

# Exploratory Essay Reflection

## **Final Draft Due:**

In addition to the Exploratory Essay, I am going to ask you to write a reflection on your research process as well as the sources you used in your essay.

For several weeks, we are going to talk about the issues with the news media that seem to be bombarding us right now. This includes discussions on “fake news,” media bias, and source evaluation. After discussing these issues in class, I will expect you to be well-versed on how to both evaluate and describe the value of a source you have chosen for your paper.

In this assignment you will reflect upon your three outside sources using the CRAAP test as well as other materials from class that will help you to fairly assess their credibility.

## Writing Instructions

-For each of your three outside sources, you will need to create a short paragraph assessing that source.

-Use the CRAAP test, as well as class discussions and notes to assess each source from your paper. Seek to say something about audience, bias, currency, authority, etc.

-I want to see a thorough assessment of each source and its credibility for full credit.

However, I do *not* expect you to tell me that all of your sources are “the best” and absolutely pass the CRAAP test with flying colors. Part of this assignment is simply learning to evaluate a source. Even if the source does NOT pass the CRAAP test, tell me why! You may suggest that while you used it in your Exploratory Essay, you can now see why you would *not* use it in a more formal, academic essay.

## Writing Requirements

-Create one entry for each outside source you used. Tell me the title and the author(s).

-Assess the source using the CRAAP test and other class resources. Be thorough.

-This paper should be **1-2 double-spaced pages** in length.

-Use Times New Roman font, size 12, 1-inch margins, double spaced.

-Use the correct MLA heading for papers, including page numbers

-Focus on using correct English grammar, spelling, and punctuation.