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Anonymous Article [MLA 5.4.9]
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**Scholarly Journal in an Online Database**  [MLA 5.6.4]

**Weekly or Biweekly Magazine in an Online Database**  [MLA 5.6.4]

**Newspaper in an Online Database**  [MLA 5.6.4]

**Book Article in an Online Database**  [MLA 5.6.4 and 5.5.6]

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