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| Caper, Charles and Lawrence T. Teamos. <i>How to Camp</i> . Philadelphia: Doubleday, 1986. Print. | Book (Two authors) |
| Ellis, Doris, et al. <i>History of Japan</i> . New York: Harcourt, 1989. Print. | Book (Four or more authors) |
| Vanderkirk, Pamela, ed. <i>Ten Short Plays</i> . Los Angeles: Nowell Book Co., 1982. Print. | Book (One editor) |
| Lockhard, David J. and Charles Heimler, eds. <i>The Oregon Trail</i> . New York: Bonanza Books, 1992. Print. | Book (Two editors) |
| Carlson, David, et al. eds. <i>Encyclopedia of Animal Life</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1985. Print. | Book (Four or more editors) |
| Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. <i>A Hammock beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America</i> . Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88. Print. | Book (Translated single work from an anthology) |
| National Research Council. <i>Beyond Six Billion: Forecasting the World's Population</i> . Washington: Natl. Acad., 2000. Print | Book by a Corporate Author |

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| Whitman, Walt. <i>Leaves of Grass</i> . Brooklyn, 1855. <i>The Walt Whitman Archive</i> . Web. 12 Mar. 2008. | Book online. |
| Roberts, Sheila. "A Confined World: A Rereading of Pauline Smith." <i>World Literature Written in English</i> . 24 (1984): 232-38. Rpt. in <i>Twentieth Century Literature Criticism</i> . Vol. 25. Ed. Dennis Poupard. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 399-402. Print. | Gale Literary Criticism (previously published scholarly article in a collection) |
| Doctorow, E.L. Introduction. <i>Sister Carrie</i> . By Theodore Dreiser. New York: Bantam, 1985. v-xi. Print. Elliott, Emory. Afterword. <i>The Jungle</i> . By Upton Sinclair. New York: Signet, 1990. 342-50. Print. | Introduction, Preface, Foreword, or Afterword |
| Stowe, Harriet Beecher. "Sojourner Truth, the Libyan Sibyl." 1863. <i>The Heath Anthology of American Literature</i> . Ed. Paul Lauter, et al. 5 th ed. Vol. 1. Lexington: Heath, 1994. 2425-33. Print. | One volume of multivolume work, after the first edition |
| <i>Maps 'n' Facts</i> . Computer Software. Broderbund, 1995. CD-ROM. | Computer Software |
| Frost, James. "Strawberries in a Field." <i>Perrine's Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense</i> . Ed. Thomas R. Arp and Greg Johnson. New York: Heinle and Heinle, 2002. 23. Print. | Poem in an Anthology |
| Frost, James. "Strawberries in a Field." <i>Literature Resource Center</i> . n.d: N. pag. Web. 15 Mar. 2004. | Poem Online |
| Crane, Stephen. "The Open Boat." <i>Literature Resource Center</i> . (1999): N. pag. Web. 15 June 2009. | Short Story Online |
| Cather, Willa. "Paul's Case." <i>Perrine's Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense</i> . Ed. Thomas R. Arp and Greg Johnson. New York: Heinle and Heinle, 2002. 224-45. Print. | Short Story in an Anthology (two editors) |
| Karasik, Paul. Cartoon. <i>New Yorker</i> 14 Apr. 2008: 49. Print. | Cartoon |
| Dunn, Samuel. "Re: Any Ideas for My City Poem?" Message to the author. 26 Feb. 2009. E-mail. | E-mail ** |
| Barnridge, Thomas H. "Baseball." <i>World Book Encyclopedia</i> . 2001. 334-67. Print. | Encyclopedia (Signed article)* |
| "Egypt." <i>The New Encyclopedia Britannica</i> . 2002. 1067-1800. 225-657. Print. | Encyclopedia (Unsigned article)* |
| Gergen, David. "A Question of Values." Editorial. <i>US News and World Report</i> 11 Feb. 2002: 72. Print. | Editorial |

