* The table below provides examples of different sources.
* Use it to help you find and evaluate sources. You can also email library@norwichuni.ac.uk with questions about reliability.

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| **Source Type** | **Sources** | **Advantages +** | **Disadvantages -** |
| **Books**design of everday things book cover | **Examples:*** Discovery toolbar,
* The British Library: [www.explore.bl.uk](http://www.explore.bl.uk)
* Worldcat: [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)
 | * Give a thorough coverage of a topic
* Checked by publisher to ensure quality
* Usually well-researched
* Can include references to other sources
 | * Take a long time to be published, so information may become out of date
* Author may be biased
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| **Academic Journals****https://library.nua.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/fashion-theory.jpg** | **Examples:*** Art History
* Journal of Visual Arts
* Practice and Fashion Theory.
 | * Up to date
* Often contain original research
* Short and focused on a specific topic
* Peer reviewed and quality controlled
* Include references to other sources
 | * Cannot cover a subject in the same depth as a book.
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| **Trade Journals****https://library.nua.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/CreativeReview02th.jpg** | **Examples:*** Creative Review
* Campaign
* Cinefex
* Computer Arts
 | * Focus on professional interest
* Up-to-date coverage
* Useful source of images
* Highlight new resources
* Chance to engage with professional communities
 | * Not as extensively quality reviewed as academic journals
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| **Magazines** https://library.nua.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/vogue-713x1024.jpg | **Examples:*** Vogue,
* i-D,
* POP,
* Oh Comely,
* Tank
 | * Up-to-date coverage of news and opinion
* Useful source of images
 | * Can be biased and unreliable
* May be written more as entertainment rather than as factual information
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| **Newspapers****A newspaper with a person standing on the front page  AI-generated content may be incorrect.** | **Examples:*** **Broadsheets:** The Times, The Independent, The Guardian
* **Tabloids:** The Sun, The Daily Mirror
 | * Current source of news and opinions
* Useful source of images
* May include facts and figures
* Broadsheets such as *The Times* and *The Guardian* tend to be more reliable
 | * Can be biased and unreliable
* Political loyalties may influence information
* Tabloids such as *The Sun* can be written more as entertainment rather than as factual information
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| **Films/Radio/Television Programmes****Kanopy logo** | **Examples:*** BoB,
* Kanopy,
* BBC iPlayer
* Netflix
 | * 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
 | * 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
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| **Websites****A black background with a black square  AI-generated content may be incorrect.** | **Examples:*** Gallery & museum websites e.g. V&A
* Practitioner websites
* Organisational websites
 | * Information can be found quickly
* Can be easily updated
* Gallery websites provide information about a piece (medium, size, date of creation)
 | * 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
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| **Statistics**https://library.nua.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Statista.jpg | **Examples:*** Statista.com
* Office for National Statistics, Data.gov.uk
 | * Can provide quantitative data (numbers) to support an argument
 | * Statistics could be manipulated
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