



How to Synthesize

A **synthesis essay** is an essay that uses information from multiple sources with different views in order to explain something or to support a new and original claim or idea. When you synthesis information, you analyze the relationship between different texts in order to come to a single, comprehensive understanding of the topic, and/or an original idea about the topic that takes into account existing texts on the topic or in the field.

DIRECTIONS: In preparation for writing your synthesis essay, read the assigned or chosen texts. As you do so, can you identify any of the following?

<p style="text-align: center;">Similarities</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Differences</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Patterns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Themes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Do the texts build on each other?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Do the texts give you any ideas?</p>