

Argumentative Synthesis Essay

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. An **argumentative synthesis essay** is structured like a basic argumentative essay. Its thesis makes a claim, and the body of the essay comprises an argument that supports that claim. A synthesis essay takes the argumentative form in order to:

- compare and contrast a topic or idea;
- argue a position;
- evaluate a text; or
- explain cause and effect relationships.



An argumentative synthesis essay is structured in the same way that you would structure any other argumentative essay. What differentiates it from any other argumentative essay is that it synthesizes information from multiple sources in order to support your claim and rebut counterarguments.

- Introduction: Includes a thesis statement that states your claim.
- Body Paragraph #1: Makes and supports argument #1.
- Body Paragraph #2: Makes and supports argument #2
- Body Paragraph #2: Presents and rebuts counterarguments.
- Conclusion: Restates thesis and reiterates main points.

What is the purpose of your argumentative essay? _____

What is your thesis? _____
