**Synthesis Essay Outline Template**

**I.  Paragraph #1:**Introduction:   
Give some information on the topic.  It may be helpful for you to state both sides of the issue. Maybe be a short anecdote or outside information about the topic.

**Thesis:**(Should be your own claim about the issue)

**II.** **Paragraph #2:Confirmation:**  
  
Supporting Argument #1:

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim (quote/paraphrase)

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

**III. Paragraph # 3: Confirmation:**  
  
Supporting Argument #1:

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim (quote/paraphrase)

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

**IV. Paragraph # 4: Confirmation:**  
  
Supporting Argument #1:

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim (quote/paraphrase)

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

**V. Paragraph # 5: Refutation & conclusion**  
What are some arguments that could be said against your argument?  State these arguments and refute them.   You may use additional information from the sources. State your argument in a different way.  You may end with a story, question, or some new insight.