using the credibility criteria.

a. What are the author's credentials?

b. What organization is the author affiliated with?

c. Who is the publisher or sponsor?

d. Is this resource appropriate for use in your assignment according to the credibility criteria? Provide a detailed explanation of your reasoning, using the credibility information you found above.

4. Evaluate your article using the relevancy criteria.

- a. Describe how your article helps you answer your research question.

- b. Is the information presented at an appropriate level (i.e. neither too general nor too technical) for your needs?

- c. Is this article appropriate for use in your assignment according to the relevancy criteria? Provide a detailed explanation of your reasoning, using the relevancy information you found above.

5. Evaluate your article using the accuracy criteria.

- a. What is the publication date? Is it current enough for your topic and assignment?

- b. Scan the reference list. Do the sources appear to be credible? Why or why not?

- c. Is this article appropriate for use in your assignment according to the accuracy criteria? Provide a detailed explanation of your reasoning, using the accuracy information you found above.

6. Evaluate your article using the purpose criteria.

a. What type of article is it? (e.g., literature review, original research, editorial) How can you tell?

b. Describe any bias or opinion found in your article.

c. Is this article appropriate for use in your assignment according to the purpose criteria? Provide a detailed explanation of your reasoning, using the purpose information you found above.
