### The TRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Review your source to determine how it meets each component of the TRAAP criteria. Rank each area of TRAAP on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and whether your teacher would want you to!).

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#### Timeliness: the timeliness of the information
- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?

#### Relevance: the importance of the information for your needs
- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Is the information at an appropriate reading level?
- Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

#### Authority: the source of the information
- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- Is the author qualified to write on the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?

#### Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Can you find sources cited or linked to the original source?

#### Purpose: the reason the information exists
- What is the purpose of the information?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information fact? opinion? persuasion?
- Are there any biases? Do they only support one point of view?

#### Total:

| Topic: | Source One: | Source Two: | Source Three: |

| 45 - 50 Excellent | 40 - 44 Good | 35 - 39 Average | 30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable | Below 30 - Unacceptable |