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synthesis, *n.*; syntheses, *n. pl.*
the combination of theories, critical ideas, and observations

When asked to synthesize sources and research, many writers start to summarize individual sources. However, this is not the same as **synthesis**. In a summary, you share the key points from an individual source and then move on and summarize another source. In synthesis, you need to combine the information from those multiple sources and add your own analysis of the literature. This means that each of your paragraphs will include **multiple sources** and **citations**, as well **as your own ideas** and voice.

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