

AP Synthesis Essay Reflection

1. Highlight your thesis. Did you qualify your thesis (and thus your argument throughout) or did this paper explore only the positive/negative aspects of the topic? Make sure this thesis matches what you wrote in the paper.
(Ex. I qualified my thesis and my argument. I explored why waiting until the last minute to finish a research paper was both beneficial and problematic. Ultimately, the focus of my argument was on how it's problematic.)
2. What is the specific focus of each supporting paragraph?
(Ex. This S.P. argues that AP English is the most valuable AP class because writing is a skill that can be used throughout our lifetime.)
3. Highlight your source credits (Source A or author's name...). For each, quickly explain HOW you USE the source in the paragraph. **(Example – I used Source A's fact about teen gambling to support my stance that the U.S. government needs to be more vigilant in its anti-gambling campaign.)**
4. List one specific aspect of your paper you are proud of.
5. List one specific aspect of your paper you wish could have been better.
6. Now score your paper on a 1-6 scale.

(<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-english-language-and-composition-frqs-1-2-3-scoring-rubrics.pdf>)

Thesis: 0-1

Evidence and Commentary: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 **(In 2-3 sentences justify your score for E and C.)**

Sophistication: 0-1

7. Compare your paper to the student essays released by College Board.