

## MMW4 – Prospectus Worksheet

*\*\*Remember, this is just a worksheet for outlining your arguments. Your prospectus should go well beyond this bare-bones approach. You should not simply copy the language of the sheet and "fill in the blanks." Instead, come up with your own careful phrasing to express the ideas set forth below. (In other words, do not write, for example, about how "on the topic of X, the question of Y arises."). You may not turn in only this sheet as your prospectus; see the requirements on the previous page. This is a device to guide your analytical processes rather than a template for your writing. It is intended as a reliable guide for your thinking which will provide a clear, useful structure for your paper. If, however, your argument logically might call for a different way of organizing your presentation, you may use a different structure as long as you address each of the required elements set forth below.*

On the topic of: \_\_\_\_\_

...I have asked the following question: \_\_\_\_\_

This question has several plausible answers. For example, some scholars such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (etc.) have claimed that \_\_\_\_\_

Other scholars such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (etc.) argue persuasively that \_\_\_\_\_

*[Add more discussion of contrary interpretations, as necessary]*

While the above answers are plausible, they have several weaknesses. These

include: \_\_\_\_\_

I believe the correct answer to this question is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

The answer I propose is preferable because: \_\_\_\_\_

My answer addresses the weaknesses identified in above in the following ways: \_\_\_\_\_

My thesis is supported by the following item of evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Reference: \_\_\_\_\_)

My thesis is also supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Reference: \_\_\_\_\_)

My thesis is further supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Reference: \_\_\_\_\_)

*[Add more, as required]*

My thesis is significant because it modifies and/or adds to current thinking on this topic in the following way(s):

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