

Synthesis Paper Outline Template

Topic: [General topic of the essay.] NO SOURCES; NO QUOTES.

Subject: [Specific subject relating to the topic.] NO SOURCES; NO QUOTES.

Thesis: [Opinion you will prove about the subject of your essay]

A. **Topic Sentence:** [one point you will discuss that supports/proves your thesis]

- Signal phrase, context, and quote from source (include appropriate parenthetical citation)
- Examination of quote as it relates to your thesis.

B. **Topic Sentence:** [Next point you will discuss that proves your thesis]

- Signal phrase, context, and quote from source (include appropriate parenthetical citation)
- Examination of quote as it relates to your thesis.

C. **Topic Sentence:** [Next point you will discuss that proves your thesis]

- Signal phrase, context, and quote from source (include appropriate parenthetical citation)
- Examination of quote as it relates to your thesis.

D. **Topic Sentence:** [Next point you will discuss that proves your thesis]

- Signal phrase, context, and quote from source (include appropriate parenthetical citation)
- Examination of quote as it relates to your thesis.

Continue with this basic format for each paragraph in the paper.

Conclusion:

- Summary of your discussions and your thesis. Provide some closing thoughts on your suggestions or assertions.
 - In your voice
 - No new ideas
 - No sources or quotations
 - No “In conclusion”