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| Online database<br>journal article with<br>DOI                       | Blattner, J., & Bacigalupo, A. (2007). Using emotional intelligence to<br>develop executive leadership and team and organizational<br>development. <i>Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and</i><br><i>Research</i> , 59(3), 209-219. https://doi.org/10.1037/1065-<br>9293.59.3.209 |

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| Website with<br>unknown author            | Penn State Myths. (2006). http://www.psu.edu/ur/about/myths.html   |
| Page within a website<br>(unknown author) | Global warming solutions. (2007, May 21). In Union of Concerned<br>Scientists. http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/soultions                                  |

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| Films (DVD / Blu-Ray<br>/ Streaming) | Bier, S. (Director). (2018). Bird box [Film]. Netflix; Chris Morgan<br>Productions; Dylan Clark Productions.   |
| TED talk                             | Robinson, K. (2006, February). <i>Ken Robinson: How school kills</i><br><i>creativity</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.ted.com/talks/<br>ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html |

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| Direct quote             | According to Boyd (2014), "Unlike most compulsions, teens are not less social when   |
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|                          | they engage deeply with social media" (p. 80).   |
|                          | She stated, "teens are not less social when they engage deeply with social media" (Boyd, 2014, p. 80).   |
| Paraphrase               | According to Boyd (2014), teens' addiction to social media differs from other compulsions in that it involves more social engagement (p. 80).  |
|                          | Avid readers of science fiction and fantasy books are more likely than readers of other genres to believe in futuristic scenarios – for example, that it will someday be possible to travel to other galaxies or power a car on solar energy (Black et al., 2018). |
| Two authors              | In <i>Blur: How to Know What's True in the Age of Information Overload</i> , the authors argue that "a tradecraft of active skepticism" is necessary to evaluate news sources (Kovach & Rosenstiel, 2010, p. 8).   |
|                          | According to Kovach and Rosenstiel (2010), "a tradecraft of active skepticism" is necessary to evaluate news sources (p. 8).   |
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| authors                  | Baker et al. (2008) explain that airports in San Francisco are busiest in June.  |
|                          | Airports in San Francisco are busiest in June (Baker et al., 2008).  |
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