



“Outline It” Claim

**Task:** Write an outline-based claim statement by studying the mentor text.

**Step 1: Study the Mentor Text**

The Basic Formula:  
Restate the Prompt + List Main Ideas

The history of American barbecue is as diverse as the variations themselves, charting the path of a Caribbean cooking style brought north by Spanish conquistadors, moved westward by settlers, and seasoned with the flavors of European cultures.

- Natasha Geiling, 2023, “The Evolution of American Barbecue,” [Smithsonian Mag](#)

What techniques do you notice in the mentor text?	If you had to guess, what prompt or question do you think the author is answering here?	What are the author’s main ideas? List them in the order they are presented.

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