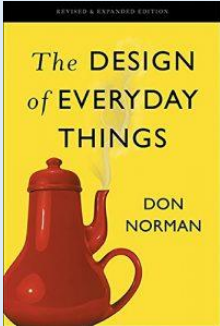






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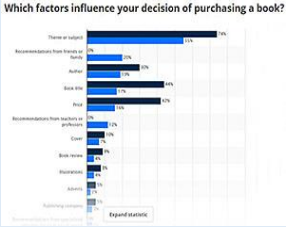
- The table below provides examples of different sources.
- Use it to help you find and evaluate sources.

Source Type	Sources	Advantages +	Disadvantages -
Books 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery toolbar, • The British Library: www.explore.bl.uk • Worldcat: www.worldcat.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a thorough coverage of a topic • Checked by publisher to ensure quality • Usually well-researched • Can include references to other sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a long time to be published, so information may become out of date • Author may be biased
Academic Journals 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art History • Journal of Visual Arts • Practice and Fashion Theory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to date • Often contain original research • Short and focused on a specific topic • Peer reviewed and quality controlled • Include references to other sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot cover a subject in the same depth as a book.

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<p>Trade Journals</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Review • Campaign • Cinefex • Computer Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on professional interest • Up-to-date coverage • Useful source of images • Highlight new resources • Chance to engage with professional communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as extensively quality reviewed as academic journals
<p>Magazines</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vogue, • i-D, • POP, • Oh Comely, • Tank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up-to-date coverage of news and opinion • Useful source of images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be biased and unreliable • May be written more as entertainment rather than as factual information
<p>Newspapers</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadsheets: The Times, The Independent, The Guardian • Tabloids: The Sun, The Daily Mirror 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current source of news and opinions • Useful source of images • May include facts and figures • Broadsheets such as <i>The Times</i> and <i>The Guardian</i> tend to be more reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be biased and unreliable • Political loyalties may influence information • Tabloids such as <i>The Sun</i> can be written more as entertainment rather than as factual information

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<p>Films/Radio/Television Programmes</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BoB, • Kanopy, • BBC iPlayer • Netflix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentaries and recorded interviews can be useful primary sources • Offer visual representation of subject • Can be used as a historical documents when based on facts or real events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be created for entertainment • Subjects or events might not be accurately shown; could be biased • Less likely to offer further references to follow up
<p>Websites</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gallery & museum websites e.g. V&A • Practitioner websites • Organisational websites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information can be found quickly • Can be easily updated • Gallery websites provide information about a piece (medium, size, date of creation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No quality control; anyone can upload information. • May not be of an academic standard • May be unreliable or misleading • Hard to narrow down useful results
<p>Statistics</p> 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statista.com • Office for National Statistics, Data.gov.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can provide quantitative data (numbers) to support an argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics could be manipulated