***Directions: Make a key and label the following items in the argument paragraph below:***

**Claim:**

**Counter Claim:**

**Factual evidence:**

**Anecdotal evidence:**

**Commentary:**

**Transitions:**

3rd hour English 7 Class

April 26, 2013

**Manners Matter**

We think that using manners is still important in today’s society. On the one hand, people believe that compared with big problems like war and hunger, manners are not that important. However, manners help to make people feel happier and there are less conflicts. For example, a man got trampled to death in 2008 at Walmart because people cared about getting a good deal than using their manners. Bad manners can lead to terrible things. Good manners can keep people from fighting, having accidents, and makes people feel safer. To sum up, everyone should be self-conscious of their manners.

***What could they have added to make this a better paragraph?***

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1st hour English

May 8, 2013

Athletes are Overpaid

We believe that professional athletes are overpaid. It could be argued that athletes deserve their enormous salary because their job can be dangerous. However, there are jobs that are far more dangerous, such as being a firefighter or a soldier. For example, the average American firefighter earns about $45,000 a year. A professional athlete starts their career with a base salary of $500,000 and can make up to $30 million or more during their career. A firefighter puts their life in danger daily by having to deal with risky situations such as running into a flaming building to save someone or climbing a tree to save a cat. To sum up, there are jobs that are far more important than being a professional athlete that deserve higher compensation.

***What could they have added to make this a better paragraph?***

**Outlaw Clothing**

Certain clothing should be made illegal.

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It could be argued that people express themselves with clothing.

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However, people would focus more when they aren’t distracted

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by inappropriate clothing. For example,

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lawmakers in Louisiana, Georgia, and New Jersey think sagging

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pants should be illegal.

Pants worn low enough to expose underwear are indecent.

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In school students get distracted when they notice other classmates butt cracks hanging out of their pants.

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They could get accused of cheating on a test because their eyes wander or fail a test. Given all this, certain clothing needs to be

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banned to help us concentrate in life.

1. Which line would be considered the claim? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which line would be considered the counter claim?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which line(s) would be considered facts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which line(s) would be considered anecdotal evidence? \_\_\_\_

5. Which line(s) would be considered commentary? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which line(s) would be considered transitions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_