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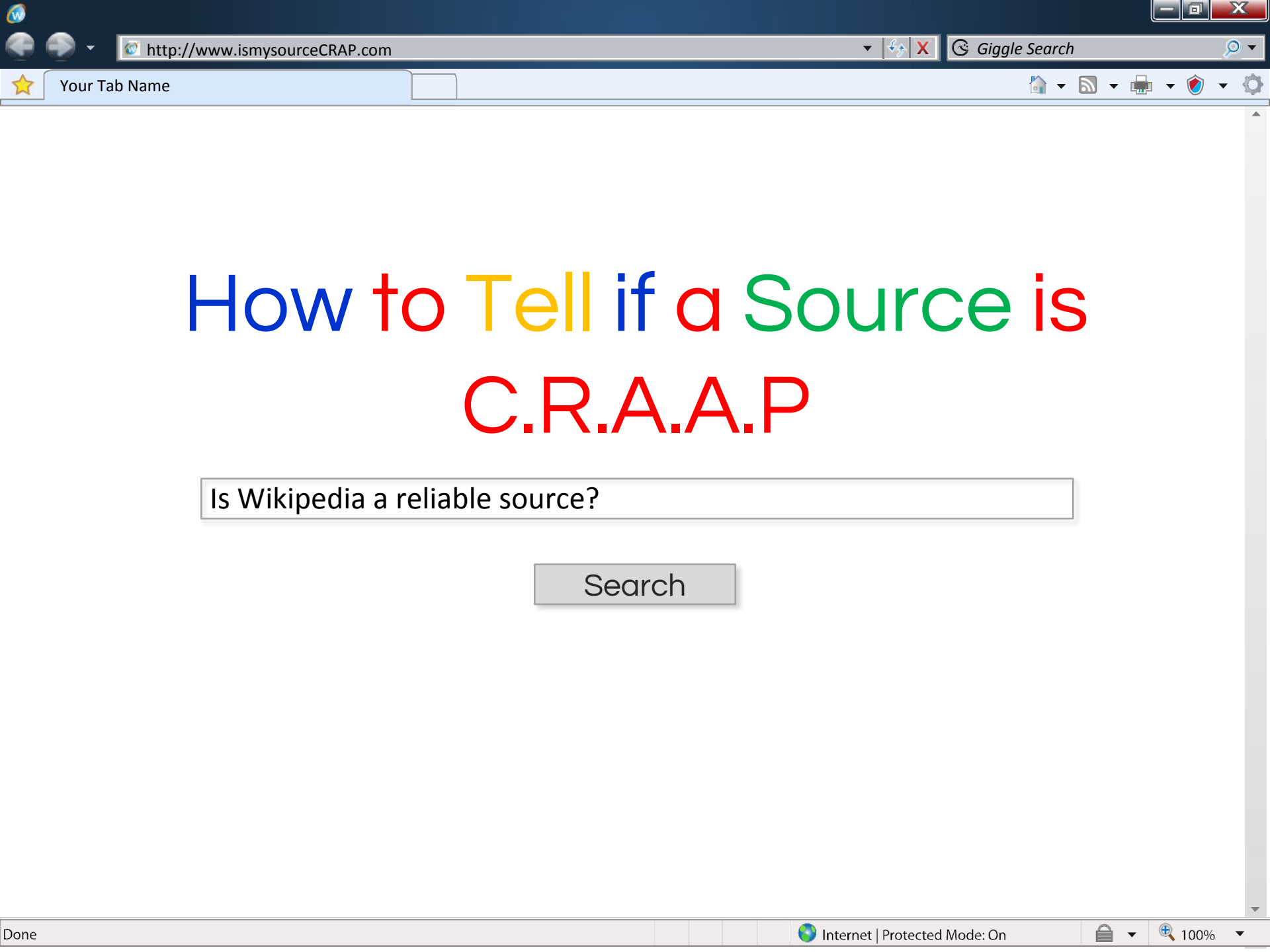**Please type your name and grade into the chat box**

We will get started shortly

How to Tell if a Source is C.R.A.A.P

Is Wikipedia a reliable source?

