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**Research Skills Advice: C R A V E N – Quick Activity**

You will need to refer to the information in the **Research Skills Advice** course book, **chapter on Source Credibility** in order to complete the following:

**Task: Choose a single book, website, newspaper article, or other text source which you intend to use for your coursework assignment or EPQ and complete the following CRAVEN sections with brief notes. At the end, make a quick evaluation of how credible the text is.** You should use this worksheet whenever you are evaluating a source to help you cover the main concepts of credibility. You can also combine it with the table suggested in the chapter.

**Details of text** (e.g. name, author, site address...)**:**

**C R A V E N**

**Corroboration**: (i.e. is the author, or the source(s) the author uses, backed up by anyone else in the text or by other sources you have collected? How reliable are those people who have backed him/her up?) **WHAT?**

**Reputation**: (i.e. does the author or the source(s) quoted in the text have a reputation they need to uphold – therefore they should be telling the truth?) **WHO?**

**Ability to see:** (i.e. is the information from primary or secondary sources?) **WHEN? WHERE?**

**Vested interest**: (i.e. does the author or the source(s) quoted have anything to gain from you believing them, e.g. a book to sell, a political agenda, etc.?) **WHY?**

**Expertise**: (i.e. is the author, or the source(s) they quote an expert on the subject they are discussing?) **WHO?**

**Neutrality**: (i.e. is the author or the source(s) quoted completely without bias on the topic?) **HOW?**

**Is the text credible, reliable and worth using?**

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