Getting Started: Claim and Counterclaim

**Prompt:** Select a topic that you feel passionate about. Take a stand on that topic and argue why people should agree with you and how they should take action for this cause.

**Claim:** TOPIC + opinion + reason for agreement + necessary action

Example Claim: TECHNOLOGY USE BY TEENS needs to be limited by parents and schools because it is harmful to teenagers since it disrupts their daily lives and success.

Your Claim: _________________________________________________________________________
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**Counterclaim:** Identify opposition + TOPIC + opinion + reason + necessary action

Example Counterclaim: Conversely, many teens would argue that THEIR TECHNOLOGY USE should not be limited because technology is more helpful than harmful, making life easier for them.

Your counterclaim: ____________________________________________________________________
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