**SYNTHESIS: PUTTING DIFFERENT VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS IN CONVERSATION**

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|  | Author 1:  | Author 2:  |
| What is the topic of conversation or question they are answering?\**Keep in mind that your authors may directly or indirectly address a shared topic/question* |  |
| What would the authors agree on?\**Summarize key points and note passages from the text that provide evidence to support these points* |  |
| What would they disagree about?\**Summarize key points and note passages from the text that provide evidence to support these points* |  |  |
| What aspect of the larger question do they focus on? (i.e. what more specific question do they pose?)\* *How does each author develop the topic through sub-questions or different approaches to the shared question?* |  |  |
| What do they say? (i.e. their main claim or a point they make)*\*Summarize the overall main point and note the sentence you would call the thesis.* |  |  |
| What do they conclude or what do they want? (i.e. what is their purpose for writing?)*\*Consider how each author's final paragraphs drive home their main ideas or answers “So what? Who cares?”* |  |  |
| Discourse Community:Who are the authors and who (if you can tell) do you think is the primary audience (intended readers) for these texts? |  |  |