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Dissertations overview, (n.d.). Retrieved January 18, 2006, from <http://www.radiotherapie.nl/dissert/>

Newspaper, no author from a database

(2007, April 5). Editorial: Put pressure on Pakistan to fight Al-Qaida's buildup. *Kansas City Star*, p. 8. Retrieved April 5, 2007,

from America's Newspapers database.

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from <http://www.kansascity.com/116/story/97541.html>

Monthly magazine on the web

Twomey, S. (2007, April). Barbaro's Legacy. *Smithsonian*, 1-5. Retrieved April 4, 2007,

from <http://www.smithsonianmagazine.com/issues/2007/april/barbaro.php>

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Online book

Meloy, J. (2001). *Writing the Qualitative Dissertation : Understanding By Doing*. Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates,

Inc. Retrieved April 7, 2007, from NetLibrary database.

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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. (2007, September). Required Professional Development Hours.

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Rousseau, H. (1896). *The ship in the storm* [Painting]. Musee de l'Orangerie, Paris.

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Newspaper article, no author

47 Area high school seniors win national merit scholarships. (2003, July 3). *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, p. North Post, 5.

Book, one author

Bolker, j. (1998). *Writing Your Dissertation in Fifteen Minutes a Day*. New York: Henry Holt.

Book, two authors

Mauch, J., & Birch, J. (1998). *Guide to the successful thesis and dissertation*. (4th ed.). New York: M. Dekker.

Edited book

Luey, Beth. (Ed.). (2004). *Revising your dissertation: advice from leading editors*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Book, no author or editor

Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.). (1997). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

Report from a private organization

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. (1997). Kauffman Foundation (Annual Report). Kansas City, MO: Author.

Letter to the editor

Carter, R. (2000, July). Shot in the dark? [Letter to the editor]. *Scientific American*, 283(1), 8.

Television Program

Pratt, C. (Executive Producer). (2001, December 2). *Face the nation* [Television broadcast]. Washington, DC: CBS News.

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