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The Homework Question

Directions: Read the short opinion article below. Highlight or underline the **claims** (the author's main points/opinions). Identify the **evidence** that the author uses to support each claim. Complete the chart to organize your answers.

Opinion Article - *Should Homework Be Limited?*

Homework has long been a tradition in schools, but I believe it should be limited for students. First, too much homework often leads to stress and exhaustion. A recent survey of middle school students found that more than half reported losing sleep because of late-night assignments.

Second, limiting homework allows more time for family activities and hobbies. Students who have free time are more likely to read for fun, play sports, or simply relax, which helps them return to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Finally, research shows that heavy homework loads do not always improve learning. The National Education Association reported that moderate amounts of homework are more effective than hours of nightly work. This means teachers could assign less while still supporting learning goals.

Claim (Author's Opinion)	Evidence (Facts/Examples Used)