



ELA Virtual Learning

**AP Lang and Comp:
Synthesis Essay**

April 17, 2020



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Lesson: April 17, 2020 (5 of 5)

Objective/Learning Target:

1. Apply close, critical reading strategies of complex non-fiction text in order to analyze and synthesize the information in order to evaluate its purpose, identify any bias and determine its validity.
2. To produce well-organized arguments using textual evidence from complex non-fiction texts while supporting a clear, concise claim.

Background Information:

A synthesis is a written discussion incorporating support from several sources of differing views. This type of assignment requires that you examine a variety of sources and identify their relationship to your thesis. This is one essay of the three on the AP Lang exam.

Before you begin...

As you refer to each source included in this prompt, remember to look for the points listed below:

- **Each source's stance on the topic**
- **The main idea of each source**
- **Concessions, objections, and rebuttals (when applicable).**
- **Types of evidence (anecdotal, historical, analogies, current events, etc.)**

Make sure to read over the Synthesis Essay Outline for your essay.

Warm Up Activity:

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Choose all that apply.

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Lesson:

- Review through the prompt and the sources provided. There are a total of six sources.
 - Using your Synthesis Essay Outline sheet, begin completing the Synthesis Essay Rough Draft sheet. This is a step-by-step guide to effectively writing the synthesis essay based on the work that you have done this week. Each blank has specific instructions to ensure that you are completing it correctly.
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- Click [here](#) to read the prompt and sources.
 - Click [here](#) to access the Synthesis Essay Rough Draft sheet.

Self-Assessment Checklist:

- Complete Bullets A, B, and C under the Introduction Section (Paragraph #1).
- Complete Bullets A, B, C, D, E, and F under the First Argument Section (Paragraph #2).
- Complete Bullets A, B, C, D, E, and F under the Second Argument Section (Paragraph #3).
- Complete Bullets A, B, C, D, and E under the Opposing Views Section (Paragraph #4).
- Complete Bullets A and B under the Conclusion Section (Paragraph #5).

Video Support:

- The following video link shows a complete step-by-step guide for the Synthesis Essay. It uses the 2017 Essay prompt and really breaks down the information and how-to.

[How to Ace the AP Language Synthesis Essay](#)

Further Practice:

- The following link is a PDF version of the 2005 Synthesis Essay Prompt and a shortened expectations list. Use each link to compose a new Synthesis Essay. Follow the steps listed in the expectations list.

[2005 Synthesis](#)

[Expectations List](#)