Synthesis Essay Outline

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**I.  Paragraph #1:**Introduction:   
HOOK/LEAD

BRIDGE/TRANSITION:Give some information on the topic.  It may be helpful for you to state both sides of the problem you are discussing.

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

**II. Paragraph #2: Narration:**  
Give background information about the topic.  Maybe be a short anecdote or outside information about the topic. This is where you will prove that there is a problem that needs a solution.

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

Evidence from source(s) that supports/refutes this claim:

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

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

Evidence from source(s) that supports/refutes this claim:

Give your own concluding thoughts on the topic:

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

Evidence from source(s) 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 fixing your problem?  State these arguments and refute them.   You will need additional information from the sources in order to do this.

**VII. Paragraph #7 – Solution**

Solution to Problem #1

Evidence from source(s) that supports/refutes this claim:

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

**VIII. Paragraph #8 – Solution**

Solution to Problem #2

Evidence from source(s) that supports/refutes this claim:

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

**IX. Paragraph #9 – Solution(if needed)**

Solution to Problem #1

Evidence from source(s) that supports/refutes this claim:

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**X. Paragraph #10 – Call to Action**

What are you asking people to do to change and fix this problem?

**XI. Paragraph # 11: Conclusion.**  
State your argument in a different way.  Sum up your argument in 3-4 sentences. You may end with a story, question, or some new insight.

Leave your reader with a HHMMMMMM moment.