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**Introduce with your words that flow grammatically well into the quotation.**

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**Closely follow this punctuation:**

**“ ” (44).**

**NOT THIS: “ ”. (44)**

**AND NOT THIS: “ .” (44)**

**An intelligent comment connects the proof back to the argument.**

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