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Webpage Examples:

Mussolini, Benito, “What is Fascism, 1932.” *Internet Modern History Sourcebook*, Fordham U., 1997,
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/mussolini-fascism.asp>.

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Database Examples:

Gaskill, Malcolm. “Witchcraft and Evidence in Early Modern England.” *Past & Present*, no. 198, 2008, pp. 33–70. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/25096700>.

Johnson, Andrew, “Veto of the Civil Rights Bill.” *Maine Farmer*, Vol. 34, Iss. 17, Apr 5, 1866, *ProQuest American Periodicals*, <http://blackfreedom.proquest.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/186610.pdf>.

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