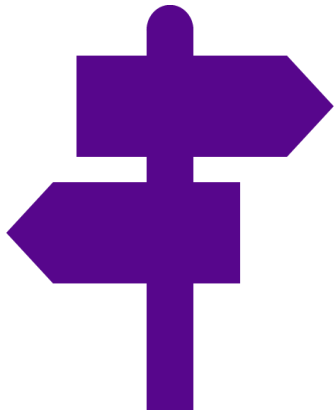


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Farkas, Meredith. "Tips for Being a Great Blogger (and a Good Person)." *Information Wants to Be Free*, 19 July 2011, [meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2011/07/19/tips-for-being-a-great-blogger-and-good-person/](http://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2011/07/19/tips-for-being-a-great-blogger-and-good-person/).

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Naomi Wolf argues that women's magazines have instilled a message that women have to look a certain way to experience happiness and excitement (61).

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"A girl learns that stories happen to 'beautiful' women, whether they are interesting or not" (Wolf 61).

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According to Foulkes's study, dreams may express "profound aspects of personality" (184).

### Without author in sentence, using direct quote

According to some, dreams express "profound aspects of personality" (Foulkes 184), though others disagree.

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