

SYNTHESIS SCAFFOLD

BASIC CONCERNS (ABOUT THE TEXTS)

What are the two readings/texts which you will use in your synthesis? And, who are the authors?

Title

#1 _____

Author

#1 _____

Title

#2 _____

Author

#2 _____

Title (if applicable)

#3 _____

Author (if applicable)

#3 _____

INTERMEDIATE CONCERNS (SUPPORT)

Briefly Summarize Text #1:

Briefly Summarize Text #2:

Briefly Summarize Text #3 (if applicable):

On which points do both authors/text agree?

Point

#1 _____

Point

#2 _____

Point

#3 _____

Point

#4 _____

On which points do both authors/text disagree?

Point

#1 _____

Point

#2 _____

Point

#3 _____

Point

#4 _____

Consider the following questions, and write answers on the back side of this page (if they apply):

-If they were having an oral conversation, how would Author X respond to the arguments of Author Y and vice versa?

-Do the ideas of one author support the ideas of another author? If so, how?

-Do the authors who reach the same conclusion use the same ideas in their writing? Or do they use different ideas to reach the same conclusion?

-Do the authors who disagree discuss similar points, or do they discuss completely different points?

-Are any of the ideas you have listed actually the same idea in different words?

ADVANCED CONCERNS (ORGANIZATION)

You may use any of the organization patterns below to write your synthesis paper.

+Point-by-Point Organization –or–

+Source-by-Source Organization

If more sources are to be discussed, then use the back side of the sheet (providing the author, title, and summary)

POINT-BY-POINT ORGANIZATION

(Discusses individual points of agreement and disagreement side-by-side)

Introduction

One point discussed by the authors/texts

One point discussed by the authors/texts

One point discussed by the authors/texts

Conclusion

What is one point (of agreement or/disagreement) discussed by the authors/texts?

What is one point (of agreement/disagreement) discussed by the authors/texts?

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SOURCE-BY-SOURCE ORGANIZATION

(Discusses the nature and scope of the two pieces separately)

Introduction

Summarize the points of the first text

Summarize the points of the second text

Summarize the points of the third text (*if applicable*)

Summarize how the texts are alike or different

Conclusion

Summarize the points of the first text? author/text

Summarize the points of the second author/text?

Summarize the points of the third author/text (if applicable)?

Discuss how the texts are alike and how the texts agree with each other, or discuss how the texts are different and disagree with each other.

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