

Although [PASSAGE # - this is the one that has a weaker argument] makes some good points, ultimately [PASSAGE # - this is the one that has a stronger argument] best supports its position because/by [REASON 1], [REASON 2], and [REASON 3]. (Make sure to share the bare minimum because you will explain/elaborate on the reasons in the body of the response.)

optional intro

Because the author of [PASSAGE #] is _____, he/she **has authority** to speak on [THE TOPIC]. (Elaborate how this author has more authority than the other author.)

***If you don't know if the author has authority, what types of valid evidence does the stronger side bring to the table? Relevant and timely studies and research? Concrete facts and language?

***Does the weaker argument use vague words like some, in the future, anticipate?

In [PASSAGE #], the author states [REASON 1]. He supports this claim by presenting [MENTION FIRST PIECE OF EVIDENCE] found in [PARAGRAPH #]. (Elaborate on how this is valid evidence and how it supports REASON 1.) **On the other hand**, in [PASSAGE #] they mention [REASON 1] in [PARAGRAPH #] but lack to provide evidence by _____ (share how they try to get you to believe it is a valid fact).

***If the weaker passage addresses this reason too but does not have valid evidence, bring it up! Pit the passages against one another.

In addition to providing valid evidence for [REASON 1], [PASSAGE #] also addresses [REASON 2]. This claim is supported by [MENTION SECOND PIECE OF EVIDENCE] found in [PARAGRAPH #]. (Elaborate on how this is valid evidence and how it supports REASON 2.) **However**, in [PASSAGE #] they mention [REASON 2] in [PARAGRAPH #] but do not provide evidence by _____ (share how they try to get you to believe it is a valid fact).

***If the weaker passage addresses this reason too but does not have valid evidence, bring it up! Pit the passages against one another.

Finally, [PASSAGE #] addresses [REASON 3] by sharing [MENTION THIRD PIECE OF EVIDENCE] found in [PARAGRAPH #]. (Elaborate on how this is valid evidence and how it supports REASON 3.) **On the contrary**, in [PASSAGE #] they mention [REASON 3] in [PARAGRAPH #] but do not provide evidence by _____ (share how they try to get you to believe it is a valid fact).

***If the weaker passage addresses this reason too but does not have valid evidence, bring it up! Pit the passages against one another.

In conclusion, [PASSAGE #] better supports their argument by sharing [REASON 1], [REASON 2], and [REASON 3] and backing up those claims with valid evidence in the form of [FACTS, STUDIES, DATA, etc.].

