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(Buchanan and McDonough 2017, 110)

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(Tim and Hsu 2018, 10)

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References


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5. (Cohen 2017, 220)

6. (Keng et al. 2017, 23)

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References


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(Bay et al. 2017, 466).

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References


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(Gina 2017)

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References


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(Rutz 2013, 99–100)

Website

References


In-text citations
(Dalio 2017)
(Stanford University n.d.)
Blog or Blog Post

References


In-text citations

(FROMTHELABSBLOG 2017) References

Social Media Content

References


Obama, Michelle (@MichelleObama). 2017. “I'm so excited about what's coming up at the @ObamaFoundation. These young people have so much to contribute–and the work is only beginning.” Twitter, September 13, 2017, 7:22 a.m. https://twitter.com/MichelleObama/status/907972751499124737.

In-text citations

(American Library Association 2017)

(Obama 2017)

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