

The Synthesis Solution Protocol OBJECTIVES

- 1) Reinforce for students the **inquiry purpose of argumentation**, enabling them to discover their own position
- 2) Identify a tool for facilitating civic discourse and dialogue, and for achieving democratic solutions to issues of concern to students
- 3) Pursue alternatives to entrenched partisanship and polarization while retaining academic rigor and critical thought
- 4) Teach students to be more objective and less personal about arguments, even on issues of intense personal or community interest
- 5) Practice analyzing and evaluating the components of an argument