

# Cornell Note-Taking

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# Cornell Notes

- Write your name, date, class, and period in the upper right hand corner (see above).
- Write the topic of the notes (ex. WWII, Cells, Nouns, etc.) on the top line (see above).

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- Page setup

- Draw a horizontal line about five lines up from the bottom.

- Draw a vertical line down the page about one third of distance from the left.

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- Main Idea
- Key Question  
(after notes are completed)

- Key words & ideas
- Important dates/people/places
- Repeated/Stressed Info
- Ideas/brainstorming written on board / overhead projector
- Info from textbook/stories
- Diagrams & Pictures
- Formulas

# SAMPLE

For English

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|------------------------------------|---|
| • What is a noun?                  | • Noun - person, place, thing, idea   |
| • What are the two types of nouns? | • Types - concrete & abstract<br>• concrete - taste, touch, smell, see<br>• abstract - ideas (emotions) |
| • What is a compound noun?         | • compound - two or more words combined to create one thing;<br>ex: fireman, bedroom                    |

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- Helpful Hints for Straight A Notes

- Abbrev. , Paraphrase.
- Use symbols (arrows, circles, underlining) or highlighting to emphasize important ideas and relationships.
- Skip lines between ideas.
- Within 24 hours, review notes and develop study questions on the left side.
- Be aware of teacher clues.\*

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# Teacher Clues

• How do I know if what the teacher says is important?

- Repetition or stressed inflection
- Voice gets louder/softer or faster/slower
- Writing on the board or overhead
- "This will be on the test."
- Gestures (hand/arm movements)
- "This is important."

# So, what about the bottom of my paper?

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What belongs in the bottom space?

- Summary - review notes as soon as possible after class and write a summary in your own words about the main ideas. Are there any gaps in your understanding? (see next point)
- Questions for the teacher.
- Doodles - down here they won't get in the way of the important stuff.



Summary, questions, doodles





# Abbreviation Exercise

Abbreviate the following lines  
so they still make sense

- Hippocrates, a Greek who is considered to be the Father of Medicine, was born on the island of Cos in 460 B.C.
- George Washington was not, in a sense, America's first president.
- Mark Twain fell in love with Olivia Langdon. They married in 1870 and moved to Hartford, Connecticut.

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## Answers

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- Hippocrates (Gr.) Father of Med b.Cos 460B.C
- G. Wash. Not Am's 1st Pres.?
- Twain - Olivia Langdon  
m. 1870 to Hart Conn



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