



ELA Virtual Learning

**English III / Synthesizing
Information from Multiple Sources**

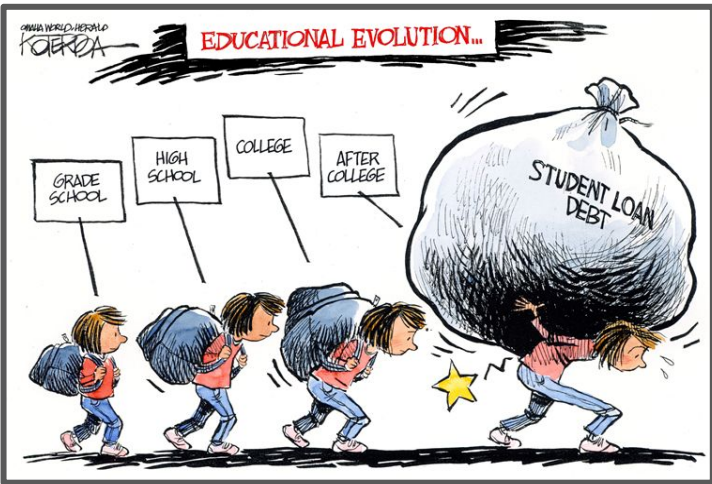
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Lesson: April 17, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

- Synthesize information from two texts about similar ideas/topics.



Bell Ringer

Look at each comic. What idea is being expressed by both comics? What visual evidence supports that idea?



You can click each comic to enlarge them.

Learn

With so much access to so many different sources of information, it can be difficult to form a solid understanding of a particular topic or issue. Being able to read multiple sources of information and synthesize the various details in order to form a better understanding of the issue or topic is vital. Today you will read multiple articles about the same topic and use details from both to make a coherent argument.

1. On a sheet of paper, make a T-Chart. Label one side “Harvard Business Review”, and the other side “University of Washington”. You may also use [this chart](#) if you would rather type.
2. Read each article: [Harvard Business Review](#) | [University of Washington](#)
As you read each article, take notes and try to determine the major arguments being made. Make notes of similarities and differences.

Practice

After reading each article, look over your notes and choose one of the following questions and write a response to it. Be sure to use evidence from each article to support your response.

1. Why is student loan debt considered a crisis?
2. What are some possible solutions to this issue?

Practice Answer Key

(Answers will vary)

Check your answer to make sure it meets the following criteria:

- The response is written in complete sentences free of major spelling and grammatical errors.
- The response cites textual evidence from both articles.

See an example of a proficient answer on the next slide.

Sample Proficient Answer

- 1.) Our nation's student loan debt is considered a crisis because it has reached over a trillion dollars and has had negative impacts for borrowers, lenders, and our overall economy. According to the article from the Harvard Business Review, large monthly loan payments have, "a chilling effect on the sale of houses, cars, appliances, and furniture, as well as spending for vacations and luxury items." this negatively impacts our economy as people have less purchasing power. The article from the University of Washington notes that student loan debt has, "delayed household formation and led to a decline in home-ownership." Home-ownership is one of the traditional ways individuals build equity and attain socio-economic mobility. Without it, most people today are expected to be less financially stable than previous generations.

Questions for Reflection

1. Do you believe college should be free? Why or why not?
2. How are you preparing for expenses after you graduate?
3. What other ways can you be sure you are getting a better understanding of complex issues?

Additional Resources

- [How to Minimize Student Loan Debt](#)
- [How Student Loan Debt will Cripple the American Dream](#)
- [How Student Loan Debt Affects us All](#)