

## Synthesis Grid

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**Goals:** To help students explore similarities and differences among the arguments advanced by different writers.

To complete this synthesis grid, list a key theme in the left hand column. Then, below each author, write how they would respond to that theme. For instance, an author might agree, disagree, partially agree or disagree, or have no comment. After indicating how they would respond, indicate why you think they would respond in that way. You can include a direct quotation, a paraphrase, or an interpretation of their article. Even if an author does not directly address a key theme, you can indicate how you think they would respond. For instance, even though a talk show host like Rush Limbaugh might not directly address the idea that the media influences the way we construct our identities, you might nonetheless be able to give an educated guess as to how he would respond.

	Author 1	Author 2	Author 3	Author 4
Theme 1				
Theme 2				
Theme 3				
Theme 4				