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Examples - Starr, D. (1998). *Blood: An epic history of medicine and commerce*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

Kennefick, C. & Young, A. Y. (Eds.). (1999). *The best of nursing humor: A collection of articles, essays, and poetry published in the nursing literature* (Vol. 2). Philadelphia: Hanley & Belfus.

Magazine and Newspaper Articles:

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Magazine - Stein, J. (2009, September 28). Host with the most: Neil Patrick Harris stars as himself. *Time*, 174(12), 63-64.

Newspaper - Vander Waal, D. (2009, September 2). Restoring the dome: Remodel project unveils hidden feature of museum. *The Sheldon Mail-Sun*, p. A1.

Articles Retrieved from Online and CD-ROM Databases:

Basic Form - Author, A. A. (Issue date). Title of the article. *Title of journal or magazine*, Volume (Issue no. if known), Pages. Retrieved from URL.

Scholarly - Skura, M. (2008, Summer). Dragon fathers and unnatural children: Warring generations in King Lear and its sources. *Comparative Drama*, 42(2), 121-148. Retrieved from <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afh&AN=32869800&site=ehost-live>

Magazine – Gross, D. (2009, April 20). The real 'green' innovation. *Newsweek*, 153(16), E10. Retrieved from <http://find.galegroup.com/gps/start.do?prodId=IPS>

Newspaper – Walsh, M. W. (2009, September 22). A.I.G. said to be stable, but hurting for cash. *New York Times*, p. B1. Retrieved from <http://find.galegroup.com/gps/start.do?prodId=IPS>

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Web Pages:

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Article - Ydstie, J. (2009, September 23). At G-20, economic powers to focus on stability. In *NPR: Economy*. Retrieved September 23, 2009, from National Public Radio website: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113131815>

Online Book – Sayre, A. P. (1997). *Put on some antlers and walk like a moose: How scientists find, follow, and study wild animals*. New York: Twenty-First Century Books. Retrieved <http://www.netlibrary.com/>

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Videocassette - Blair, J. (Producer/Director). (1996). *Anne Frank remembered* [Videocassette]. United States: Columbia TriStar Home Video.

DVD - Achbar, M. & Simpson, B. (Producers), & Achbar, M., & Abbott, J. (Directors). (2004). *The corporation* [DVD]. United States: Zeitgeist Films.

Commonly Used NCC Sources:

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - American Psychiatric Association (Ed.). (2000). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-IV-TR*, (4th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association.

Well-Connected - Diabetes diet. (2009). *Well-connected: In-depth health information*. Retrieved September 25, 2009, from <http://www.well-connected.com/>

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