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Wilkinson, Philip, and Michael Pollard. The Master Builders. New York: Chelsea House, 1994.

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Feldman, Paula R., ed. British Women Poets of the Romantic Era. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997.

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Brandes, Kathleen, et al. Vanishing Species. New York: Time-Life Books, 1976.

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AuthorLastname, AuthorFirstname. "Title of Work." Anthology Title. Ed. EditorFirstname EditorLastname. Publication City: Publishing Company, Year Published. Page numbers inclusive.
Tracy, Robert. "Traffic." Forever Sisters. Ed. Claudia O'Keefe. New York: Pocket Books, 1999. 160-174.

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Knuth, Anne. "Drawing Connections." School Library Journal 48 (2002): 50-53.

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Kavanaugh, Jennifer. "Drawing Pictures of the Future." Palo Alto Weekly 6 Dec. 2000: 7.

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Weishampel, David B. "Dinosaur." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2000 ed.

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