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**Defeating the Critic Paragraph**

*Choose a controversial thesis statement about the following topic. Instead of providing reasons why your claim is true, however, come up with two reasons that someone might disagree with your thesis statement. Then write a paragraph that addresses both potential counter-arguments.*

**Topic:**

**Possible Structure:**

Sentence 1- CLAIM

Sentence 2- However, others believe [COUNTERARGUMENT 1]

Sentence 3- In addition, others believe [COUNTERARGUMENT 2]

Sentence 4- Yet, the former is wrong; [CLAIM] is more valid than [COUNTERGUMENT 1] because [RESPONSE TO COUNTERARGUMENT 1].

Sentence 5- Second, the latter is wrong; [CLAIM] is more valid than [COUNTERGUMENT 2] because [RESPONSE TO COUNTERARGUMENT 2].

**Write your paragraph below:**

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