Argument Worksheet

Playing the Devil’s Advocate

Write your argument in the space below:
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Think of some questions and concerns that cast doubt on your argument. List them here:
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Now, think of ways to respond to these questions and concerns. Write your responses here:
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Rewrite your argument in the space below. Boost its strength by building your responses into it.
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Getting Your Arguments in Order

List three good arguments you can use in your report:

(1)________________________________________________________
(2)________________________________________________________
(3)________________________________________________________

Evaluate your arguments. List them in order from strongest to weakest:

(Strongest)________________________________________________________
(Second-strongest)________________________________________________________
(Weakest)________________________________________________________

Now, list your arguments in the order you plan to use them in your report:

(Strongest)________________________________________________________
(Weakest)________________________________________________________
(Second-strongest)________________________________________________________