Edit this essay outline and suggest problems the writer might have

Essay Outline

TOPIC: How can states effectively respond to the issue of climate change?

THESIS: Climate change is the most pressing issue that Canada's Arctic faces today.

FIRST ARGUMENT

Topic Sentence: Temperatures in Canada's Northern region will increase six degrees in the next 100 years, which will forever change the Arctic ecosystem.

Source(s):

Fungal, C., and T.D. Prowse. "Northern Canada." In *From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate*, edited by D.S. Lemmen et. al., 57-118. Ottawa, Ontario: Government of Canada, 2007.

SECOND ARGUMENT

Topic Sentence: The area of Arctic ice is about one-fifth less than in 1979, which will cause global coastal flooding.

Source(s):

Coates, Ken, et. al. *Arctic Front: Defending Canada in the Far North*. Toronto, Ontario: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2008.

THIRD ARGUMENT

Topic Sentence: Climate change severely affects traditional economies that northern residents rely upon.

Source(s):

Byers, Michael. *Intent for a Nation: What is Canada For?* Vancouver, British Columbia: Douglas & McIntyre, 2007.

FIRST COUNTER-ARGUMENT

Topic Sentence of Counter-Argument: Climate change in the Arctic will make construction of new infrastructure easier.

Topic Sentence of Rebuttal: Surely Canada, one of the richest countries in the world, can afford to address climate change and build new infrastructure.

Source(s):

Bone, Robert. *The Canadian North: Issues and Challenges*. Toronto, Ontario: Oxford University Press, 2008.

SECOND COUNTER-ARGUMENT

Topic Sentence of Counter-Argument: Climate change in the Arctic could result in the discovery of new oil resources.

Topic Sentence of Rebuttal: We should not try to discover new oil because climate change will get much worse if we do not stop using oil immediately!

Source(s):

Emmerson, Charles et. al. *Arctic Opening: Opportunity and Risk in the High North.* London, England: Chatham House and Lloyds, 2012.

CONCLUSION: States need to address climate change as soon as possible.