

Synthesis paper -- pennies

THE PAPER: You must use at least FOUR of the seven sources provided

- First paragraph:
 - a bit of context, a bit of yourself . . . just a couple or a few sentences: an appropriate anecdote? A vivid image? A startling statement?
 - A sentence or two setting up the situation, the question.
 - Your thesis statement / your statement of opinion.
- Second , Third paragraph: Embedding quotes from the source material and/or paraphrasing phrases and ideas in the sources, write in favor of your thesis
- Fourth paragraph: Concession*: A point or two or three that goes against your thesis. {and} Refutation*: Why this point is not strong enough to make you change your thesis?
- Fifth paragraph: conclusion and so what; don't repeat what you wrote, you might save one small, last point in your favor for the conclusion.

FYI: concede → admit to being wrong, surrender | concession → the act of conceding | refute → prove to be false, overthrow by evidence, argument, or proof | refutation → the act of refuting

Use the following in your parenthetical citation:

Source A	Source B	Source C	Source D	Source E	Source F	Source G
Lewis	Kahn	Safire	Weller	Harris Poll	Press Release	Penny Visual

Examples:

Paraphrase, citation in parentheses not needed - why?

As indicated by the Harris polling group, public opinion shows a strong desire to keep the penny.

Paraphrase, parenthetical citation is called for:

State economies that depend on penny production for continued prosperity, such as Tennessee's, would be adversely affected by the discontinuation of the penny (Lewis).

Direct quote, citation in parentheses not needed:

According to William Safire, pennies are "literally more trouble than they are worth."

Direct quote, parenthetical citation called for:

Indeed, many believe that pennies are "literally more trouble than they are worth" (Safire).