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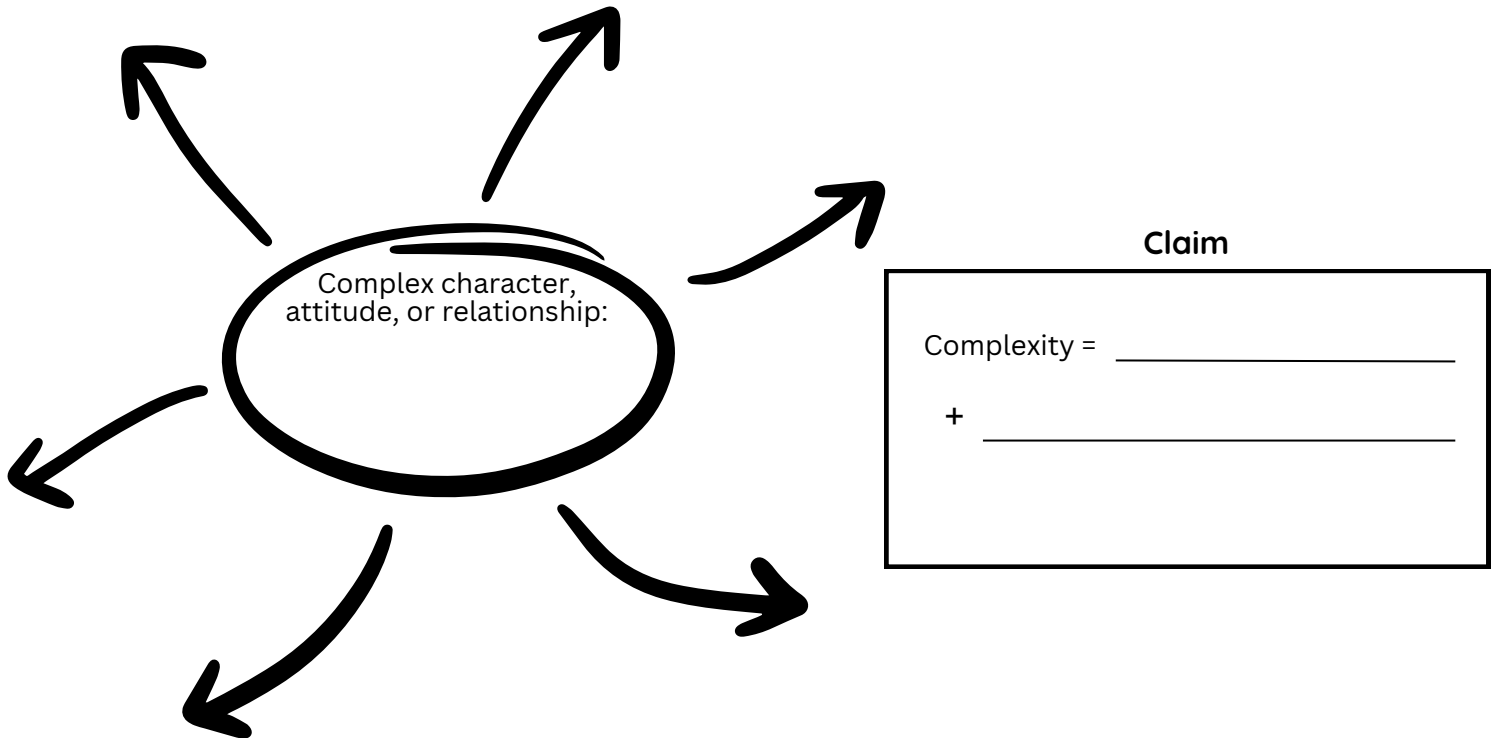
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Analyze the prompt:

Analyze how the author uses literary techniques to _____ the complex _____

Complexity Map

In the inner circle, write down the character, attitude, or relationship that is to be analyzed for complexity. In the arrows around it, write descriptors that describe that element. Select 2 opposing descriptors that you can analyze for complexity. Write that statement below.



Line of Reasoning

Connect this text to an external **theme** or **conflict**. Why does it matter OUTSIDE of the text?

Thesis

In 1-2 well-worded sentences, respond to the prompt by combining your claim to your line of reasoning.

