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**Week of April 13th Handout**

**SYNTHESIZING IDEAS IN SOURCES**

*Look over your 4 sources. Think about your topic. Think about the problem/ solution you are addressing. Then, read the following questions and try to briefly answer the questions:*

Question 1:

What issues, problems, or controversies do your sources address?

Question 2:

What information do your sources have in common? Any ideas? Facts? Examples? Statistics? Are any people cited in more that one source?

Question 3:

What significant differences do you find among sources? Different stances? Positions? Purposes? Kinds of evidence? Conclusions?

Question 4:

Do any of your sources cite or refer to one another? Does one source provide details, examples or explanations that build on something said in another? Does any source respond significantly to something said in another?

**FIND A QUOTE!**

*Look through your sources and think about your topic’s problem/ solution.*

*Find one quote from your sources that you think meets the criteria of what to quote. Record the quote using proper formatting below. Introduce it using a signal word (he argued, she said, etc).*

*Then, explain in 1-2 sentences WHY you would quote from this source and not paraphrase or summarize the section.*

Quote:

Explanation:

**PARAPHRASE IT!**

*Look through your sources and think about your topic’s problem/ solution. Find one place in one of your sources that you would like to try to paraphrase. Paraphrase the section and record it below.*

*Then, explain in 1-2 sentences WHY you would paraphrase this section and not quote it or summarize it.*

Paraphrase:

Explanation:

**SUMMARIZE IT!**

*Look through your sources and think about your topic’s problem/ solution. Find one place in one of your sources that you would like to try to summarize.*

*Summarize the section and record it below.*

*Explain in 1-2 sentences WHY you would summarize this section and not quote it or paraphrase it.*

Summary:

Explanation: