## Research question

*The question your argument answers.*

## Claim

*Your position, stated in one clear sentence.*

## Evidence 1

*A specific fact, example, or quotation — plus the source it came from.*

## Evidence 2

*A second, different piece of evidence — plus its source.*

## Evidence 3

*A third piece of evidence, ideally a different KIND (statistic, artifact, expert view) — plus its source.*

## Reasoning

*Why this evidence supports your claim. Connect the dots explicitly.*

## Counterclaim

*The strongest thing someone who disagrees would say.*

## Response

*Where the counterclaim is right, where it falls short, and why your claim still stands.*

## Conclusion

*Restate your claim in new words and say why it matters.*

## Citing Your Sources

- Museum or encyclopedia page: Institution, "Page title," URL, and the date you accessed it.
- Book: Author, Title (Publisher, year), and the page number if you quote.
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