

Approach #2

Synthesis Essay: Pre-Writing The Process

Your Task: Use this handout to organize and plan your synthesis essay. This is meant to be a planning activity, so all of your decisions do not need to be final.

<p>Step 1:</p> <p>Identify your thoughts on the prompt. Be as specific as possible.</p> <p><u>Prompt:</u> What are the dangers of living in a conformist society??</p>	<p>Your Own Ideas:</p> <p>In a conformist society, there's no individuality and w/o it life gets boring and you are no longer living. If you don't live, you have nothing to lose, so therefore people become violent without thought or feeling.</p> <hr/> <p>In a conformist society, there's a lack of individuality, people don't have the chance to be themselves. This can lead to violence because people are feeling whether it's right or wrong.</p>
<p>Step 2:</p> <p>Based upon your knowledge of your texts, try to articulate exactly how your above ideas or element is addressed within each text. What does each text say about your idea? <i>Be specific!</i></p>	<p>Source 1:</p> <p>In the poem "The Road Not Taken", everyone takes the same road wearing it down and leaves the other one untouched. People conformed to the idea of taking the same road as everyone else, believing it was the right thing to do instead of being different.</p> <hr/> <p>Source 2:</p> <p>In the song "Another Brick in the Wall", the kids are rebelling against conformity and basically say that they all learn the same thing which leaves no room for individuality.</p>

	<p>Source 3: In the <u>Legally Blonde</u>, shows how conformity can over rule conformity. The movie also shows that one person can pave the path for conformity and can take away everyone's individuality.</p> <p>Source 4: In <u>F451</u>, everyone is truly unhappy in a conformist society. They're ignorant and not curious to learn about the true past.</p>
<p>Step 3:</p> <p>Using your answers above, write a thesis statement that captures the essence of what your essay will set out to prove about your ideas using the sources.</p> <p><i>Hint: Your thesis guides the argument for the entire essay. Write thesis statements that clearly state a defensible position on the subject. Be specific!</i></p>	<p>Thesis:</p> <p>All of these sources show how conformity kills off individuality and problems arise when this occurs.</p>
<p>Step 4:</p> <p>Now, articulate the three major supporting details or points you will use to prove your thesis. Remember, each point needs to connect to at least one source but two is better to create a conversation. So, if there is nothing in one of the texts to support or extend your point, then come up with a different supporting detail.</p>	<p>Point 1: Individuality vs. Conformity</p> <p>Point 2: Rebellion vs. Complacency</p> <p>Point 3: Knowledge vs. Ignorance</p>

Step 5: Use this table to record potentially useful quotes or examples from your selected sources. Organize them according to each major, supporting point from Step 4. Before incorporating them into your essay, make absolutely certain that all quotes are accurate (PROOFREAD!)

Source 1:		Source 2:	Source 3:
The Road Not Taken		Another Brick in the Wall	F451
Point #1: vs.	Quote 1: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference."	Quote 1: "All in all it's just another brick in the wall. All in all you're just another brick in the wall."	Quote #1: "... I'm anti-social they say. I don't mix. It's so strange..." pg.30-31
	Quote 2: "...looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth then took the other, as just as fair... perhaps the better claim because it was grassy and wanted wear..."	Quote 2: "We don't need no education. <u>We don't need no thought control.</u> "	Quote #2: "I haven't had any friends. That's supposed to prove I'm abnormal. But everyone I know is either shouting at ... beating up one another." pg.30-31

Source 1:	Source 2:	Source 3:
Another Brick in the Wall	F451	Lego Movie

Point #2: R vs. C	Quote 1: "We don't need no education. we don't need no thought control... Hey! Teacher! Leave them kids alone!"	Quote 1: "...head for a Fun Park to bully people around, break window panes in the windows Smasher place or wreck cars in the Car wrecker place with a big steel ball." pg. 30-31	Quote #1: "People everywhere are always messing w/ my stuff! But I have a way to fix that. A way to keep things exactly the way they are suppose to be..." -President Business
	Quote 2: "No dark sarcasm in the classroom.... All in all you're just another brick in the wall"	Quote 2: "I'm afraid of children my own age. They kill each other." pg. 30	Quote #2: "They come up with all the instructions for everything in the universe." -President Business

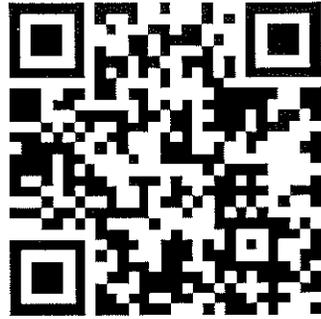
	Source 1: F # 51	Source 2: Lego Movie	Source 3: The Road not TAKen
Point 3: K vs. L	Quote 1: "... but do you know we never ask questions or at least most don't; they just run answers at you..."	Quote 1: "I don't think he's had a single original thought in his life" - Wildstyle/Lucy	Quote #1: "In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back."
	Quote 2: "Established, 1790, to burn English-influenced books in the colonies. First Fireman: Benjamin Franklin." pg. 34-35	Quote 2: "I used to think that he was a follower with no ideas for the life of him... you have the unique ability deep within to be a groundbreaker..." -Wildstyle/Lucy	Quote #2: "Two road diverged in a wood, & I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Poem: *The Road Not Taken*

By Robert Frost



Video: *Another Brick in the Wall, Pt. 2*



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Video: *LEGO Movie: Opening Scene*

