Introduce claim(s), and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

Columbus was a hero, or Columbus was a villain. I will discuss three reasons...

Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text. Your quotes are the relevant evidence. When you elaborate, stay on topic and keep bringing it back to Columbus being a hero or a villain.

acknowledge counterclaims and argue against.

The smackdown paragraph. Some people believe that Columbus was a hero/villain because he..... However, the evidence shows that

Use both primary and secondary sources.

The primary sources are quotes from the journals, diaries, letters of Columbus. The secondary source is a quote from a historian.

Establish and maintain a formal style. My outline will help you do this.

Provide a concluding statement or section that supports the argument(s) presented. This is your conclusion