Provide EVIDENCE that includes **facts, examples/anecdotes, expert opinions, and statistics**.

**THE PROBLEM**

1. What is the problem?

2. Why is this happening?

3. Where is this happening?

4. When did this start happening?

5. Who is affected? How many people?

6. What are the short-term consequences? Explain.

7. What are the long-term consequences? Explain.

8. Does this affect you? Explain.

***Consider how the problem impacts …***

9. the environment

10. education

11. health

12. the economy ($, jobs)

13. Is there another side or another perspective to consider? Are there differing opinions on the topic? Are there pros and cons?

14. What are the underlying causes of the problem? In other words, what factors contribute to the problem?

**SOLUTIONS**

15. What can be done to solve this problem? Explain at least 2 solutions.

SOLUTION #1:

SOLUTION #2:

16. What has already been done to try and solve the problem?

17. Why have some solutions failed to solve the problem?