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Step 1

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The Fast and the Furious:

The Dangers of Teenage Driving

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Step 3

*In Times New Roman, size 12 font, type the complete title centered in the upper half of the page, followed by double-spaced, centered lines with your name and the university for which you are doing this work.

The Fast and the Furious:
The Dangers of Teenage Driving

Sometimes all it takes is a split second to change a life forever. In a heartbeat, an ordinary car trip can end in a deadly wreck. Brakes screech, and two cars collide with the sound of metal scraping against metal and the crunching and shattering of glass. Within seconds, the once gleaming cars are reduced to unrecognizable pieces of twisted wreckage. Police cars and ambulances rush to the scene, but often, it is too late. Although many teenagers believe they will never have to experience the frightening nightmare of a car wreck, statistics show that for young drivers, car accidents are an all-too-present reality. *Wichita Eagle* reporter A. O'Toole states that, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, "Fatal accidents—caused mostly by inattentive driving and inexperience—are the leading cause of death among 15- to 20- year olds" (2007, p. 5A). Statistics like these, however, are frequently ignored by both teens and parents. Sometimes it takes a tragic accident for people to realize just what a lethal weapon a car can be in the hands of a teenager.

A. Betancourt and his wife Lulu understand this heartbreaking truth all too well. Their daughter Alicia was described as "a bright talented artist" and "as responsible a 16-year-old as you could find" (Stafford, 2005, para. 1-2). The Betancourts trusted and respected their daughter, so they had few qualms about letting her go out on a date with a sixteen-year-old boy. They had no idea that as they told Alicia goodbye that evening, it would be the last time they would ever speak to her. When their daughter missed her curfew, the Betancourts grew more and more concerned, eventually calling the police. They later received the news that no parent should ever have to hear—the young man had lost control of his car and slammed into a utility pole. Although he survived the crash with serious injuries, Alicia died instantly, despite the fact that