

Synthesis Essay Structure

I. Introduction:

- Hook
- Context (Introduce sources)
- Thesis

II. Body Paragraphs (a minimum of three). Each includes:

- Topic sentence
- Citation (evidence from a source)
- Explanation/Elaboration of the source
- Connecting the paragraph back to a thesis + a transition to the next paragraph

III. Body Paragraph: Rebuttal

- Topic sentence (what others say against your thesis)
- Transition with why your thesis is right
- Evidence to refute their counterarguments and reinforce your thesis

IV. Conclusion

- Summarizing the points
- Reference back to the thesis (thesis restatement)
- Suggestions for readers (call to action, recommendations for future research, etc.)

V. References

- List all the sources, following the appropriate citation style (APA, MLA, Chicago)