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- Text is left-aligned, titles are center-aligned
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- Double-spaced throughout, including Works Cited
- Works Cited list of references:
  - Hanging indent of 1/2 in.
  - Alphabetical by author's’ last name (or source title if no author)

IN-TEXT CITATIONS
- **Exact Wording**: Enclose in quotes, with the author and page number in parentheses
  “My cat’s fur is brown” (Smith 23).
- **Ideas and Organization**: Paraphrase with attribution to original author with page number, no quotation marks
  Smith observed that the fur on his cat was brown (23).
- **Long Quotes**: Indent full quotation (4+ lines), no quotation marks (unless part of quote), with (Author page number) after period
  My cat... scratched me. (Smith 23)

WORKS CITED

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