Synthesis Essay ROUGH DRAFT

I. Paragraph#1: Introduction:

A. Get the reader’s attention by using a “hook.” (Present the topic in general terms- ?, factual statement, quote)

B. Background information of the topic is necessary.

C. Thesis must clearly state your position and 2 supportive arguments that show why you have that position.

II. Paragraph #2: Body Paragraph #1- first argument that supports your position presented in the thesis:

A. Topic sentence explaining your first argument/claim.

B. Evidence from article that supports your topic sentence- direct quote or paraphrased information
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR ➔) According to ______________, __________________

C. Elaboration/analysis that explains how the evidence supports your first argument/claim

D. Evidence from article that supports your topic sentence- direct quote or paraphrased information
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR ➔) ______________ states, __________________________
E. Elaboration/analysis that explains how the evidence supports your first argument/claim

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F. Transition: Use transitional phrases to introduce your next argument/claim. (ex. In addition, as well as, also)

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III. Paragraph #3: **Body Paragraph #2**: second argument that supports your position presented in thesis

A. Topic sentence explaining your second argument/claim.

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B. Evidence from article that supports your topic sentence - direct quote or paraphrased information
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR ) According to _______________, ________________

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C. Elaboration/analysis that explains how the evidence supports your second argument/claim

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D. Evidence from article that supports your topic sentence - direct quote or paraphrased information
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR ) ______________ states, ________________

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E. Elaboration/analysis that explains how the evidence supports your second argument/claim

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F. Transition: Use transitional phrases to introduce your opposing views. (ex. However, In contrast, Although)

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IV. Paragraph #4: **Body Paragraph #3: Opposing Views** (State an opposing view that challenges your position, then have a counter argument to it. Evidence can be used for the opposing view, rebuttal, or both)

A. Opposing point(s) to your argument.

B. **Evidence and Elaboration to back up your opposing view**
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR \(\rightarrow\)) According to ____________, ________________

C. **Your rebuttal/counter-argument** to the opposing view; re-emphasize your position on the topic.

D. **Evidence and Elaboration to back up your rebuttal**
   (You MUST cite your source parenthetically OR \(\rightarrow\)) ____________ states, ________________

E. **Transition:** Use transitional phrases to *conclude* the paragraph (ex. *Nevertheless, Above all, Yet*)

V. Paragraph #5: **Conclusion:**

A. **Restate thesis statement.**

B. **Final statement/Big Idea.** Personal comment or a call to action.