Developing Your Claim

Who is the audience?

What is the topic (issue)?

Briefly identify the argument.

What is your position on the topic (issue)?

State your claim (thesis)

What is your rationale (reason) for your position?

What is the anticipated counter-argument?

**Argument Supporting Keller's Claim** **Argument Countering Keller's Claim**

Position Statement: Position Statement:

Textual Evidence Textual Evidence

Supporting Evidence Supporting Evidence

Personal Personal Observation