Title: _________________________________________________________________________

Research Question (That is, what question are you answering in this research paper?): _______
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Introduction

Lead/attention-grabber (relevant quotation, definition, research question, etc.):
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Thesis Statement (Claim):
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Counterargument (1 paragraph)

Transitional word or phrase to lead in to your counterargument:
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Topic Sentence/Lead-in___________________________________________________________
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Context of your source, including background information, explanation, or “setting the stage” for your evidence to be presented:
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Quote/Paraphrase your source. Include citation information!
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Commentary and analysis: How does this information support your counterargument?
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Claim/ Reason/ Evidence (3 Paragraphs) Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence/Lead in:
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Transition to next idea:
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Paragraph 2
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**Paragraph 3**

Topic Sentence/Lead in: __________________________________________________________
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Transition to next idea:
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Conclusion

(Do NOT repeat, summarize, or restate here! You should ONLY be drawing conclusions about your research! Please do not restate your thesis.)

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