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Medieval Europe was a place both of "raids, pillages, slavery and extortion" and of "traveling merchants, monetary exchange, towns if not cities, and active markets in grain" (Townsend 10).

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Works Cited
Townsend, Robert M. *The Medieval Village Economy*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993.
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The Senior Exit project is providing a California high school with a way to keep seniors focused in their last year of public school (Kelleher par. 19).

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Kelleher, Jennifer Sinco. "Turning their Senior Year Blahs Into Bravos." *Los Angeles Times*. N.p., 23 Jan. 2009. Web. 28 Jan. 2010.

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