

Synthesis Essay Review

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General notes

55 Minutes long - 40 minutes to write, 15 minutes to read

Skim and Scan instead of reading

Address each source as if they speak to one another. Ex no three prong, include multiple sources in each paragraph

Don't do authors or page numbers, just do source A. Must cite it. (Source A, Source B) if multiple

Structure

Assertion

the point you are making stated confidently and clearly; the argument or claim that you will prove within the chunk.

Context

background information important to the subject and the introduction of the evidence

Evidence

usually in the form of a direct quotation. Be sure to introduce and cite the quotation using MLA citation style. EX (Source A, B) (end of sentence)

Commentary

these are your ideas. What is significant about the quotation, what does it mean, and/or how does it relate back to the assertion at the beginning?

Additional Context

to set up the next quotation

Evidence

quotation number two from the text that supports your assertion

Commentary

these are your ideas about significance and meaning for the second quotation. Then, in the last sentence of commentary, refer back to the assertion and give paragraph closure.