

Transition between quote + claim
That common saying ...

quote
Introduction: Hook + Background
"A dog is man's best friend"

claim:
Cats make excellent house pets

cat can also be a best friend
transition: ~~background~~ to claim
Despite what dog -- believe

Transition:
In the first place...

① affectionate
- snuggle
- petted
- scratched
- purr

Reason 1:
GOOD companions

② Playful
- chase balls
- feathers
- dangling from string
- w/ owners

Details/Evidence + Warrants:

transition
Contrary to popular opinion

③ trained

- how - rewards + punishments
- avoid unwanted behavior
- tricks → fetch

Transition
In the second place...

① "unlike dogs"
do not
= low noises
- don't bark
- or other noises
- don't meow
- quiet life

Reason 2:
Civilized members

② few accidents
- Mom trains
- use L. Box
- even strays

Details/Evidence + Warrants:

③ Cats do have claws
- furniture
counter arg.

③ answer to counter argument
claws
- scratching post
- declawed

Transition
Lastly, one of the most attractive features...

① Exercise
- no walk
- plenty inside
↳ play

④ left alone
- won't destroy furnishings
- usual activities

Reason 3:
Easy to care for

② business
- litter box
↳ quick + painless

Details/Evidence + Warrants:

counter argument

③ Grooming (cleanliness)
- Do their own
- Don't need to bathe
- Particular
- cleaner than people

Conclusion + Call to Action:

- Live in small areas
- Live in large areas
- Cats are the ideal house pet } claim

cats are low maintenance, civilized companions
restated reasons in different way