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#2 Insert transitional phrases.
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- Coherent?
- Unity?

#3 - Write paragraph off the map

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A common argument against this position is ...
It is easy to think that ...
It is often thought that ...

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