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### MLA Sample

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Carson provides evidence for nature balancing itself out when she states, “Once the predators were gone, the deer increased prodigiously and soon there was not enough food for them.”

Nature balances itself out: after “the predators were gone, the deer increased [. . .] and soon there was not enough food for them” (Carson).

Sometimes humans try to help the earth, for instance “in 1956 [when] the U.S. Forest Service sprayed some 885,000 acres of forested lands with DDT” (Carson).

We should let go of our old method of thinking and “find ways and means of limiting populations of organisms in an economical” fashion (Carson).

Carson discusses the consequences of pesticides and states “But the more cotton was sprayed, the more bollworms appeared [. . .] and in twice-sprayed fields the yield of cotton dropped significantly” (Carson 5).

Darwin explains that nature has no boundaries and that man is selective for his own preference: “Man selects only for his own good; Nature only for that of the being which she tends” (2).

Spraying chemicals on crops may not be the best alternative; as Carson notes, the more cotton “was sprayed, the more bollworms appeared.”

Despite the human race being the most prominent species, we fail to acknowledge how vulnerable we are to nature’s tendencies: “We shall best understand the probable course of natural selection by taking the case of a country undergoing some physical change, for instance of climate” (Darwin 1).

In the Mediterranean, the intensity and scope of plastic pollution “was similar to [what was] found in the accumulation zones in the open ocean, with a gradual increase in plastic abundance toward small sizes” (Cózar, et al. 3).

“Overall, the densities of microplastics found in the SPSG” can be used as a representative model for “other areas of the world” (Eriksen, et al.).

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