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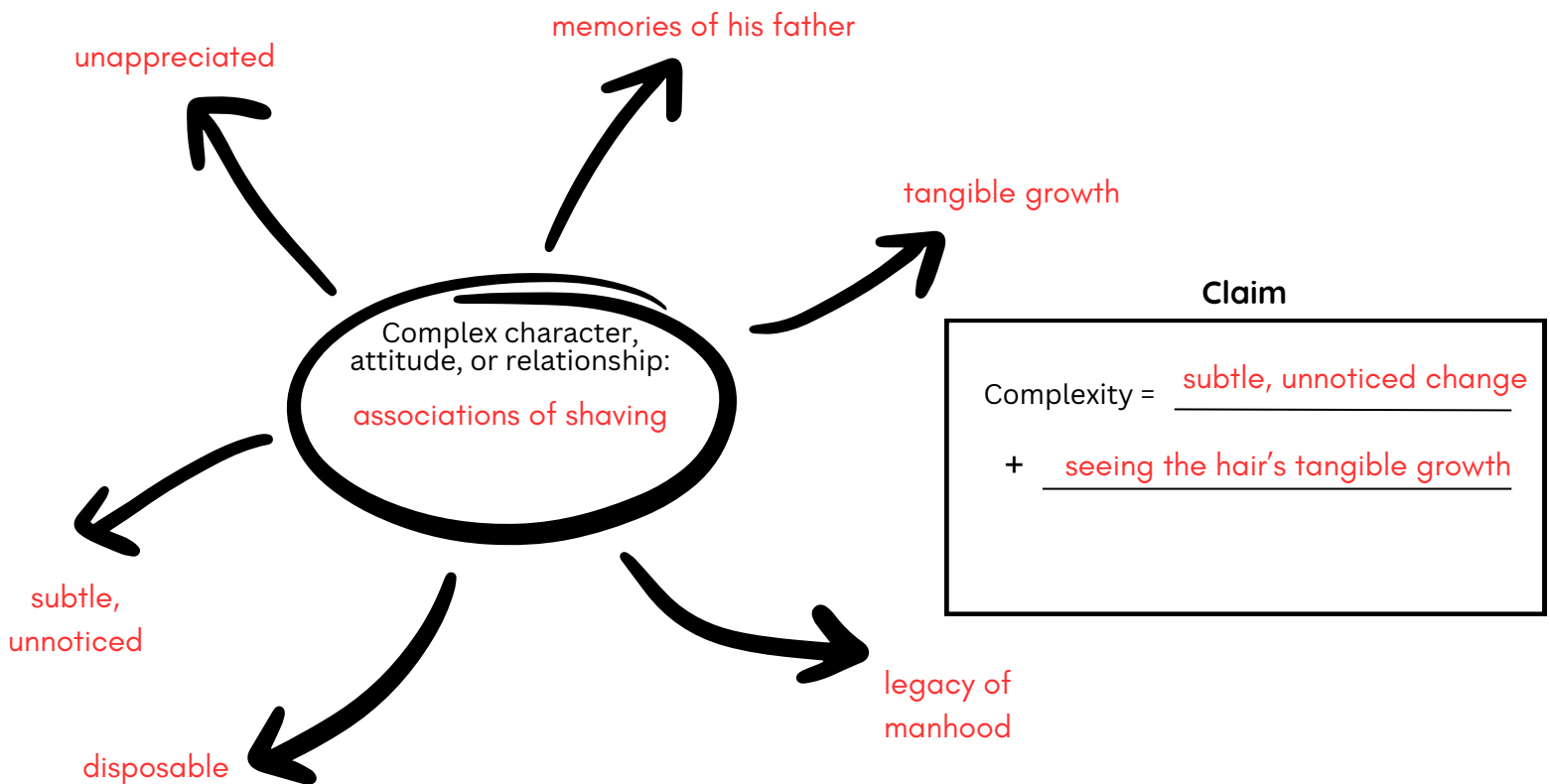
Analyze the prompt:

Example brainstorming for 2022
"Shaving" exemplar essay 1A

Analyze how the author uses literary techniques to develop the complex _____
associations with the ritual of shaving.

Complexity Map

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Line of Reasoning

Connect this text to an external **theme** or **conflict**. Why does it matter OUTSIDE of the text?

Changes and conflict are essential to the growth of a person.

Thesis

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In Richard Blanco's "Shaving," the elaborate use of similes and the idea of shaving itself as a metaphor for fatherly traces in the narrator's memories portrays that life is fragile and silently slips by, just like the miniscule, unperceivable growth of whiskers or a beard. While such changes are often overlooked, one instance in life can allow one to perceive such changes as those are essential to the identity of an individual.

