



Synthesis Assignment Sheet

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Assignment:

The purpose of this unit is for you to:

- Use what you've learned in the first two units to analyze and respond to various sources on the same topic
- Practice synthesizing your own ideas with those of others to develop an original claim
- Write an essay that draws from your own observation and experience as well as others' ideas to answer a question

At the end of this unit, you will write an 800-1000 word synthesis essay that synthesizes the two provided articles to develop an answer to the synthesis question, "What are the primary causes of the obesity epidemic, and therefore what are the best solutions?"

See Ch. 13, particularly Figure 13.1, for guidance on how to develop the essay. **NOTE: Because everyone will have read the articles, you do not need to include lengthy summaries of them; a sentence or two as part of the introduction will be sufficient.**

You should have 1-2 analytical points comparing/contrasting the two articles, and **2-3** synthesis points providing your response to the articles and thoughts on the synthesis question.