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3. *Webster's New World College Dictionary* (most recent edition). When there is more than one "acceptable" spelling for a word, always use the preferred spelling. Website: <http://www.m-w.com/netdict.htm>.

4. *Webster's Biographical Dictionary* and *Webster's Geographical Dictionary* to confirm and complete names and places.

5. *The Gregg Reference Manual* to reconcile questions on grammar, punctuation, and English use.

6. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, Ninth Edition, Kate L. Turabian, to format endnotes and bibliographies.

7. Acronyms. Websites: <http://www2.arims.army.mil/abbreviation/MainMenu.asp> or <http://www.acronymfinder.com/>.

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