Outline Tool

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| **Directions:** Organize your claims on the Outline Tool below. State the significance of each claim, and then provide compelling and relevant evidence and reasoning to support each claim. Finally, provide a strong counterclaim that challenges your central claim. Include supporting claims, evidence, and limitations of the counterclaim. |

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| [Introduction] **Problem-Based Question:** **Central Claim:**  |
| [Body] **Supporting** **Claim**:  |
| **Significance of Supporting Claim:**  |
| **Evidence:**  | **Reasoning:** *How does the evidence support your claim?* |
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| **Supporting Claim:**  |
| **Significance of Supporting Claim:**  |
| **Evidence**: | **Reasoning:** *How does the evidence support your claim?*  |
| **Counterclaim (*to the central claim)*:**  |
| **Supporting Claim (for the counterclaim):** |
| **Evidence:** | **Reasoning:** *How does this evidence support the counterclaim?***Limitation(s):** |
| **Supporting Claim (for the counterclaim):** |
| **Evidence:** | **Reasoning:** *How does this evidence support the counterclaim?***Limitation(s):** |
| [Conclusion]**Restate Central Claim:**  |

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