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3. Critical engagement with the arguments set out in the text by ways of summarising individual chapters, sections, or main arguments in a one-by-one paragraph structure

4. Details of the text’s contribution to its field

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6. Conclusion with includes an overall evaluation of the book

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