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**Writing:** you will now compose two paragraphs. One paragraph will be about what causes the issue you have selected. The second paragraph will be about what the effects are of the issue you have chosen. Each paragraph will be hand written and will be at least seven (7) sentences. Your two paragraphs will follow the format listed here:

**Paragraph 1: Cause**

**Sub Claim-** X causes ISSUE because..... (Low wages have created a lack of affordable housing because people are not able to purchase homes in desirable areas.)

**Evidence-** from the article or your own knowledge

**Reasoning-** explain how the evidence proves your sub claim

**Conclusion-** why this is important/why this matters

**Paragraph 2: Effect**

**Sub Claim-** Issue affects X because..... (The lack of affordable housing affects people's financial security because they are using their monthly income to pay for their living arrangements.)

**Evidence-** from the article or your own knowledge

**Reasoning-** explain how the evidence proves your sub claim

**Conclusion-** why this is important/why this matters/how the problem can be fixed