Outline Tool

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| **Directions:** Organize your claims below. State the connection of each supporting claim to the central claim, and then provide sufficient 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**: | | |
| **Connection of supporting claim to the central claim:** | | |
| **Evidence:** | **Reasoning:** *How does the evidence support your claim?* | |
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| **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?* |
| **Supporting claim (for the counterclaim):** | | |
| **Evidence:** | | **Reasoning:** *How does this evidence support the counterclaim?* |
| **Limitations of the counterclaim**: | | |
| [Conclusion]  **Restate central claim:** | | |