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Glotzer, Richard and Anne Federlein. "Miles that Bind: Commuter Marriage and Family Strength." *Michigan Family Review* 12 (2007): 7-31. Web. 8 Apr. 2009.

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Catton, Bruce. *The Civil War*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2005. Google Book Search. Web. 15 May 2008.

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Puzzanchera, Charles. "Juvenile Arrests 2007." Juvenile Justice Bulletin (Apr. 2009): n. pag. National Criminal Justice Reference Service. Web. 8 May 2009.

Citing a video found online

West, Kanye. *Amazing*. Prod. Hype Williams. Roc-A-Fella Records, 2009. *Youtube*. Web. 8 Feb. 2009.

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Picasso, Pablo. Three Musicians. 1921. ArtQuotes.net. Web. 5 Apr. 2006.

Citing a musical recording listened to online, with no discernable manufacturer or date

Park, Obadiah. "Hey Ya." N.d. TheSixtyOne.com. Web. 10 Feb. 2007.

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