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  Smith (1987) found that "students who read succeed" (p. 51).

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  Smith (1987) compared student success with time spent in the library (p. 51).

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  Scholars have found that students who read mystery novels develop strong problem-solving skills (Smith & Jones, 2002, p. 99).

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