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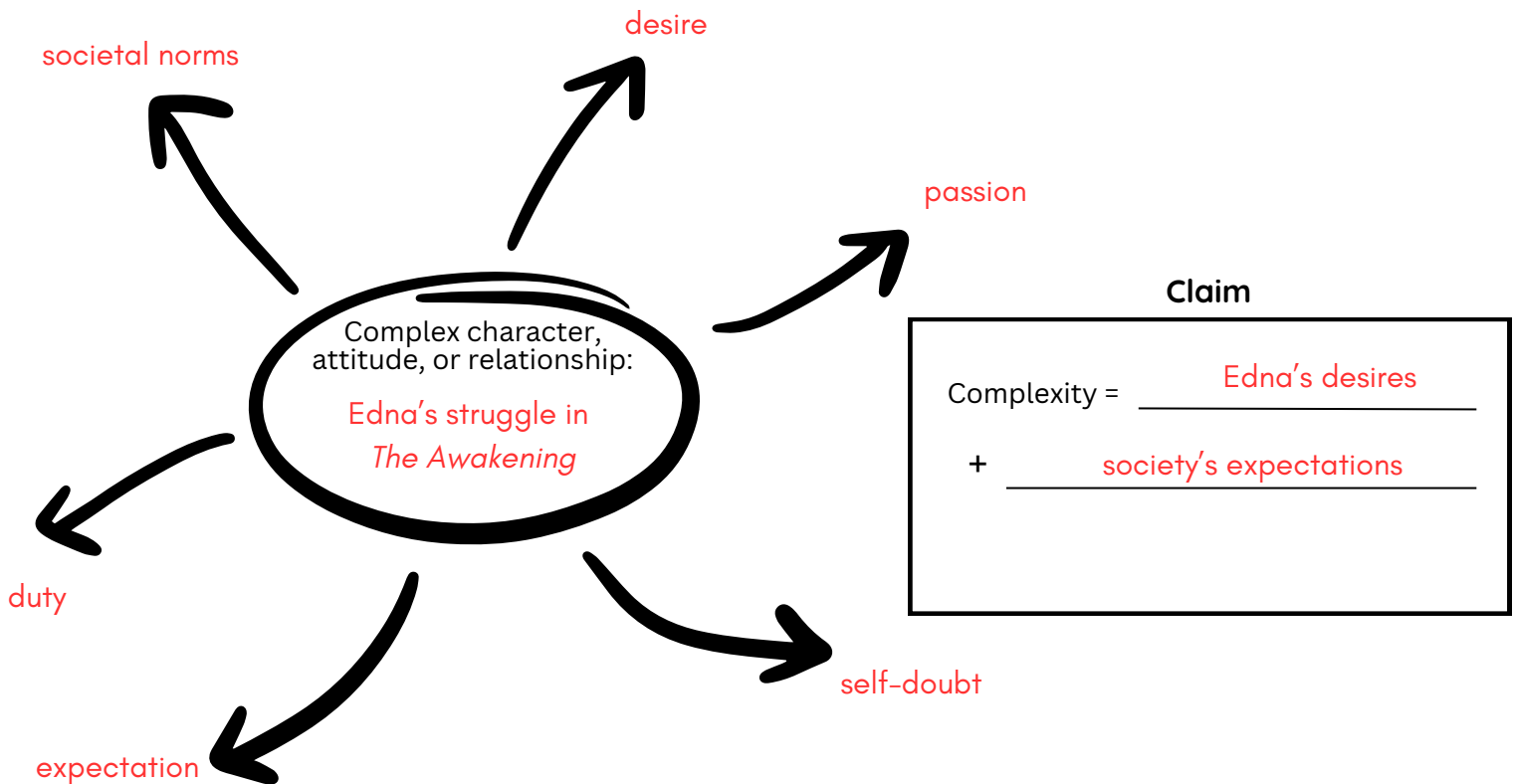
Analyze the prompt:

Example brainstorming for 2022
Hierarchy Q3 exemplar essay 1A

Analyze how the author uses literary techniques to analyze the complex _____
response to hierarchy

Complexity Map

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Line of Reasoning

Connect this text to an external **theme** or **conflict**. Why does it matter OUTSIDE of the text?

social hierarchies can interfere with people trying to reach their goal, leading to self-harm

Thesis

In 1-2 well-worded sentences, respond to the prompt by combining your claim to your line of reasoning.

Edna actively rejects the familial hierarchy that confines her to the role of the subservient wife and doting mother as well as social hierarchy that prevents her from attaining freedom. Together, the chains of these hierarchies on Edna's life ultimately lead to her suicide, developing the tragic theme of struggle between desire and expectation.



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