

## AP English Language Research Project Assignment

You will be creating an AP Exam style Synthesis Question. The Synthesis Question gives you several sources, and asks you to combine (synthesize) them with your own thoughts to create a cohesive essay. This is the same goal of a research paper! Throughout the process, we will look at sample Synthesis Questions to help you with formatting.

The project will be broken down into several steps outlined below.

Step 1: Choose a topic from the list below. **Due by the end of class 3/24** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Brainstorm multiple factors related to your topic. You must narrow your broad topic to something specific that is **arguable** or **debatable** in society.

Step 3: With your topic, write a draft of a **Synthesis Question Prompt Page**, including directions, introduction, and assignment. Follow the example(s) given. You are creating this Question Prompt Page with the realization that it may be modified as your project progresses. **Typed draft is due 3/31.** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 4: **Individually**, find 6 sources that will help to answer the Synthesis Prompt you have created. Focus on finding sources that address your assigned "piece" of the issue. These sources must be **diverse**, and according to the guidelines specified (**articles, 2 graphs or charts, one photograph**). **Sources due 4/4.** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 5: **Individually**, complete an annotated bibliography for all 6 sources. An annotated bibliography is a glorified Works Cited page. Each source citation must be **formatted according to MLA format** with an annotation ("blurb" of explanation). An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and documents. **Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation.** The purpose of the annotation is to **inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.** Keep a printed copy or copy in your folder of your sources for your use in the next step. Remember to **alphabetize the citations.** A work cited page should always be in **alphabetical order by the first letter of the citation.** **Annotated Bibliography Due 4/6.** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 6: Working with your partner, compare sources with those of your group. Together, choose excerpts from 10 sources that show the various complexities of your topic. Also make sure they are from a variety of locations and types. Format your sources according to the sample given and turn in copies of your sources in a packet. Each source should be no longer than one page, including citation information. **Source Excerpts due 4/8.** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 7: **FINAL DRAFT** of the completed synthesis prompt. Revise and create a final draft of Question Prompt Page in the format used on the AP Exam. Ex. Labeled, sources listed, citations, etc. **Final Prompt Due END OF CLASS 4/8.** \_\_\_\_\_