**Argumentative Research Essay Activity:**

1. Identify the **problem**, its **significance**, and get the reader to care.
2. Describe the major/most important **causes and the effects** of the problem/ the problems it may cause in a society.
3. **Thesis Statement**: Your thesis should argue for one main solution (the claim), the counter-claim, and your reasons/arguments. For example: *“Although many disagree, spanking is still a useful tool to use for discipline problems as long as it’s used constructively because children need authority.”* When using this format, your body paragraphs will all tie into and support your solution.
4. Describe your ***proposed solution and explain it*** in enough detail to make it clear for the reader.
5. Provide at least ***two arguments*** that prove why your solution will be **effective** and is the **best solution**.
6. **Counter-argument:** Provide at least one counter-argument and refute it. The counter arguments might support an alternative solution, address arguments that oppose your solution, or address arguments that oppose your problem itself, arguing that it is not an important problem.