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The *Marriage-Go-Round* is about the conflicting values of individualism and marital commitment in American culture (Cherlin, 2009).

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Kovats-Bernat (2008) found that street children are active participants in Haitian society and culture.

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"For the children who live on them, Port-au-Prince streets are deeply personal and subjective spaces, as these children identify with the street as their home" (Kovats-Bernat, 2008, p. 36).

When **quoting a source where no page or paragraph numbers are present**, include the heading and the number of the first paragraph below the heading:

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(B. A. Guilfoyle, personal communication, May 25, 2010)

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