PROPOSITION – Essay

Context : Justifying the question Introducing the question Rephrased question	Amid growing calls for colonial reckoning among members of the Commonwealth, one may wonder whether King Charles should be held accountable for Britain's imperial past and seek for forgiveness although he did not personally commit those deeds.
Topical sentence to open the paragraph example	An apology is, **first**, a matter of memory and reconciliation: descendants of enslaved families deserve recognition and dignity. Rejecting it because laws were different back then is unconvincing. After 1945, legislation was changed so that Nazis could be prosecuted, proving that law can bend to moral clarity. In Barbados in 2021, Charles himself admitted slavery "forever stains our history", and in Kenya in 2023 he expressed "deepest regret" without actually apologising. A formal apology should be the logical next step.
Link word Topical sentence to open the paragraph example	**Nevertheless**, apologies must be backed by action. The economic scars of slavery and colonialism persist: Haiti, crippled by the indemnity imposed for its independence, remains among the world's poorest nations. Caribbean governments now demand investment in health and education, not mere ceremony. Only tangible repair makes an apology credible. Without reparations, regret risks being cheap symbolism. Words open the door; deeds must walk through it.
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