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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