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EXAMPLE

According to Timothy Corrigan, “writing about the movies is not so far from what most of us do already: when we leave a movie theater after two hours of enforced silence, most of us discuss or argue about the film” (3)

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EXAMPLE

According to one writer, “writing about the movies is not so far from what most of us do already: when we leave a movie theater after two hours of enforced silence, most of us discuss or argue about the film” (Corrigan 3)

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EXAMPLES

- In the article “How Social Media Works to Connect and Disconnect People” the writers point out that “17% of people on social media only check it a few times a week”
- One researcher notes that “17% of people on social media only check it a few times a week” (“How Social Media”).