

Taking Notes!

Why in the world do we take notes???

- ❖ To record and remember the most important information from a lecture or text
- ❖ Writing down information helps us to remember it better than just reading it.
- ❖ Good notes are a fantastic way to study for a test! If you take good notes you will have a great chapter summary to review and you won't have to sit and reread the whole chapter.
- ❖ Taking notes helps you to focus better on what I am saying and lets me know that you are listening.

How do we take notes?

- ❖ Develop an organized system for recording the information –everyone has their own style of note taking. I can help you develop one or you can create your own.
- ❖ Taking notes in class? If I write it down on the board it must be important enough for you to copy, **so copy it!**
- ❖ Taking notes by yourself out of a textbook? Only write down the most important information. Don't copy every detail.

What do Good Notes Include?

- ❖ Headings and subheadings
- ❖ Bullet points or numbers
- ❖ Graphic organizers or quick sketches (this does not include doodling!) But you may use diagrams to help you remember certain pieces of information and to organize the information.
- ❖ Only important information, don't spend your time copying every detail.

How will I know which information is important?

- ❖ The main ideas of a paragraph or section
- ❖ Information that is bolded or highlighted in a text
- ❖ Whatever information I tell you is important or write on the board
- ❖ Deciding what information is important depends on the class, the textbook, and the teacher. You will develop this skill over time.

An example

Chapter 4 Lesson 3 The Plymouth Colony

❖ The Pilgrim's Journey

- ❖ A group of people decided to travel to the New World for religious freedom-they were known as the Pilgrims
- ❖ The Virginia Company paid for their journey to North America and the Pilgrims would have to repay them later
- ❖ They left England in 1620 on a ship called the Mayflower

❖ The Mayflower Compact

- ❖ The men on the Mayflower signed the Mayflower Compact when they arrived in Massachusetts
- ❖ This document was a form of self-government (if you don't know what a word means include the definition in your notes) and it allowed for majority rule

Taking good notes is
so important!

Taking good notes is a
life skill! Start now!

Trust me! If you can
listen and take good
notes now it will help you
to **SUCCEED**, here, in
high school and in
college!

I am here to **HELP YOU!**
If you have a question
ask me.