SPICE, SEX AND SCIENCE: HISTORY THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHEMIST

Evaluating & Citing Your Sources
Evaluating Sources

The CRAAP Test (Video here – Western University Libraries)

Currency
 When was the information published/posted? For websites, when was it last updated? Are the links functional?

Relevance
 Who is the intended audience? How detailed is the information? Is the information related to your topic?

Authority
 Who is the author? For websites, what is the URL?

Accuracy
 Can you verify the claims made? Is there a bibliography? What kinds of sources are cited?

Purpose
 Objective or biased? How does this influence the treatment of the information?
Chicago Style

- Notes and Bibliography format (footnotes and endnotes)
  - Modified – No notes, bibliography only

- Bibliography listed in the order references appear in text

- Quick Style Guide with examples
Citation Example

- **Journal article (PRINT):**
  

- **Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. “Article Title.”**
  
  *Journal Title* Volume, no.# (Year): Page numbers.

  
Citation Example

- **Journal article (ONLINE):**

  Found in: General Science Abstracts database

- **Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. “Title of Article.”**  
  *Journal Title* Volume, no.# (year): Page numbers. URL or doi.

- **Iverson, Susan D., and Leslie L. Iverson. “Dopamine: 50 Years in Perspective.”**  
What is a DOI?

- Digital Object Identifier
- Stable, permanent identifier for an electronic document
- URL format: http://dx.doi.org/NUMBER
Citation Example

- **Website:**

- **Author. “Title of Webpage.”** Last modified/Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.
  *Include a publication date or date of revision or modification (see [14.8](#)); if no such date can be determined, include an access date (see [14.7](#)).