**Type your responses when directed. You do not need to make a copy; it’s been done for you. Just type on the document that opened for you.**

**STEP 1: State your claim/thesis.**

The thesis is where you tell readers what your essay is going to be about. The thesis should be a clear, strong statement of your opinion of should we get rid of pennies. The rest of your essay will support this thesis.

**Thesis:**

**Step 2: Support your claim.**

Provide at least three pieces of supporting evidence for your claim about getting rid of pennies. Each piece of evidence should be a complete sentence.

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**Step 3: Acknowledge the other side.**

If you think that the U.S. SHOULD get rid of the penny, summarize the strongest arguments of those who disagree. If you think that the U.S. SHOULD NOT get rid of the penny, summarize the main reasons some people think that we should.

**Counterargument:**

**Step 4: Summarize the issue**

Let readers know a little about the issue you will be writing about. This is not your point of view; it’s a brief summary of the issue. Finish the summary of the debate over pennies that appears below.

**There is disagreement over whether the U.S. should continue using pennies. Some people think that pennies are useless and should no longer be made. Others think that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**