

## SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR ARGUMENT SECTION

In your argument, please provide three premises (or reasons) for supporting one philosopher's argument over another philosopher's. Each premise will have to be supported by its own argument. The argument you provide in support of each of your premises should be YOUR ARGUMENT. It should not be a rehearsal of the exegesis you have already provided.

It is hard to provide a template for arguments, but if I were to supply a template it would look like this:

Paragraph 1:

As stated in my introduction, I will now argue that X's account is superior to Y's. My first premise for the superiority of X's account is that..... My evidence for this is....

Example:

As stated in my introduction, I will now argue that Micky Mouse's argument for mice rights is superior to Catalina Scarbrough's. My first reason for believing that Mouse's argument is superior is that Mouse focuses on rights while Scarbrough focuses on paws. It is important to focus on rights over paws because rights is more morally salient to the question at hand. Let me explain why.....

Paragraph 2:

My second premise in support of X is that...

Example:

My second reason for preferring Mouse's argument is that Mouse's account takes into consideration species while Scarbrough's does not. We must take into account species because ....

Paragraph 3:

My third premise in support of X is that....

Example:

My final reason in support of Mouse is that Mouse's account is more action guiding. With any moral theory, we want to be able to figure out what to do in a particular situation. Mouse's account provides us with such a decision procedure that is easy to apply to everyday life, while Scarbrough does not supply us with such a procedure. Let's look at an example.....