

# Synthesis Essay Template

## Introduction

Introduce the topic of the essay and provide some background information on the issue being discussed.

State the thesis statement, which should include your position on the topic and a brief explanation of the main points that will be discussed in the essay.

## II. Background Information

Provide more detailed information on the topic, including any historical or cultural context that may be relevant.

Summarize the key points and arguments made by each of the sources being synthesized.

## III. Synthesis

Identify the common themes and arguments that have emerged from the sources being synthesized.

Analyze the sources in relation to each other, pointing out similarities and differences in their arguments.

Use evidence from the sources to support your analysis and conclusions.

## IV. Counterarguments

Present and refute counterarguments that challenge your position on the topic.

Show how your synthesis of the sources is more persuasive than alternative perspectives.

## V. Conclusion

Summarize the main points made in the essay and restate the thesis statement.

Provide some final thoughts on the topic, including any implications or recommendations that may arise from your synthesis.