

***Journal # 4** Directions: Read the following article by the Atlanta Mission about homelessness. <https://atlantamission.org/the-hidden-homeless-what-youre-not-seeing-in-the-statistics/>



Directions: For your journal, make a **claim** that answers the following question: Should the local, state, and/or federal government pay for housing when its citizens cannot?

Remember, a claim is simply a statement that reflects a person's beliefs, values, ideas...about a particular topic. Claims must be debatable which means that people can argue that they are not true. (In other words, someone can disagree with the idea and provide evidence to support opposing beliefs.)

All claims must be supported with evidence, reasoning, and examples. Here are three claims: (1) Capital punishment should be illegal (claim) because innocent people can be killed; (2) People

should not have to wear seatbelts (claim) because doing so doesn't reduce car-crash fatalities; and (3) All children should be required to take swimming lessons in school (claim) because it could reduce the number of drownings each year.

When writing an argumentative essay, a person should address the counterclaim (or opposing idea) by refuting (proving wrong or false) with evidence, reasoning and examples.

Write your claim with at least one reason as a complex sentence.

*This activity should be completed for homework.