

Possible Synthesis Essay Outline

Basic Essay Structure for use as you develop your outline.

KEY: Argue your own idea on the claim (“Technology is weakening our ability to think critically and engage in the process of learning.”) using your own reasons and reasoning, but you must use evidence from the provided sources.

Introduction:

1. Open with an engaging hook.
2. Identify/clarify the issue at hand.
3. Present a clear, direct thesis statement (something connected directly to the claim).

Body Paragraphs (you’ll need *at least* three):

1. Topic sentence: Give one reason in support of your thesis.
2. Explain as necessary.
3. Present specific supporting evidence (quotes from the provided sources—but you may also bring in other evidence).
4. All sources are documented.
5. The writer explains the significance of the specific supporting evidence (e.g., what does the evidence show or suggest as true?)

Concluding Paragraph:

1. Draw further significance from the reasons and evidence presented.
2. Bring the paper to a thoughtful ending. (Be philosophical and show your wisdom!)