Argumentative Writing: Graphic Organizer

**Prompt: Is Shakespeare still relevant today to be included in the classroom curriculum?**

1. As in any essay, the first paragraph of your argumentative essay should contain a brief explanation of your topic, some background information, and a thesis statement. In this case, your thesis will be a statement of your position on a particular controversial topic. You are making a claim!
2. Support your claim with more than one supporting reason ­ in logical order. Next, give evidence to support your reasons.

Reasons/Supporting details

Evidence

1. Make at least one (1) counter­claim (the other side of the argument).
2. Next, provide facts or examples to refute it (make a rebuttal).

Counter­claims

Rebuttal

1. Provide a concluding statement that calls the audience to take action.

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