



Synthesis Paper Outline Template (Reference)

Introduction

- Topic and purpose – What is the general issue?
- Main thesis – What will you say about that issue?
- Map – what points will you cover?

Hints for Body of the essay

- You can have more than 3 points.
- Points are not the same as paragraphs - you may have many paragraphs to cover 1 point.
- Source information is correctly documented.
- Paragraphs are well-organized with topic sentences and strong supporting evidence.
- Transition language and key words help connect information together.

Point 1:

- Content – What is the key point?
- Function – Why are you including this information? How does it connect to the thesis?
- Support – What source material and supporting explanation will you use?

Point 2:

- As above

Point 3:

- As above

Conclusion:

- Emphasize key message – what did this essay teach us?
- Moving forward – what shall we think about next?