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64. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 16 Feb. 2010.

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Privitera, Lisa. "Holden's Irony in Salinger's *The Catcher in the RYE*."
Explicator 66.4 (2008): 203-206. *Academic Search Elite*. Web. 3 Feb.
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Newspaper Article:

Drovak, Phred. "On the Street and On Facebook: The Homeless Stay Wired."
Wall Street Journal - Eastern Edition 30 May 2009: A1. *MasterFILE
Premier*. Web. 23 Feb. 2010.

Entry in a Reference Book:

"Hemophilia." *SICK! Diseases and Disorders, Injuries and Infections*. Detroit:
U*X*L, 2008. *Health and Wellness Resource Center*. Web. 16 Feb.
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"Introduction to Terrorism: Opposing Viewpoints." *Opposing Viewpoints:
Terrorism*. Ed. Laura K. Egendorf. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2000.
Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Web. 16 Feb. 2010.

Walser, Richard. "Thomas Wolfe." *DISCovering Authors*. Detroit:
Gale, 2003. *Discovering Collection*. Web. 16 Feb. 2010.

Statistical Table, Chart, or Graph:

"Parents Show Concern over Television Violence." Chart. *Opposing Viewpoints
Resource Center*. Web. 16 Feb. 2010.

