

## Noteworthy Notetaking



## CORNELL NOTETAKING GUIDE

# What is Cornell Notetaking?



A system of taking notes which provides a way to note important information, review it and, thus, remember it.

## WHY TAKE NOTES?



Research tells us that 60% of those who don't take notes forget what they heard or read in 14 days.

Those who take some notes remember 60%.

Those who take organized notes and do something with them remember 90-100% indefinitely.

# When should you take notes?

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 $\checkmark$  When your teacher presents the lesson

✓ When you read text and want to remember or organize what you read

 $\checkmark$  When you watch a video for information

✓ When you need to remember what happened at a meeting

✓ When completing a group project

#### Create 2 column notes

Column 1	Column 2

**Reflection:** 

Draw a line down your paper to create a smaller space on the left. This will be for you to record questions, main ideas, or key words.

You can then fold the paper and use it as a study guide. Ask yourself the question or review the word on the left and turn over your paper to find the answer on the right.

#### **Reflection:**

Write out notes in your own words or analyze them.

#### WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN THE **LEFT COLUMN**?



Key words to remember or on which to reflect

➢Questions answered in the text

► Questions to which you cannot find answers

Steps in solving a problem or within a process

► Notes to yourself

Diagrams or figures

### WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN THE **<u>RIGHT COLUMN</u>**?



- Write down only what is important
- $\succ$  Look for ways demonstrated by the teacher to organize the information
- > Write down the material written down by the teacher
- Note patterns or repetitions
- $\succ$  Listen for specific clues such as, "this is important or may be on test."
- > Be an active listener- don't just listen, make notes
- $\succ$  Ask relevant questions- note them and the answers

### How should I write my notes?

- Find a way to organize them that fits you
- Write them in your own words so you better remember them
- Use abbreviations
- Use drawings or diagrams to support your notes
- Draw pictures to make your notes clearer
- Leave space if you think you need to add additional information
- Use bullets, arrows, indentations
- Write neatly

#### **Reflection:** Write out notes in your own words or analyze them.

