**Making Connections with a Specific Prompt**

If you are writing a making connections piece (aka synthesis paper) with a specific writing prompt, follow one of these formats.

**Making Connections Paper**

1. **Introduction:** name the two works and authors plus a little bit of information about each work; include a thesis statement that answers the question.
2. **Discussion:** discuss three major points that relate to the prompt. Be sure to refer to BOTH works. Each point must address the question.
3. **Conclusion:** Sum up your main points.

**Making Connections Essay**

1. **Introduction:** name the two works and authors plus a little bit of information about each work; include a thesis statement that answers the question.
2. **First Body Paragraph**: one major point (three pieces of evidence if possible)
3. **Second Body Paragraph**: second major point (three pieces of evidence if possible)
4. **Third Body Paragraph**: third major point (three pieces of evidence if possible)
5. **Conclusion:** Sum up your main points.

**Making Connections with No Specific Prompt**

If you are writing a making connections piece (aka synthesis paper) without a specific writing prompt, follow one of these formats.

**Making Connections Paper**

1. **Introduction:** name the two works and authors plus a little bit of information about each work; include a thesis statement.
2. **Discussion:** discuss three major connections between the two works (similarities and related differences).
3. **Conclusion:** Sum up your main points.

**Making Connections Essay**

1. **Introduction:** name the two works and authors plus a little bit of information about each work; include a thesis statement.
2. **First Body Paragraph**: one major similarity with related difference (three pieces of evidence if possible)
3. **Second Body Paragraph**: second major similarity with related difference (three pieces of evidence if possible)
4. **Third Body Paragraph**: third major similarity with related difference (three pieces of evidence if possible)
5. **Conclusion:** Sum up your main points.