## **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.

| [Introduction]                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Problem-Based Question:           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central Claim:                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Body] Supporting Claim:          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Significance of Supporting Claim: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence:                         | Reasoning: How does the evidence support your claim? |  |  |  |  |
| 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? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supporting Claim:                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Significance of Supporting Claim: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence:                         | Reasoning: How does the evidence support your claim? |  |  |  |  |  |



| Counterclaim (to the central claim):     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Supporting Claim (for the counterclaim): |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence:                                | Reasoning: <u>How does this evidence</u> <u>support the counterclaim?</u> |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Limitation(s):  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supporting Claim (for the counterclaim): |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evidence:                                | Reasoning: <u>How does this evidence</u> support the counterclaim?        |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Limitation(s):  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Conclusion]                             |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Restate Central Claim:                   |   |  |  |  |  |  |



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