**Impromptu Synthesis Outline**

I. Intro Paragraph

* Hook: strategically hook the audience/readers. Think about rhetorical choices that will be effective in your writing.
* Thesis: Write your thesis at the end of the introduction. Remember to include the topic and your stance in one sentence. Test it-if you take out your thesis from intro, does it clearly identify the topic and your stance on the issue? Does the thesis make sense on its own. Try the **closed thesis** (this includes the two reasons for your reasons you will discuss in the body paragraphs).

II. Body 1

* **Reason for your reason-**Topic sentence-first sentence that clearly states your first assertion. Your reader needs to know clearly what this paragraph is going to be about. What is your first reason why you feel the way you do about the issue?
* Evidence: Provide evidence from one of your sources.
* In-Text citations- There are two ways to present evidence from a source without plagiarizing ("Source A illustrates/elaborates/discusses/argues/demonstrates..." or at the end of the evidence include (Author's last name, page number)). Remember to use present tense verbs when citing sources.
* Reasoning: After presenting evidence provide reasoning. How does this evidence support the assertion and connect to the overall thesis?
* Each body paragraph should be the same length. Please repeat this process for body 2 and 3 if you have a third.

III. Body 2:

**2nd Reason for your reason**

Same as body paragraph one. Include counterargument in either paragraph or both. Mention the other side to this reason and then rebuttal. You may use sources for this.

IV. Body 3: (optional)

**3rd Reason for your reason**

Same as the first two body paragraphs

V**. Conclusion:**

* **Restatement of thesis-first sentence in your conclusion (try the open thesis here)**
* Implications-you can offer solutions (CALL TO ACTION) here or discuss the effects of this issue has on the world/society. Remember, from the moment you began brainstorming and writing your goal was to get to the conclusion...what is your argument? What is your point? What is all this for? State it clearly...make your final closing argument. Do not introduce any new research or ideas. You are concluding the argument you laid out in the body.