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**Synthesis essay follows the classical format**

1. **Paragraph #1:** Introduction/Narration:
   1. Open with an engaging hook (don’t bore me☺)
   2. Option 1Give some information on the topic. It may be helpful for you to state both sides of the issue.
   3. Option 2: background information. Maybe be a short anecdote or outside information about the topic
2. **Thesis/Claim:** Must be clear and direct(Should be your own claim about the issue)
3. **Paragraph #2:Confirmation:**
   1. Supporting Argument #1:
      1. Topic Sentence: reason to support thesis
      2. Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim: (quotes from the provided sources)
      3. Document ALL sources
      4. Commentary that addresses the evidence and ties back to your claim
4. **Paragraph #3:Confirmation:**
   1. Supporting Argument #1:
      1. Topic Sentence: reason to support thesis
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      4. Commentary that addresses the evidence and ties back to your claim
5. **Paragraph # 4: Refutation (Concession/Counter-argument).**   
   What are some arguments that could be said against your argument? State these arguments and refute them. You may use additional information from the sources.
   * 1. Topic Sentence: reason that is counter to your thesis
     2. Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim: (quotes from the provided sources)
     3. Document ALL sources
     4. Commentary that addresses the evidence and ties back to your claim
6. **VII. Paragraph # 7: Conclusion.**   
   State your argument in a different way. You may end with a story, question, or some new insight.