Search

Do a C.R.A.A.P. Test!

C - Currency

R - Reliability

A — Authority

A — Accuracy

P - Purpose

CURRENCY

▶ When was the info published or posted?

▶ Has it been revised or updated?

▶ Is the info current or out-of-date?

▶ Are the links functional?

Example: A **current source** is crucial if your research deals with the **newest research** on *advances in the treatment of type 2 diabetes.*

Example: An **older source** might be helpful if you are researching the *history* of World War II.

RELIABILITY

- [ ] What is the domain of the website? Are they a well-recognized source?
- [ ] .edu and .org sites are usually better sources of information than .com

Example: a website from cdc.gov is more reliable than information from webMD.com

What are Some Well-Known, Reputable News Sources?

[The New York Times](#) and [The Washington Post](#) are perhaps the most respected news sources in the country. Others include The Wall Street Journal, PBS, NPR, CNN, and the major network news outlets such as ABC, BBC, and NBC.

Generally, <u>.edu</u> sites are the most reputable as they are dedicated to education. <u>.org</u> sites also tend to be reputable as they are run by nonprofit organizations. <u>.com</u> (standing for commercial) sites are the least reputable as they generate a profit.

AUTHORITY

▶ Who is the author/publisher/sponsor?

▶ Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given?

▶ Is the author/organization qualified to discuss the information in the article/book/webpage?

Example: If you are writing a paper on the *health risks of tattoos and body piercings,* a doctor would have more authority than a website provided by a professional tattoo artist..

Can you find a way to contact the website? Are there names given for publishers, editors, or authors? If you do a google search for those people, what comes up? Are they real people?

ACCURACY

▶ Where does the info come from? What are the author's sources?

▶ Is the info supported by <u>evidence</u>?

▶ Can you verify the info in another source?

▶ Does the language seem unbiased and free from emotion?

Example: If I say, "Albert Einstein liked to wear tutus around the house and never clipped his toenails," but I do not name the source of my evidence, how would you verify that my information is true?

PURPOSE

- Why was this article/webpage written?
- Does the info attempt to inform? Teach? Sell? Entertain? Persuade?
- Does the author make his/her intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the info fact? Opinion? Propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear to be biased?

Example: If you looking for a website containing information on *identity theft*, keep in mind that some of the pages found *might* be trying to sell you identity theft protection.

Top 5 Fake Election Stories by Facebook Engagement
(three months before election)

"Pope Francis Shocks World, Endorses Donald Trump for President, Releases Statement"
(960,000, Ending the Fed)

"WikiLeaks CONFIRMS Hillary Sold Weapons to ISIS... Then Drops Another BOMBSHELL! Breaking News"
(789,000, The Political Insider)

"IT'S OVER: Hillary's ISIS Email Just Leaked & It's Worse Than Anyone Could Have Imagined"
(754,000, Ending the Fed)

"Just Read the Law: Hillary Is Disqualified From Holding Any Federal Office"
(701,000, Ending the Fed)

"FBI Agent Suspected in Hillary Email Leaks Found Dead in Apparent Murder-Suicide" *(567,000, Denver Guardian)*

