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If a source you used doesn't fit any of these examples, you can check the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers or Spring Arbor University English Department Research Writing Guide, both available at the Reference Desk.

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