

Synthesis Essay ROUGH DRAFT

Formal Writing Tips:

- NO "I" statements!! Avoid use of 1st person pronouns!
- Form a clear, complete and concise thesis statement
- Cite all evidence used and punctuate quotes correctly ("...")
- Analysis of evidence should show depth of knowledge, it should NOT repeat what the evidence already states!

I. Paragraph #1: **Introduction:**

A. Get the reader's attention by using a "hook." (Present the topic in general terms-, ?, factual statement, quote)



B. Background information of the *topic* is necessary.



C. Thesis must clearly state *your position* and *2 supportive arguments* that show why you have that position.



II. Paragraph #2: **Body Paragraph #1-** first argument that **supports** your position presented in the thesis:

A. Topic sentence to **INTRODUCE** your first argument/claim/finding

B. Evidence from articles that support your topic sentence - direct quotes or paraphrased information

(You MUST **CITE** your source parenthetically OR ->) According to _____, _____

C. Elaboration/analysis that **EXPLAIN** how the evidence supports your first argument/claim

D. Transition: Use transitional phrases to *introduce* your next argument/claim/FINDING. (ex. *In addition, as well as, also*)

III. Paragraph #3: **Body Paragraph #2-** second argument that **supports** your position presented in the thesis:

A. Topic sentence to **INTRODUCE** your second argument/claim/finding

B. Evidence from articles that support your topic sentence - direct quote or paraphrased information

(You MUST **CITE** your source parenthetically OR □) According to _____, _____

C. Elaboration/analysis that **EXPLAIN** how the evidence supports your second argument/claim

D. Transition: Use transitional phrases to *introduce* your next argument/claim/FINDING. (*ex. In addition, as well as, also*)

IV. Paragraph #4: **Body Paragraph #3-** third argument that **supports** your position presented in the thesis:

A. Topic sentence to **INTRODUCE** your second argument/claim/finding

B. Evidence from articles that support your topic sentence - direct quote or paraphrased information

(You MUST **CITE** your source parenthetically OR □) According to _____, _____

C. Elaboration/analysis that **EXPLAIN** how the evidence supports your third argument/claim

D. Transition: Use transitional phrases to *introduce* your next argument/claim/FINDING. (ex. *In addition, as well as, also*)

V. Paragraph #5: **Conclusion:**

A. Restate thesis statement.

B. Final statement/Big Idea. Personal comment or a call to action; Elaborate on your perspective on what you found in your research or how it can be applied in the real world

Note:

You can break up your body paragraphs if they seem long into separate ideas, or if your explanation is complex. You are not limited to 3 body paragraphs.

Chart of Transitional Phrases

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIP	TRANSITIONAL EXPRESSION
Similarity	also, in the same way, just as ... so too, likewise, similarly
Exception/Contrast	but, however, in spite of, on the one hand ... on the other hand, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, in contrast, on the contrary, still, yet
Sequence/Order	first, second, third, ... next, then, finally
Time	after, afterward, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, simultaneously, subsequently, then
Example	for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to illustrate
Emphasis	even, indeed, in fact, of course, truly
Cause and Effect	accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus
Additional Support or Evidence	additionally, again, also, and, as well, besides, equally important, further, furthermore, in addition, moreover, then
Conclusion/Summary	finally, in a word, in brief, briefly, in conclusion, in the end, in the final analysis, on the whole, thus, to conclude, to summarize, in sum, to sum up, in summary

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