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Article from an online magazine (not accessed from an online database)

Beatty, Jack. "War Disposes." Atlantic Online 29 November 2006. 7 January 2009
<<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200611u/great-war>>.

Article from a news web site or online newspaper (not accessed from an online database)

Wald, Matthew. "As Nuclear Waste Languishes, Expense to U.S. Rises." New York Times
17 February 2008. 7 January 2009 <<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/17/us/17nuke.html?ex=1360990800&en=b6ca1a453a9698f6&ei=5124&partner=permalink&exprod=permalink>>.

"Toy Makers Tweak Lines to Offset Rising Costs." MSNBC 18 February 2008. 7 January 2009
<<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23151711/>>.

Professional site (sponsored or produced by a company, organization, or government agency)

Bren, Linda. "Animal Cloning and Food Safety." March/April 2007. U.S. Food & Drug Administration. 7 January 2009 <http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2007/207_clones.html>.

"Fuel Quality Information." BioDiesel 2002. National Biodiesel Board. 7 January 2009 <<http://www.biodiesel.org>>.

Scholarly project or educational web site

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Ed. Alaa K. Ashmawy. 21 January 2004. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of South Florida. 7 January 2009 <<http://ce.eng.usf.edu/pharos/wonders/index.html>>.

Personal site

Cowen, Tyler. Home page. 7 January 2009 <<http://www.gmu.edu/jbc/Tyler/>>.

Posting to a discussion list

Richeson, Matt. "Orphan Reviews." Online posting. 30 November 2006. Raindogs Listserv. 7 January 2009 <<https://listserv.heanet.ie/raindogs.html>>.

Editorial

"When the Joneses Can't Keep Up." Editorial. New York Times 1 December 2006. 7 January 2009 <<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/01/opinion/01fri2.html?scp=1&sq=When+the+Joneses+Can%92t+Keep+Up&st=nyt>>.

Email message

Kosut, Cynthia. <cckoaut@nueva.pvt.k12.ca.us>. "It's Greek To Me." 7 January 2009 Personal Email.