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Primary Source Information

Handling primary sources

Clean hands

No food and drink

Pencils, not pens

Digital Photography, not photocopying

Primary sources and artefacts from the Library

1. **Nova, 1965 - 1975**

Published in Britain from 1965-1975. Nova included coverage of current events and social change, alongside striking visual design. It challenged the idea of what a woman's magazine should be.

2. **The Sunday Times Magazine , 1962**

Launched in 1962, the Sunday Times Magazine was Britain's first colour supplement and set new ground in terms of its purpose and content. Snowdon was hired to shoot some of the photography.

3. **Habitat Catalogues (Terence Conran), 1970s**

Home furnishings catalogue first launched in 1966 and the first of its kind.

4. **The Grammar of Ornament, 1856**

Highly influential book by Owen Jones, which is still in publication today. The Grammar of Ornament was essentially a text book about ornamentation and design, and was widely used by designers.

Places to search for background information

Look for books and articles about your chosen artefact, but also look for books and articles about the *time period* surrounding your artefact, i.e. the political, historical, technical and cultural background during which the artefact was produced. Also, see the artefact as part of a wider whole, e.g. women's magazines, Victorian designer training, etc., Pay attention to the typography, paper, adverts and construction. Think about what makes it *different* from its modern day equivalent, and also, how is it *similar*?

Newspaper and Journal Databases

- The Times Digital Archive (1785 – 1985) – newspaper articles from *The Times*
- Art Full Text – art and design journal articles
- Lexis Library – news articles from all the major national and regional papers from 1985 onwards
- JSTOR – articles from arts, history and the social sciences
- Swetswise – journals articles from all subject areas, including social sciences and history

- SAGE – journals articles from the social sciences, history and journalism
- Design and Applied Arts Index – an index to material in design journals and magazines, including Eye, Creative Review and ID Magazine.
- Cornucopia – information about over 6000 collections in UK museums, galleries, archives and libraries.

Books

- 302.2324082/WOM Women's Magazines
- 686.209/STE Printing History
- Historical context – 19th Century, World War 2, Sixties, Magazine history, fashion modelling, gender and cultural studies

DVDs

- 302.2324082/WOM Habitat and Me