

## Sample Synthesis Essay Outline Option #1: Block Method

### Introduction

- **1<sup>st</sup> sentence** – the **hook** which engages the reader:
- **Introduce both subjects** providing:
  - the background of the subjects
  - essential information for the reader
  - your main point
- **thesis** - focuses the comparison for the reader:

**Note:** The thesis for this type of essay can be broader than the point-by-point method.

### Body Paragraph 1: Similarities OR Subject A

- **Clear topic sentence** (directly related to your topic):
- **Discuss subjects using explanation, examples, quotes:**
- **Clear concluding sentence** (directed related to your topic):

### Body Paragraph 2: Differences OR Subject B

- **Clear topic sentence** (directly related to your topic):
- **Discuss subjects using explanation, examples, quotes:**
- **Clear concluding sentence** (directed related to your topic):

### Conclusion

- **Re-worded thesis:**
- **Details** to help **conclude** your topic:
- **Final opinion or question** for the reader to ponder:

**Additional Note:** A synthesis essay should have a minimum of 4 paragraphs.

## Sample Synthesis Essay Outline Option #2: Point-by-Point Method

### Introduction

- **1<sup>st</sup> sentence** – the **hook** which engages the reader:
- **Introduce both subjects** providing:
  - the background of the subjects
  - essential information for the reader
  - your main point
- **thesis** - focuses the comparison for the reader:

**Note:** The thesis for this type of essay should include the points you will be discussing.

### Body Paragraph #1: First Point of Comparison

- **Clear topic sentence** focusing on **either** similarities or differences:
- **Explanation, examples, quotes:**
- **Clear concluding sentence** (directed related to your topic):

### Body Paragraph #2: Second Point of Comparison

- **Clear topic sentence** focusing on **either** similarities or differences:
- **Explanation, examples, quotes:**
- **Clear concluding sentence** (directed related to your topic):

**Note:** Choose 2 or more points of comparison.

### Conclusion

- **Re-worded thesis:**
- **Details** to help **conclude** your topic:
- **Final opinion or question** for the reader to ponder: