Creative Synthesis

Synthesizing and **integrating** means examining all the things you have learned and combining them to form a richer and more meaningful whole.

You synthesize/integrate when you

• use what you already know to figure out the meaning of a new word

• combine several brainstorming suggestions to develop a solution to a problem

• develop a consensus of opinion based on everyone's ideas

In what other situations might you use synthesis and integration?

Directions: In this book, you have read several authors' views on why it is important to make good decisions, what to consider when making decisions, and what the consequences of decisions can be. Now it's your turn to express your feelings about decision making in a creative project such as a poem, song, letter, editorial, or journal entry. You might use the steps below to prewrite for your creative piece.

Using Quotations: Copy three meaningful or powerful quotations from one or more of the selections in Clusters One, Two, or Three. Then write a short synthesis statement about the quotations. Your synthesis statement should combine or rearrange the quotations to provide a new perspective on decision making. Use the context of your synthesis statement as a basis for your creative piece.

Quotations:

Synthesis Statement:

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Remember, a strong synthesis

- begins with a careful analysis of details

- develops into a rearrangement of the material

- shares a distinctly personal viewpoint in a new way