**Synthesis Video Worksheet**

**Academic Synthesis Video**

Link: <https://youtu.be/L8yn8v5Ki2k>

**Task 1**

Read through this paragraph, identify and highlight the sources and the corresponding point made.

**Course-work versus examination assessment**

Using assignment essays for assessment supports learning better than the traditional examination system. It is considered that course-work assignment essays can lessen the extreme stress experienced by some students over ‘sudden death’ end of semester examinations and reduce the failure rate (Langdon, 2016). Study skills research by Peters et al. (2018) support assessment by assignment because research assignments can be used to assess student learning mid-course and so provide them with helpful feedback. They also consider that assignment work lends itself to more critical approaches which help the students to learn the discourse of their subjects. In contrast, Abbot (2008) and Cane (2018) both argue that assignments are inefficient, costly to manage and are the cause of plagiarism problems in universities. A key argument is that “assessment by examination is a clean-cut approach as you obtain students’ knowledge under supervised circumstances” (Bable, 2008, p.20). The weight of evidence, however, would suggest that it is a fairer and more balanced approach to have some assessment by assignment rather than completely by examinations.

**\*All answers in the video**

**Synthesis Practice**

**Task 2**

* Using the information in the table, practise synthesis using the prompt to help you.
* Don’t forget to paraphrase the points, use accurate in-text citation (integral or non-integral) and the correct transition words.

**Exercise 1**

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| **Johnson (2018)** | **Williams (2019)** | **Prompt** |
| The main goal of the World Bank is to reduce poverty and foster economic growth in developing countries.  | There has been an increase in the level of poverty in Africa.  | Counter-argue. |

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**Exercise 2**

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| **Arnold (2019)** | **James (2020)** | **Prompt** |
| The decline of printed newspapers is due to increased online activity overall.  | The more time we spend online, the more likely we are to use search engines and blogs for news.   | Build on former view.  |

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