

The Synthesis Essay

- The synthesis essay asks students to develop a position on a given topic, incorporating sources.
- Students need to summarize, paraphrase, and cite accurately
- you must use a minimum of three sources; you may use more but should be careful when doing so in a short essay
- you will receive 10 minutes to read and plan
- examine where each source comes from. While all are considered reliable, you should try to determine their potential biases
- If you find a source confusing--don't use it!
- annotate while you read, and label each source how you will use it--as a direct (DIR) source, or an indirect (IND) source