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Tannen has argued this point (178-85).

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This point has already been argued (Tannen 178-85).

When quoting directly from the source, use quotation marks.

It may be true that “in appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the observer is of primary importance...” (Robertson 136).

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“George Washington.” Dictionary of American Biography Base Set. 2006. Biography Resource Center. Gale Group Databases. Los Angeles Trade Technical Lib., Los Angeles, CA. 8 August 2006 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BioRC>>.



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Nicholson, D.H.S., and A.H.E. Lee, eds. The Oxford Book of English Mystical Verse. Oxford: Clarendon, 1917. Bartleby.com. November 2000. 8 August 2006 <www.bartleby.com/236/>.

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Personal Home Page

Lancashire, Ian. Home page. 28 Mar. 2002. 8 August 2006 <<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:80080/~ian/>>.