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: 