Synthesis Essay Outline

**Synthesis essay follows the classical format**

**I.  Paragraph #1:**Introduction:   
Give some information on the topic.  It may be helpful for you to state both sides of the issue.

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

**II. Paragraph #2: Narration:**  
Give background information about the topic.  Maybe be a short anecdote or outside information about the topic.

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

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim:

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

**IV. Paragraph # 4: Confirmation:**  
  
Supporting Argument #2

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim:

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

**V. Paragraph #5: Confirmation**  
Supporting Argument #3

Evidence from a source that supports/refutes this claim:

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic**:**

**VI. Paragraph # 6: Refutation.**  
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.

**VII. Paragraph # 7: Conclusion.**  
State your argument in a different way.  You may end with a story, question, or some new insight.