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5. Barringer, Felicity. "Where Many Elderly Live, Signs of the Future." New York Times 7 Mar. 1993, nat. ed., sec. 1:12.

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6. "Infant Mortality Down; Race Disparity Widens." Washington Post 12 Mar. 1993: A12

An Article from a Monthly or BiMonthly Magazine

7. Wills, Garry. "The Words That Remade America: Lincoln at Gettysburg." Atlantic June 1992: 57-79.

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