



# ELA Virtual Learning

# AP Language and Composition Synthesis

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### **Objectives:**

1. Create and sustain original arguments based on information synthesized from provided sources.
2. Evaluate and incorporate sources into your own argument.
3. Analyze images and other multimodal texts.
4. Demonstrate control of standard written English as well as stylistic maturity.

## Before you begin

1. Look at the outline you completed yesterday. Think about how you will articulate the relationship between and among different sources. This is an important part of synthesis writing.
2. To identify and articulate these relationships, ask yourself the following questions:
  - Do the ideas in one source support the ideas of another source? If so, how?
  - Do the authors who reach similar conclusions use the same evidence and examples? Are some evidence and examples more persuasive than others?
  - Do opposing sources approach the topic from a completely different angle? Do they rely on different types of evidence to support their argument?
  - On your outline, have you included different sources that present similar arguments that are just worded differently?



## Today's Lesson

Today you will write your own synthesis essay that you brainstormed and organized yesterday. Be sure to refer to the source notes handout you already completed.

- For this assignment, you can type the essay or you can write it by hand.
- **Note:** The synthesis essay is the first essay on the AP exam. You are given 15 minutes to read and mark the sources, and then you have 40 minutes to write the essay.
- The suggested 40 minutes is not strictly timed, but it is recommended for effective pacing.



## Check your work

- Look at the critique you completed for the student's essay that you read on Tuesday. Have you avoided repeating the same mistakes/weaknesses you identified?
- Circle the transitions you've included in each paragraph. Do you use the same words/phrases, or do you vary your transitions?
- Have you included included parenthetical citations after each source?
- Does each body paragraph begin with a topic sentence that states a supporting argument/point for your overall argument? Do you begin any body paragraph with a quotation from a source?