

Affirmative Action

Mostly beneficial to society?
Mostly detrimental to society?
Somewhere in between?

Beneficial to whom all?	Detrimental to whom all?
Beneficial in what ways?	Detrimental in what ways?
Beneficial according to whom?	Detrimental according to whom?

Synthesis Essay

Central Claim

"Affirmative action is/does (X, Y, and/or Z) . . ."

Supporting Reasons (3)

" . . . because (1, 2, 3)."

1

2

3

Evidence to Support Each Reason

(Refer to five articles for evidence.)

1

2

3

Potential Counterarguments to Your Position

A

B

Thesis Statement (claim + reasons)

"Affirmative action is/does (X, Y, and/or Z) because (1, 2, 3)."