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**Topic**

(Question

to answer)

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**Claim**

(statement that forms the main point of the argument?)

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**Evidence** (fact to support reason with explanation)

**Reason** (explain why claim should be accepted)

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**Reason** (explain why claim should be accepted)

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**Counterclaim**

(acknowledges the alternative view)

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**Concluding Statement**

(closing statement convincing reader why your claim is stronger than counterclaim)

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Writing checklist

 Your response should include a clear position/claim in the first paragraph

 Clearly mention your topic so the audience knows what you are writing about

 Your first paragraph should include two reasons supported with evidence for each reason (direct quote or paraphrase)

 Your second paragraph should state the counterclaim and include two reasons that your claim is more valid than the counterclaim.

 Include a concluding sentence that sums up why your claim is stronger than the counterclaim.

 Organize your paper into two strong paragraphs

 **Avoid using first person** (I think, I feel, In my opinion). **Use third person only!**

 Check your grammar, punctuation and other sentence skills

Post-Reflection: How did you feel writing this extended response? Identify two areas of weakness and explain how you think you can improve on your next extended response.

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