STRUCTURE T.S. ELIOT’S ESSAY

* Thesis 1: “It has often been claimed … poetry”
  + Speaker’s personal opinion: “I think … justified”
  + Specification 1 of the thesis: “BUT please notice … great poetry”
    - Argumentation 1: “there are … Shakespeare”
    - Argumentation 2: “And EVEN for the quantity … produced more”
  + Specification 2 of the thesis: “I simply say … to play with”
    - Argumentation 1/consequence: “it has the largest … total wealth”
      * Clarification of the relationship between Specification 2 and Argumentation 1: “BUT this is not … real reason”
    - Argumentation 2/strongest argumentation: “This reason … made up”
      * Argumentation 1: “FIRST of course … in common”
      * Argumentation 2: “AFTER THIS we find … Danish conquest”
      * Argumentation 3: “THEN there is … Norman conquest”
      * Argumentation 4: “AFTER THIS there followed … different periods”
      * Argumentation 5: “The sixteenth century … rejecting others”
      * Argumentation 6: “and there is ANOTHER … the Celtic”
  + Specification 3 about the thesis: “BUT I am not thinking … of the rhythms”
    - Clarification: “Each of these languages … metrical elements”
      * Argumentation 1: “There is the rhythm … Greek poetry”
      * Argumentation 2: “AND EVEN today … differences in their music”
* Thesis 2: “I have not taken … different European sources”
  + Clarification of the Thesis 2: “AS I have said … the greatest poets”
    - Argumentation/quotation of Goethe’s adage: “Art … is given him”