**d:\Users\teacher\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6XEQB1ZY\MC900440428[1].wmfThe Synthesis**

**A Synthesis is….**

* A true synthesis = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ideas from two different texts
* You will be given a prompt and you must find a way to talk about both texts in relation to the prompt.

**The Hardest Part**

* The synthesis section is the hardest part of the exam
* It is worth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of the entire exam!
  + 17 % -- multiple choice
  + 30% -- essay
* You should devote 1hr and 25 min to the synthesis section (multiple choice and essay)

**Part B and C: The Synthesis**

* You will be asked to read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ texts and answer multiple choice questions about each (14 in total)
* There will be *2 multiple choice questions* (about both texts together)
* There will be *one written response* (synthesis essay)
  + You will need to *discuss both texts*

**5 Types of Questions on the Exam**

* 1. Compare/ Contrast
* 2. How would character X respond to character Y
* 3. Who is the better ….
* 4. Discuss similarities between X and Y
* 5. Assess (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

**Breaking down the question**

* Discuss irony in the stories “The Lottery” and “The Cask of Amontillado.”
  + Discuss = key verb
  + Irony = key words
* “Discuss” — the key verb tells you how to structure your essay.
  + For example, discuss means to present various points of view on the specified topic.

**Method of Comparison**

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| * Avoid block method of comparison   + Ex. A + B = AB * This is not a synthesis! | * Use point by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comparison   + Ex. 1AB, 2AB, 3AB |
| * Block Method   + Para 1 apples     - Everything about apples   + Para 2 pears     - Everything about pears   + Para 3 both     - Comparing both pears and apples | * Point by Point Method   + Para 1     - Apples and pears: texture   + Para 2     - Apples and pears: taste   + Para 3     - Apples and pears: colour |