Choice 1: What would improve your hometown? You have an opportunity to submit a proposal, and possibly deliver a speech at a town council meeting. Some examples of improvement could be increased public transportation, a new community center for teenagers, or new bike park for kids of all ages. Start by writing an outline proposal convincing town officials to make a change that would improve your neighborhood. Know that you will present this to a large group of adults, and that you should have strong arguments and speak with a formal tone. There is a chance you could contribute to a real change in your community if you take this seriously. What would you change in your community and how will your town pay for it?

Choice 2: Because of the declining economy, fewer and fewer jobs are available, so thousands of people in your hometown have recently become homeless to no fault of their own. Imagine that a large group of these people have set up a temporary camp near your home.

Many people who live in your community are furious about this. They want the government and police to send these people away using legislation, threats, or force. Others support allowing those without homes to stay and even suggest helping them by giving them supplies and facilities. Everyone has been invited to the town hall for a meeting to resolve this issue. People who wish to speak must submit a proposal outlining what they intend to say. The town council will select five speakers from each side of the debate to present their arguments at the meeting. You feel strongly about the issue, so you decide to submit an outline proposal that you may turn into a speech.

Should your town or city allow the homeless camp to remain in your neighborhood?

**Submit your outline using roman numerals (see below for structure) Outline for 1.5**

**I. Introduction (first paragraph):**

**A. Introduce your topic**

**B. Brief background on the topic**

**C. Thesis (State your position in one strong statement. The town council should move the homeless camp because of x, y, and z. )**

**II. Body (middle paragraphs):**

**A. Reason 1 (paragraph 2)**

**1. Transition word and topic sentence.**

**2. Explanation of fact or example that supports reason 1. Research optional.**

**B. Reason 2 (paragraph 3)**

**1. Transition word and topic sentence.**

**2. Explanation of fact or example that supports reason 2. Research optional.**

**C. Concede a Point (paragraph 4)**

**1. Topic sentence. Example: The opposing side argues that the newly homeless people do not have a choice or another place to live at this time. At first glance, this may appear true as there are few places for them to live at this time. However, …**

**2. Recognize the opposing view. What good point do they have? Why is your view better? Make sure you explain how your arguments are stronger than the opposing side.**

**III. Conclusion (last paragraph):**

**A. Restate your view or thesis.**

**B. Call to action (What can the reader do to take action on this issue?)**

**\*You may add an additional reason if you have one. Just add another paragraph before the Concede a Point paragraph.**