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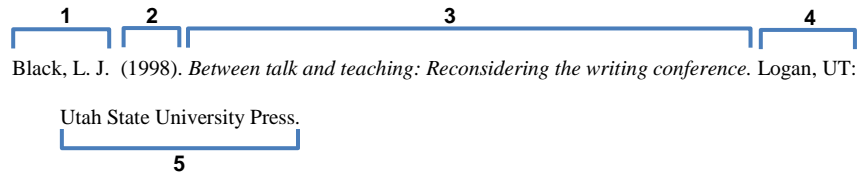
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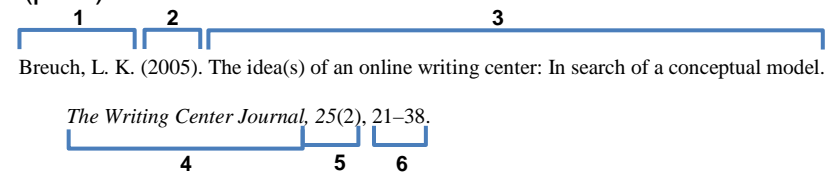
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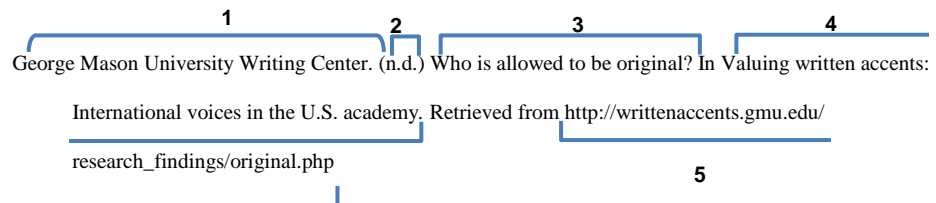
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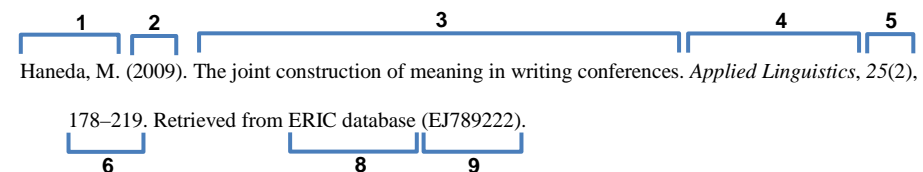
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Label your page "References" in the center of the first line.

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- the retrieval date for online sources is needed only if the content cited is likely to be changed or updated.

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