**Rubric for Synthesis Question on Survivor Question**

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| **Category** | **9/8 Sophisticated** | **7/6****Effective** | **5/4****Adequate** | **3/2/1****Inadequate** |
| **Argumentation** | Takes a sophisticated position that defends, challenges, or qualifies the issue regarding the resiliency of humans. There is a thorough explanation of the issues facing the survival of human beings and the characteristics which humans do or do not possess which affect their survival. | Takes an effective position that defends, challenges, or qualifies the issue regarding the resiliency of humans. There is a clear explanation of the issues facing the survival of human beings and the characteristics which humans do or do not possess which affect their survival. | Takes an adequate position that defends, challenges, or qualifies the issue regarding the resiliency of humans. There is an explanation of the issues facing the survival of human beings and the characteristics which humans do or do not possess which affect their survival although the development may be uneven, inconsistent, or lacking in developing | Generally fails to offer a clear thesis and presentation of key ideas; may not discuss some of the key issues with respect to the issues or characteristics. |
| **Support** | Support is cogent; evidence connects thoughtfully to the positions the author is advocating | Support is effectively utilized; evidence connects clearly to the positions the author is advocating | Support may be unclear, undeveloped, or inconsistent | Support is highly limited |
| **Sources/Synthesis** | The paper fluently synthesizes all of the texts (3 articles and 2 works from class) into the essay and blends those sources into the essay in a sophisticated fashion | The paper effectively synthesizes the appropriate number of sources and clearly uses those sources in the paper | Sources are used but the synthesizes of the sources may be limited (one or more sources may be missing) | Sources may not be used or the connection between the sources and the argument may be uncertain |
| **Style and Flow** | The paper has a sophisticated organization and a mature writing style\*9 essays will be particularly strong in style, use off sources, or sophistication of written style | Effective written style though not flawless; 7 Essays will have stronger support or a clearer written style | Adequate and clear writing though style may be functionary and show little flair | May have significant errors which impede comprehension |