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The list appears after the main text and is not numbered.

Sources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's family name.

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Example: Porter, M. (1990). *The competitive advantage of nations*. The Free Press.

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Example: Farrell, J., & Shapiro, C. (2008). How strong are weak patents? *American Economic Review*, 98(4), 1347–1369.

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Format: Family Name, Initial. (Year), Chapter Title, in Initial. Family (ed.), *Book Title*, Place of Publication: Publisher, pages.

Example: Friedman, M. (1991). The social responsibility of business is to increase its profits. In J. Bower (Ed.), *The craft of general management* (pp. 287–296). Harvard Business School Publications.

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Format: Author/Editor (Year), Article Title, *Journal Title*, [Online], Volume (Part), Available URL [Date accessed].

Example: Hart, K. (1998) Hart, K. (1998). The place of the 1898 Cambridge anthropological expedition to the Torres Straits (CAETS) in the history of British social anthropology. *Science as Culture*, 11(1). <http://human-nature.com/science-as-culture/hart.html>

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