

Silent Spring essay assignment

Write a prompt for a synthesis essay based on *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. Your prompt must be worded and structured like an AP synthesis prompt. Use the sheet provided to help you.

You must provide five sources for students to refer to when writing the prompt.

- Two of your sources must be from *Silent Spring*.
- Two of your sources must be from current reputable newspapers (online format is acceptable).
- One of your sources must be a graphic (chart, graph, political cartoon, photo, etc.).
- Remember that the sources given for a synthesis are less than a page long, so you will need to choose an excerpt from each of your sources.
- Each source should start with an MLA citation and include a sentence that introduces the source and its context.

You will hand in an annotated bibliography of the sources you used. The bibliography should include the following:

- A proper MLA citation
- A paragraph summarizing the source
- A paragraph that explains why the source is appropriate for your prompt.

Synthesis Essay

Fill out this form to write your essay question.

Question

Directions: The following prompt is based on the accompanying seven sources.

This question requires you to synthesize a variety of sources into a coherent, well-written essay.

When you synthesize sources, you refer to them to develop your position and cite them accurately. *Your argument should be central; the sources should support the argument. Avoid merely summarizing sources.*

Remember to attribute both direct and indirect references.

Introduction

Assignment

Read the following sources (including the introductory information) carefully. Then, in an essay that synthesizes at least three of the sources,

You may refer to the sources by their titles (Source A, Source B, etc.) or by the descriptions in parentheses.

Source A

Source B

Source C

Source D

Source E