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"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.

Example:

"Benjamin Franklin Biography." *Biography.com*. A&E Television Networks,

www.biography.com/people/benjamin-franklin-9301234. Accessed 1 Feb. 2018.

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