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**Periodicals**

**Magazine Article:**

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Most, Andrea. “We Know We Belong.” *PMLA*, vol. 113, no. 3, 1998, pp. 77-89.

**Scholarly Journal Article found in a Database (Online):**

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**Interview conducted by you**

Online Sources

An Entire Website

Tweet
@persiankiwi. “We have report of large street battles in east & west of Tehran now - #Iranelection.” Twitter, 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m., twitter.com/persiankiwi/status/2298106072.

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