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SAMPLE FAT OUTLINE: IRON MAN VS. BATMAN

- I. INTRODUCTION: Michael Grant said that “Superpowers, don't always make you a superhero.” The popularity of superheroes has grown exponentially in recent years thanks to films in both the DC and Marvel Cinematic Universes. Humans are drawn to the fantastical tales of people with supernatural powers such as x-ray vision, invisibility, and the ability to fly. However, there are two men in the ranks of superheroes who stand out, not for what they have, but for what they lack. Batman and Iron Man are both humans and superheroes. However, neither are granted inhuman prowess. Instead, they draw on what they do have to make them exceptional. Despite their lack of super powers and their personal battles, Iron Man and Batman use their wealth and skills to become super heroes.
- II. BACKGROUND INFO
- III. SUPPORT #1: Iron Man and Batman are extremely wealthy. They both inherit wealth from their deceased parents and are entrusted with their estates and corporations.
 - A. SUBPOINT #1: Stark’s wealth provides the means to build the Iron Man suit.
 - i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE: “Howard Stark, considered the greatest inventor and engineer of his age, amassed a staggering fortune through the creation of Stark Industries, which is the foundation upon which his son Tony could easily forge his own empire of wealth and innovation.”

- ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE: Wealth opens doors for Tony Stark. It not only provides the resources to purchase advanced technology, it also allows Stark to operate in affluent circles of high society.
 - B. SUBPOINT #2: Batman, through Wayne Enterprises, also uses his wealth to fund his projects.
 - i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote about Wayne Enterprises)
 - ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE: Through Wayne Enterprises, Batman has the time and money to experiment with the weaponry and armor.
 - IV. SUPPORT #2: Iron Man and Batman are incredibly smart. Although wealth opens doors for these two men, it is their genius intellect that propels them into superheroes.
 - A. SUBPOINT #1: Iron Man, like his father before him, is an inventor. His suit is a complicated technological invention.
 - i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)
 - ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE
 - B. SUBPOINT #2: Batman is also a highly intellectual man. His ability to engineer his bat suit and numerous vehicles are what make him super.
 - i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)
 - ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE
 - V. SUPPORT #3: Iron Man and Batman both have a strong desire to help others in need and fight again injustice.
 - A. SUBPOINT #1: Stark fights against evil villains.
 - i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)
 - ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE

B. SUBPOINT #2: Batman also fights against villains.

i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)

ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE

VI. SUPPORT #4: Iron Man and Batman both have major character flaws. Despite their wealth and their intellect, they are not perfect people.

A. SUBPOINT #1: Tony Stark developed a reputation as a ruthless businessman and callow playboy. Stark does not have a secret identity to hide behind, so the heroism of Iron Man is rivaled by the notoriety of Tony Stark.

i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)

ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE

B. SUBPOINT #2: Bruce Wayne witnessed the brutal murder of his parents when he was a boy. His thirst for revenge sometimes cloud his judgment. He has also earned the ire of law enforcement for being a vigilante who often works independently of the law.

i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)

ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE

C. SUBPOINT #3: Tony Stark's and Bruce Wayne's character flaws make them interesting heroes because they are more relatable to the average person. They also provide an interesting contrast to other heroes with super powers and unreachably high moral standards, such as Superman and Captain America.

i. EVIDENCE/EXAMPLE (Quote)

ii. ANALYSIS OF QUOTE

VII. CONCLUSION