

Taking Notes!

Proficient Students Take Notes

- ❖ helps us remember the most important information from a lecture or text
- ❖ helps us to remember the topic better than just reading it
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ helps you to focus better on what the teacher is saying and lets the teacher 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.
- ❖ Taking notes in class? If the teacher writes 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 Efficient Notes Include?

- ❖ headings and subheadings
- ❖ bullet points or numbers
- ❖ graphic organizers or quick sketches (this does not include doodling!) You may use diagrams to help you remember certain pieces of information and to organize the information.
- ❖ only include important information. Don't spend your time copying every detail.

How will I know which information is important?

- ❖ main ideas of a paragraph or section
- ❖ information that is bolded or highlighted in a text
- ❖ whatever information the teacher tells you is important or that the teacher writes 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.

Good luck and have fun!