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Witte, Stephen P. and Lester Faigley. *Evaluating College Writing Programs*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1983. Print.

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Vesterman, William, ed. *Readings for the 21st Century: Tomorrow's Issues for Today's Students*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1991. Print.

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Articles:

Erard, Michael. "Colons Descending: An Interim Assessment." *English Today* 12.4 (1996): 43-45. Print.

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"Negro College Fund: Mission Is Still Important on 50th Anniversary." Editorial. *Dallas Morning News* 8 Oct. 1994: A28. Print.

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Anthology selection:

Rich, Adrienne. "Claiming an Education." *Conversations: Reading for Writing*. 2nd edition. Ed. Jack Selzer. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1991. 88-93. Print.

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Albada, Kelly F. "The Public and Private Dialogue about the American Family on Television." *Journal of Communication* 50.4 (200): 79-110. Print.

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Personal interviews:

Gomes, Peter. Personal interview. 23 Apr. 1997.

In-text note: (Gomes) –Notice: since there is no page number, omit it from the note

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Benedict, Roger William. “Northwest Passage.” *Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropedia*. 1974 ed. Print.

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Subaru Outback. Advertisement. *Brill's Content* Feb. 2000: 37. Television.

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Films:

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United States. Congress. Joint Committee on Printing. *1985-86 Official Congressional Directory*. 99th Congress, 1st session. Washington: GPO, 1985. Print.

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Syverson, Peg. Home page. 18 Nov. 1999. Web. 16 Feb. 2009.

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Professional websites:

“Annual Report 1996-97.” *The Undergraduate Writing Center*. The University of Texas at Austin. 18 Nov. 1999. Web. 16 February 2009.

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Materials accessed from an online database:

Allan, Cynthia L. “Scaring Them Out of Their Seats: Theatre and Culture Shock.” *Theatre Topics* 18.1 (2008): 1-12. *Project Muse*. Web. 16 Feb. 2009.

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Online articles:

Slatin, John. “La Zambinella Meets the Cyborg: Barthes, S/Z, and Print-Based Literary Studies.” *CWRL: The Electronic Journal for Computer Writing, Rhetoric and Literature* 3.1 (1997): n. pag. Web. 16 Feb. 2009.

In-text note: (Slatin)

Email communications:

Smirgil, Virgil. “Ideas for Writing Effective Emails.” Message to Jane Doe. 16 July 2009. E-mail.

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