Website Evaluation Criteria
Try the SCRAP Test

S- Scope

- What is the depth of the site? Too elementary, too advanced?
- Does it provide comprehensive coverage or mere compilation of links?
- Is it relevant to your information needs?

C- Currency

- Is there a date when the site was created or last updated?
- Are the hyperlinks current?
- In the absence of a copyright or revision date, can you determine if the information is current?

R- Reliability

- Are the sources documented? Can you verify them?
- Are the research methods revealed or is the content primarily opinion based? Is it balanced information?
- Is the content coming from scholarly/peer-reviewed sources?
- Does it have an unbiased tone?

A- Authority

- Who is the author/publisher/sponsor?
- What are their credentials/qualifications?
- What are their organizational affiliations?
- Is there contact information?

P- Purpose/Point of View

- Why is the information being posted? Who is the target audience? Determine if the site is trying to inform, teach, entertain, advertise, persuade or sell.
- Is there any bias or do the points of view appear to be objective?
- Who is sponsoring the website?
  - Consider domains (.com, .edu, .org, .gov, .biz, .net etc.)
  - A tilde (~) in the Web address often indicates a personal Web page.