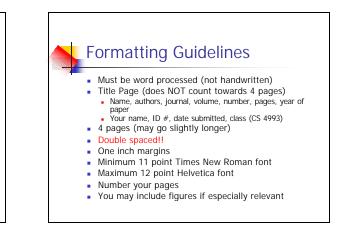
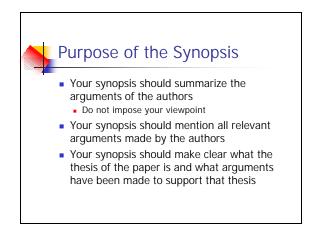
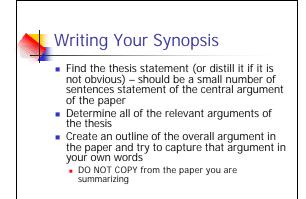
Preparing Your Synopsis

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Getting Started Examine the structure of the paper (if any) and use that as an initial outline Go through the paper, find one critical sentence for each paragraph, and accumulate these sentences Attempt to find the central thesis of the paper and the key arguments from among these sentences Organize in a way that makes sense to you Reword the arguments using your own words

Some Basics

- Start the paper with a sentence like In the paper, "How Many Chucks Could a Woodchuck Chuck?," *Journal of Woodchucking*, Volume 13, pages 15-25, B. Beaver's central thesis is that a woodchuck can chuck as much ..."
- Then indicate the key supporting arguments
- Your paper should conclude by reiterating the central thesis and the arguments made in support of that thesis