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| "Egypt." <i>Encyclopedia Britannica Online</i> . Vers. 97.1.1. Mar. 1997. <i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i> . Web. 29 Feb. 2000. | Encyclopedia (Internet) * |
| <i>The Empire Strikes Back</i> . Dir. George Lucas. Perf. Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher. Twentieth Century Fox, 1980. Film. | Film |
| United States Dept. of Labor. <i>America's Dynamic Workforce</i> . Washington: US Dept. of Labor, 2004. Print. | Government Publication |
| Brown v. Board of Educ. 347 US 483-96. Supreme Court of the US. 1954. <i>Supreme Court Collection</i> . Legal Information Inst., Cornell Law School, n.d. Web. 3 Aug. 2009. | Legal Source |
| Pei, I.M. Personal interview. 22 Mar.1993. | Interview (Personal) |
| Reed, Ishmail. Telephone interview. 10 Dec. 2007. | |
| Barrera, Rebecca Maria. "A Case for Bilingual Education." <i>Scholastic Parent and Child</i> . Dec. 2004: 72-3. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> . EBSCOhost. Web. 1 Feb. 2009. | EBSCOhost |
| Lin, Michael. "Compressing Online Graphics." Online posting. 27 April 1999. MacWeb. Web. 28 Feb. 2003. | Listserv Posting |
| Cannon, Angie. "Just Saying No to Tests." <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> Oct. 1999: 34. Print. | Magazine |
| Cannon, Angie. "Just Saying No to Tests." <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> . US News & World Report LP, 18 Oct. 1999: 3. Web. 28 Feb. 2009. | Magazine, Online News Subscription Service |
| Green, Joshua. "The Rove Presidency." <i>The Atlantic.com</i> . Atlantic Monthly Group, Sept. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008. | Online Magazine (Magazine web site) |
| Barrow, Matthew. "Skipping School? Plan On Walking." <i>Sacramento Bee</i> 13 Oct. 1999, California final ed.: A1+. Print. | Newspaper Article, (Signed) |
| "Gorilla attacks Martian." <i>National Enquirer</i> 16 Mar. 1999: A-14. Print. | Newspaper Article, (Unsigned) |
| Seurat, Georges. <i>Man Leaning on a Fence</i> . 1880-81? Graphite on Paper. Collection of Andre Bromberg, n.p. | Work of Visual Art |
| Bradley, Donald. "Is There a Right Way?" <i>Kansas City Star</i> 23 May 1999: 2-4. <i>SIRS Researcher</i> . Web. 8 June 2009. | Newspaper Article, Online News Subscription Service (SIRS) |
| "Charles Frazier." <i>Contemporary Authors Online</i> . (2001): N. pag. <i>Galegroup</i> . Web. 28 Feb. 2009. | Gale Literary Criticism Online (Unsigned) |
| McCarron, Bill. "Images of War and Peace: Parallelism and Antithesis in the Beginning and Ending of <i>Cold Mountain</i> ." <i>The Mississippi Quarterly</i> . 52.2 (1999): 273. <i>Galegroup</i> . Web. 25 Feb. 2003. | Gale Literary Criticism Online (Signed) |
| Achenbach, Joel. "America's River." <i>Washington Post</i> . Washington Post, 5 May 2002. Web. 20 July 2003. | Newspaper Article (Newspaper Web site) |
| <i>Your Health</i> . New York: Modern Woman, 1996. Print. | Pamphlet |
| "Karma Chameleon." <i>Northern Exposure</i> . CBS. KCRA, Sacramento. 29 Feb. 2000. Television. | Television or Radio (Live) |

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| Smith, Greg. "Rhesus Monkeys in the Zoo." Online image. <i>Monkey Picture Gallery</i> n.d. Web. 3 May 2003. | Published Photograph (n.d.=no date) |
| "Summer Garden." Plano, TX. Personal photograph taken by JP Reese. 5 July 2009. | Personal Photograph |
| Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." <i>African American Review</i> 32.1 (1998): 9-16. <i>JSTOR</i> . Web. 5 June 2008. | JSTOR (online database) |
| <i>Civil War Diary</i> . New World Entertainment, 1990. Videotape. | Videotape |
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| Bordewich, Fergus M. Rev. of <i>Once They Moved Like the Wind: Cochise, Geronimo, and the Apache Wars</i> , by David Roberts, and <i>Brave are My People: Indian Heroes Not Forgotten</i> , by Frank Waters. <i>Smithsonian</i> Mar. 1994: 125-31. Print. | Review |
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| <i>Heartbreak House</i> . By George Bernard Shaw. Dir. Robin Lefevre. Perf. Philip Bosco and Swoosie Kurtz. Roundabout Theatre Company. Amer. Airlines Theatre, New York. 1 Oct. 2006. Performance | Performance |
| Ellington, Duke, cond. <i>First Carnegie Hall Concert</i> . Duke Ellington Orch. Rec. 23 Jan. 1943. Prestige, 1977. LP. Holiday, Billie. <i>The Essence of Billie Holiday</i> . Columbia, 1991. CD. | Sound Recording |
| Kline, Daniel T., ed. <i>Geoffrey Chaucer Online: The Electronic Canterbury Tales</i> . U of Alaska Anchorage. 30 July 2007. Web. 2 Dec. 2009. | Web page from a university (scholarly online project) |
| Head and Shoulders. Advertisement. <i>Newsweek</i> 17 Mar. 2008: 2. Print. | Advertisement |

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