**Restate the question** *(in your own words so you understand what the prompt is asking and can more easily answer the question):*

**Your claim** *(answer the question! In a formal essay, don’t use your opinion, I, you, me)* **:**

**The** (pick a side) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ position is best supported.**

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| **Evidence from text** *(cite this directly from the text, use quotations marks, in a formal essay, mention the source):*  **1.)**  **2.)**  **3.)** | **Your paraphrase of evidence** *(this is a summary, in your own words, of the evidence directly from the text)***:**  **1.)**  **2.)**  **3.)** |

**Your warrant** *(this is a BRIDGE, it EXPLAINS HOW your evidence supports your claim, it is the answer to the “so what?” question)***:**

**Because** (summarize piece of evidence)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**this means that** (repeat claim)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **If** (summarize piece of evidence)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, **then** (repeat claim)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Counterclaim and rebuttal** *( The counterclaim is where you acknowledge a piece of evidence on YOUR side that does NOT support your claim, but then the rebuttal is your chance to say something that makes your side not so bad the counterclaim and rebuttal need to relate and be about the same thing)* **:**

**Although some claim** (something bad about your side)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (say something bad about the other side or something good about your side that makes the counterclaim not so bad)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Summary of your argument:**

**In conclusion** (restate claim)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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