1. Make a Claim

Anton states his position—his argument—clearly.

2. Support the Claim

Anton draws on an example from his social studies class.

3. Anticipate Opposition

Anton clearly engages one possible counterclaim and works to disprove it.

4. Consider Audience

Anton will write a formal essay; he uses appropriate language and evidence for this task.

5. Integrate

Anton's essay will likely include three body paragraphs. Alternatively, he could have argued his claim first and then engaged a counterclaim.

Anton's First Draft

Laws shape and define the structure of any group of people by setting boundaries, justly or unjustly. However, at a certain point, laws might infringe upon the basic universal human rights of any individual if the law is not carefully thought out and planned. Unjust laws are broken in modern society quite often, and not only are there points at which individuals may break a law but should break it. An example of this is the civil rights movement, in which individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. violated laws through civil disobedience in order to fight injustice. One might claim that such disobedience creates chaos and incites others to break the law, but without the ability to protest such laws, how will change ever occur? Examples from history (civil rights) and two plays (Antigone and The Crucible) demonstrate this fact. If humans can't violate a clearly unjust law, any government could oppress its people without fear of consequences—there must be a way to stop bad government and bad laws.