



Synthesizing Research

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Describe the fruit smoothie metaphor. _____

Why is synthesizing research important?

- a. Research involves incorporating many sources to understand a research question.
- b. Sources support subtopics to prove the thesis statement and/or answer research question.
- c. Synthesis integrates information from two or more sources to demonstrate how the research *works* together.
- d. All of the above

What is synthesis? Circle all that apply.

- a. A bowl of fruit
- b. Blended fruit smoothie
- c. A scattered juxtaposition of ideas from several sources
- d. Integration of support from more than one source for one idea/argument
- e. Identification of how sources are related

What do you integrate?

- a. Material from several sources on the same question/research topic
- b. Compare/contrast important factors (assumptions, interpretations of results, theories, hypothesis, speculations, etc.)
- c. Bases of comparison by examining
- d. All of the above

The bases of comparison by examining include which of the following? Circle all that apply.

- a. Point of view
- b. Similar bibliographies
- c. Definition of terms
- d. Location of authors
- e. Common ground
- f. Similar educational backgrounds
- g. Factors studied
- h. Issues that divide

Tips for effective synthesis include all but which of the following?

- a. Strong, clear, precise thesis statement
- b. Not understanding the author's intent before using a source
- c. Discuss sources in relation to your thesis
- d. When using more than one quote/source, make sure you relate both sources to your main idea and to each other
- e. Use more than one source for each main point

How do you know which attribution verb to use?

- a. The one that draws attention to the fact that the source has stressed a point, such as emphasize and insist
- b. The one that disagrees, such as allege and claim
- c. Depends upon context of paper

T/F Sources should be blended to create a smoothie and quotations should never just be dropped in a text.

T/F What precedes and follows a quote is just as important as the quote itself.

T/F There are five easy steps to follow.

What are the four steps you should follow when synthesizing research?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____