In my research on the topic of ________________________________

I have learned the following: ________________________________

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These observations lead me to ask the following question: ________________________________

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This question has several plausible answers. For example, scholars such as ____________ and ________________ claim that ________________________________

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It is also possible to argue that ________________________________

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[Add more if necessary]

While the above answers are plausible, they have several weaknesses [insert counter-evidence/counter-arguments here]. These weaknesses include ________________________________

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My own answer to the question—my thesis—is as follows:

My thesis is supported by the following piece of evidence:

(Reference: ____________________________)

My thesis is also supported by the following:

(Reference: ____________________________)

My thesis is further supported by the following:

(Reference: ____________________________)

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

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