**Your DIY Synthesis Prompt Project Instructions, Advice, and Requirements**

**1. Choose a controversial issue. It should be a debatable, serious (ethical) issue that may have different points of view.  
Remember to NOT do: legalization of any drug, underage drinking, or abortion.**

**2. Review your notes. Make sure you know what a synthesis essay prompt looks like. You can do a Google search to find samples. We have looked at several in class.**

**3. Start your prompt. You can go to my "Synthesis Essay" tab to your left. Then, locate and open the first file. It is a word document template that you can "fill in the blanks."**

**4. Your introduction should show various aspects, discussions, and history of the topic.**

**5. Your assignment should have ONE DEBATABLE STATEMENT (not a question).When you type your assignment, remember that you should have a recommendation of what should happen and who should change it. Your (AP students) will write an essay that argues for or against your recommendation.  For example: The NFL should severely penalize players for inappropriate behavior. For example: Who should do something and what should they do?**

**6. Be specific in the assignment recommendations. Don't just say that the government should place restrictions. Don't say something that the government (or whatever institution) already does. You need to know about the topic and propose a solution (to the best of your ability). The AP student writer would argue for or against the recommondation. \*If you don’t understand, go back to those old synthesis prompts to get a better idea of what you are doing.**

**7.  Remember, only use two or three paragraphs for your sources.**

**8. Your sources should discuss both sides of the issue**

**9. Sources must include:  
\*one graph  
\*one visual such as an editorial cartoon, poster, or advertisement.  
\*verifiable opinion pieces similar to what you used for your summer reading work  
\*reliable, authored sources  
\*6 varied sources that present several views on the issue**

**10. Make sure that you cite the sources correctly in the rectangular boxes at the top! Their citations should look like how you would cite them on a research paper with the Works Cited page.**

11.**Go here to make sure that your citations are correct: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08/**

**Requirements:**

* 8 total required sources
* Typed, in same format
* On time
* Serious issue
* Correct citations
* Quality of the sources
* Great grammar/spelling
* Correct citations
* Same font throughout