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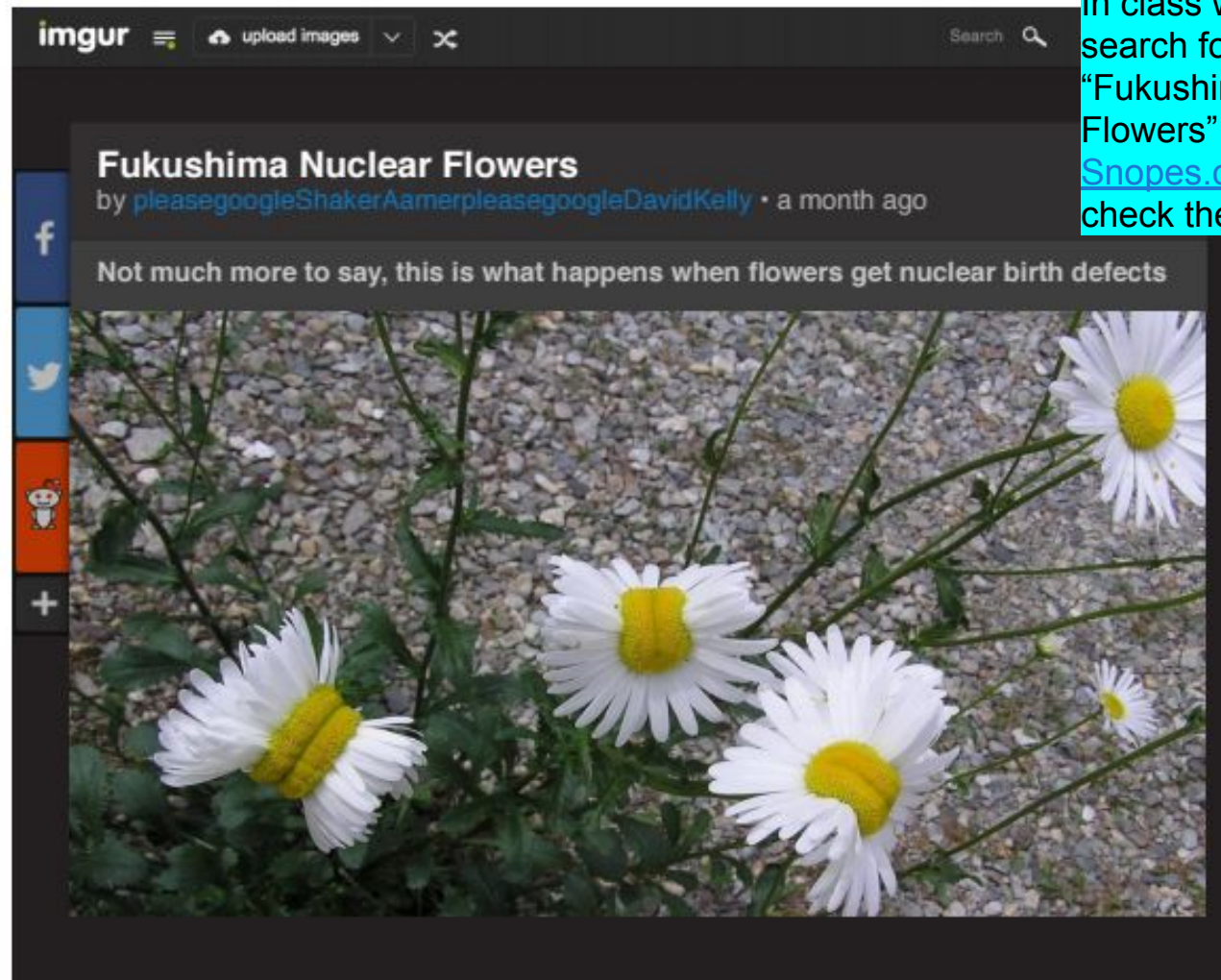
When in doubt....

Do a google search for the website. Before you even start reading, it is a great idea to check out what is being said about the website elsewhere. Act like a professional fact checker and decide if the website is worthwhile before jumping in to a story.

What do you think?

On March 11, 2011, there was a large nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan. This image was posted on Imgur, a photo sharing website, in July 2015.

In class we did a google search for the words "Fukushima Nuclear Flowers" and read this Snopes.com article to fact check the picture

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Fukushima Nuclear Flowers
by pleasegoogleShakerAamerpleasegoogleDavidKelly · a month ago

Not much more to say, this is what happens when flowers get nuclear birth defects