

Explanatory Synthesis

Research: For this paper you will find one article supporting socialized medicine (or the Affordable Care Act) as a better method of health care for American citizens, and one article opposing such care in America. You must attach a photo copy of the articles you choose.

Assignment: Write a one-page summary of Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko." Using this documentary and your two articles (synthesis), and a point of controversy (issue) between the two sides (pro and con) and write an explanation of the controversy to someone from another country curious about American health care. Identify at least two points of agreement between the two "pro" sources

1. Your explanation should not be more than two pages but be careful to incorporate the main ideas and arguments from each of your three sources.
2. Attribute carefully (and frequently) using MLA in-text citations.
3. Include a complete MLA style "Works Cited" page at the end of your paper. You will have three entries.
4. Staple the Moore summary, your synthesis, your "Works Cited" page, and your photocopies all together (in that order), under one cover sheet that follows the standard guidelines as explained.
5. Include at least two quotes, and one bracket.

Helpful hints for a more effective paper:

1. You will likely have to briefly summarize some, or all, of your outside sources within the text of your synthesis.
2. Strive to keep your voice neutral. This is an informative paper; so while you are presenting the issue as you see it, try to focus on information rather than which view is better.
3. Use the suggestions in the blue boxes on pp. 101-102

Your paper is due 2-12. It is worth 15% of your final grade.