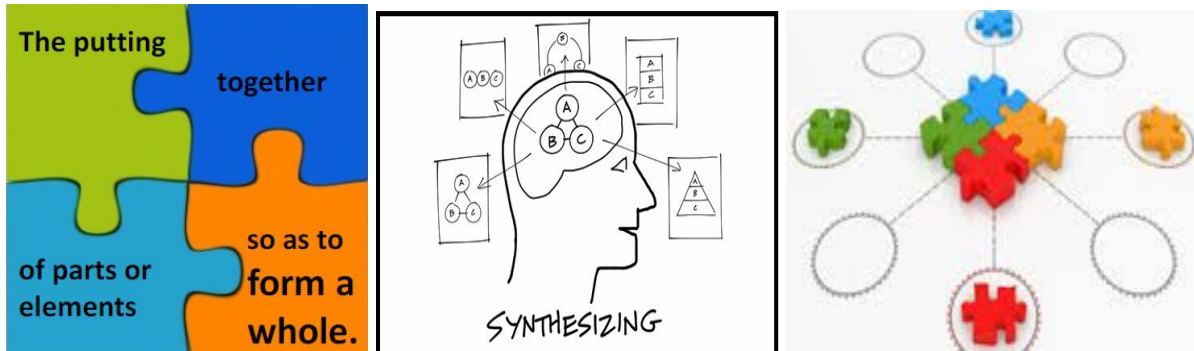


AP Language and Composition Synthesis Paper



Your task: You are expected to SYNTHESIZE at least six sources and six different writing modes into a coherent, well-written essay that proves a thesis. (Yes, everything is still an argument)

Your thesis will be derived from a debate topic of your choosing (though you will need to have three others agree to the topic as well)

Of course, you will want more sources--but you must include the following **six sources**:

- A novel you read for school (preferably one we have read this year)
- A scholarly journal
- A graphic/chart/image
- A piece of non-fiction
- A work of music/art/film
- One of the articles assigned to you this year.

You will also need to include **six writing modes**:

- definition
- narrative
- comparison
- process
- causal/effect
- persuasive

Your paper will be 6-8 pages typed and 1.5 spaced, 11 point font, New Times Roman or similar font. **Apply all things MLA including parenthetical references and a list of works cited and a list of works consulted.**

You will be required to engage in a *formal debate* on your topic: more information on that to follow.

See calendar for more detailed information on assignments

***You may be asked to also present formally or informally** a 3-4 minute overview of your project. It will include the following:

An introduction of your topic

Your thesis

Your claims

Relevant or Irresistible data

Big reveal of some sources

Your conclusion

Be ReSOURCEful !

Start with songs, poems, art, films that you know, THEN snoop around on the Internet.

Visit Purdue's online writing lab (look up owl purdue) for help with MLA citations.