**AP English Language and Composition**

**Synthesis Prompt Creation Assignment**

**Directions: You are to come up with a topical issue that is being argued in society today. Draw from your information from watching the news, discussions in class, philosophical debates, and other resources. Avoid making the topic too subjective or controversial.**

**Format your document exactly as shown in the actual AP Language Prompt format given in your previous writing assignments (template provided below). After introducing the framework for your topic (Background and Introduction), provide the Directions that tell the writer to respond to your given prompt. Avoid using "defend, challenge, qualify". Even though prompts were previously worded that way in the past, we want to ensure that the writer develops their argument based on all available resources (which they should read, weigh, and evaluate).**

**Each group member will be responsible researching and providing the accompanying source documents. This means that they will need to research their particular information related to the document (leaning in favor, leaning against, or just neutral) from several sources and then choose the source that is best related to your prompt.**

**Team Captains need to provide either an outline or some other documentation that shows which each group member researched. It is not acceptable to say that "Susie" typed the prompt and that is all she did. Each member is responsible for contributing to the topic and doing the research.**

**Prompt questions have already been submitted, discussed in class and commented on by teacher.**

**Complete prompt with sources is due Friday, March 17.**

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**Reading Time: 15 minutes**

**Suggested Writing Time: 40 minutes**

[Introduce your topic and frame your discourse. Clearly explain the issue, define any key terms, provide any pertinent background information, and invite discussion on all sides of the issue. This section should be one or two paragraphs in length, depending on your topic.]

Carefully read the following seven sources, including the introductory information for each source. **Then synthesize information from at least [insert your number here] of the sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-developed essay that** Then synthesize information from at least three of the sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-developed argument for your own position on **[insert your claim here] *Or* that develops a position on the most important considerations [insert the organization here] face when developing [insert “what” and “what for” here].**

Make sure that your argument is central; use the sources to illustrate and support your reasoning. Avoid merely summarizing the sources. Indicate clearly which sources you are drawing from, whether through direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary. You may cite the sources as Source A, Source B, etc., or by using the descriptions in parentheses.

Source A (Gould)

Source B (Sommers)

Source C (August)

Source D (Brott)

Source E (cartoon)

Source F (Greer)

Source G (Holsendolph)