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Opinion Brainstorming

Brainstorm several answers to each question in attempt to focus your topic.

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| What is the topic? What smaller topics lead to the larger topic? |  |
| Who is involved? Who can make a difference? |  |
| Where do you see this topic? |  |
| When did the topic begin? When has it become more prominent or problematic?  |  |
| Why is this topic important?  |  |
| How do people react to this topic? How do they need to react?  |  |

Circle the answers that seem most interesting or relevant to turn into your claim.

Claim (focused topic + focused opinions):

Brainstorm five reasons you think your claim is important. Write your answers in “Reasons for claim”

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| Reasons for claim | Counterarguments (from peers) | Notes (after counterarguments) |
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