Build an argument

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Question: _____

Command word: _____ Key dispute: _____

My thesis: the answer I will defend

State a precise, qualified answer to this exact question.

Argument 1

Claim + reason / scholar | strongest challenge | reasoned interim judgement

Argument 2

Claim + reason / scholar | strongest challenge | reasoned interim judgement

Argument 3

Claim + reason / scholar | strongest challenge | reasoned interim judgement

Conclusion: which argument decides the question, and why?

Review, then improve

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Read once for the argument, then again for the evidence. Use ticks and a specific example.

- [ ] **Question focus**

  Does each paragraph address the precise claim and command word?

- [ ] **AO1 selection**

  Are concepts and scholars accurate, relevant and explained?

- [ ] **AO2 reasoning**

  Have I tested the argument rather than listed strengths and weaknesses?

- [ ] **Fair challenge**

  Have I considered the strongest reply to my own view?

- [ ] **Comparative judgement**

  Do I explain why one argument is stronger, using a clear criterion?

- [ ] **Conclusion**

  Does it follow from the discussion and answer the exact question?

The paragraph I will improve, and the specific change I will make

My revised judgement

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