

You will need:

A text of any kind
(print, visual, multimodal)



Background Knowledge



Setting & Context



Emotional Reactions



Other Viewpoints



Genre Considerations



Lingering Questions

Recipe for Making a Synthesis

1
read

Read the text. Continually check for **overall understanding**. Use the *Stop & Say Something* strategy to **retell/summarize**.



2
pause

Be on the lookout for **important parts**, lines, or quotes. **Pause** to ponder them.



Be patient!
Don't rush this step!

3
ponder

Consider if you have any **related thoughts**.

- Add in **background knowledge**.
- Add in **setting & context**.
- Add in **emotional reactions**.
- Add in **other viewpoints**.
- Add in **genre considerations**.
- Add in **lingering questions**.



4
combine

Mix together your summary with your added thoughts. Combine them all together and **think** about what it means. Take a few moments to ask **Why does this matter?** What are you realizing?



5
support

Add textual evidence to support (or decorate) your initial synthesis. **Present** your complete inference (synthesis with support) **in writing**.

