Synthesizing What You Read

Synthesis:
The combination of two or more things to produce something new

Synthesis for Reading:
Taking ideas from what you read and combining them to form new ideas

Analyzing vs. Synthesizing

Analyzing
Involves breaking down ideas into their parts.
For example, you can break down a pizza into its ingredients.

Synthesizing
Involves combining ideas to form new ones.
Or, you can take those same ingredients and create something new, like a calzone.

Summarizing:
State someone else’s ideas into as few words as possible

Synthesizing:
Compare or combine the ideas you’ve read to form new ones