

Synthesis Essay Grading Rubric

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		Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
C O N T E N T A N D O R G A N I Z A T I O N	Response to topic/Thesis	Makes a strong, creative statement that compliments the topic	Shows some insight into the topic, but the statement is predictable	Not clearly stated OR creates confusion about the topic,
	Supportive Ideas	Essay contains at least 3 significant major ideas that support thesis.	Uses some details or examples, but they could be extended to show more support of the thesis	Details do not support the thesis statement.
	Commentary/ Analysis	Commentary provides a complete analysis of the quotations and connects them to the thesis.	Explains the importance of quotations, and provides some analysis but connection to the thesis could be stronger	Commentary is a summary instead of an analysis and/or demonstrates no clear connection of details to thesis
	Use of quotes	*Supports the thesis by using 5 quotations. *Introduces all quotations *Explains the significance of the quotes clearly.	*Uses 5 quotations *Introduces at least 3 quotations *Comments on quotes need more detail and/or elaboration.	*Uses less than 5 quotes OR topic is not supported by quotes *Quotes need to be clarified by more clear commentary. *Fewer than 3 quotes are introduced
	Organization	*Ideas are presented in a logical order *All paragraphs connect to the thesis statement.	*Generally clear organization *Most paragraphs connect to the thesis statement.	*Unclear organization makes ideas difficult to follow; body paragraphs need clearer connection to thesis
	Conventions			
	Introduction/ Conclusion	*Has an interesting introduction *Has a conclusion that causes the reader to think more about the topic	*Has a clear introduction *Has a clear conclusion	Introduction and/or conclusion needs to be clearer OR lacks an introduction and/or conclusion