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James Green, Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing That Divided Gilded Age America (New York: Pantheon, 2006), 62-78.

Article from an edited book:

Ted Robert Gurr, "Terrorism in Democracies: Its Social and Political Bases," in *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind*, ed. by Walter Reich (Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1990), 86-102.

Article from a newspaper:

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"Crowds Leave for Lynching," The Atlanta Constitution, 24 April 1899, 2.

Website:

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"The Populist Crusade and Restrictions on African Americans," Online American History Textbook, 11 April 2007, digitalhistory.uh.edu/database/article_display.cfm?HHID=160

Document from a manuscript collection:

John J. Eagan to the Evangelical Ministers' Association of Atlanta, 3 May 1912, in Evangelical Ministers Association minutes (1907-1915), Box 3, Folder 8, Christian Council of Atlanta Records (CCA), Kenan Research Center, Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Georgia

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Bruce Hoffman argues, "Terrorism is designed to create power where there is none or to consolidate power where there is very little."

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Sources/Resources:

Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

¹ Bruce Hoffman, *Inside Terrorism*, revised edition (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006), 41.