

Introduction

Grammar:

In general, you can cut out some unnecessary filler words. For example, the sentence "Instead, Kuhn proposes an original examination of the process by which scientific ideas evolve" could probably be shortened to "Instead, Kuhn believes that scientific ideas evolve." These "punchier" sentences would probably be easier to read and make your argument clearer.

The phrase "fit the Darwinian Revolution to Kuhn's ideas" sounds a little awkward. You could say "Kuhn's model" instead.

Content:

Your ideas progress logically and are clear.

It is unclear how Kuhn failed to describe the Darwinian Revolution.

Thesis: Clear, but the word "satisfactorily" does not really mean much.

1st Body Paragraph

Grammar:

There are some excess words/ phrases. For example, (Nagel's definition)... "Kuhn's goal is to do just that: to identify the circumstances under which scientific revolutions occur." You basically just repeat the definition here and the sentence seems unnecessary.

Content:

The phrase "perhaps the definition that most clearly..." makes you seem unsure about why you are choosing this definition.

I am a little confused about what your argument is in this paragraph. What do you mean "his field is a science"? What else would his field be?

The end of this paragraph is much clearer than the beginning. Your last two sentences state your argument especially well. I understand that you move through this paragraph in logical order of thought, but I did get lost at the beginning/ middle of the paragraph.

2nd Body Paragraph

Content:

"It does not arise from research under the previous paradigm..." I don't think you can say this. Doesn't research have to exist under the previous paradigm for the "paradigm's shortcomings" to be observed? Try and make this point more clear?

Clear paragraph and good transition to 3rd body paragraph.

3rd Body Paragraph

Grammar:

You could probably eliminate some unnecessary words such as “does indeed.”

Content:

You make good points in this paragraph and your argument is clear and strong. However this paragraph doesn't really do a lot for your argument, as it really just states facts and doesn't argue something.

4th Body Paragraph

Grammar:

I think you meant “were different” instead of “much different than.”

Content:

OK, your counterargument in the 3rd body paragraph was strong, so it seems odd that you jump to argue against it. As a reader, you want to believe the argument in your 3rd body paragraph.

However, your 4th body paragraph argument is strong too and proves with solid facts that Darwin's theory did not follow the preexisting paradigm. Just make sure the reader is ready for this.

5th Body Paragraph

Excellent paragraph over all. One thought: couldn't Darwin's theory be the paradigm and the Licnnaean and Buffonian schools of thought really be pre-paradigmatic stages? In this case, then would Kuhn's model fit?

Conclusion

Your conclusion is an excellent review and clear explanation of your main points. While you could work to make your body paragraphs flow together more smoothly, your conclusion is clear and concise.

Overall, this paper is clear, interesting, and hard to argue against. Great job!