Review  Synthesizing involves taking individual pieces of information and combining them with other pieces of information and/or prior knowledge to gain a better understanding of a subject or to create a new product or idea.

Directions: First read the passages. Then answer the items that follow.

1. Briefly paraphrase the main idea in each passage.

2. What do the three passages have in common?

3. Complete this thought: Reading these passages, I have learned the following: