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Lester, S. (1999). *An introduction to phenomenological research*. Retrieved August 1, 2009, from <http://www.sld.demon.co.uk/resmethy.pdf>

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