

CORNELL NOTE TAKING



**QUICK GUIDE TO TAKING EFFICIENT
AND USEFUL NOTES USING THE
CORNELL FORMAT**

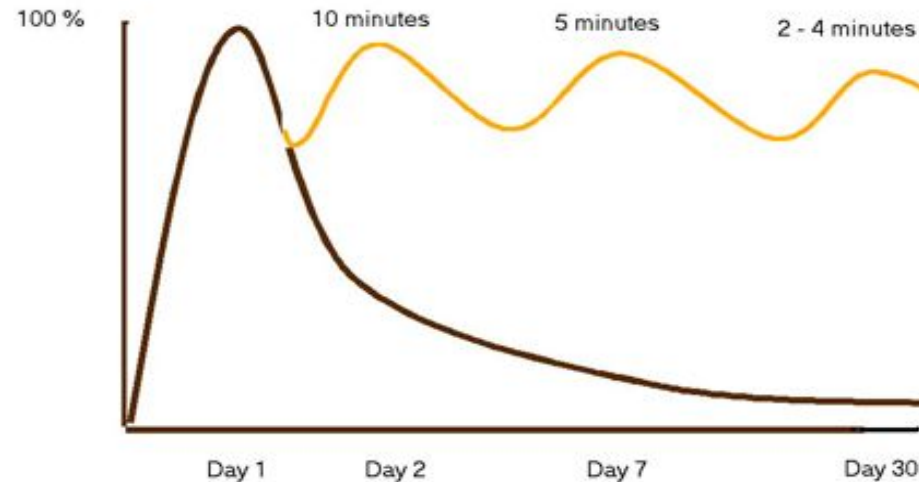
WHY TAKE CORNELL NOTES?



- Help you work on assignments and study for tests outside of class
- Stimulates Critical Thinking skills
- Helps organize and process information
- Help you recall information and use your notes multiple times

THE CURVE OF FORGETTING

- By day 2, if you do not think about or review your notes, you will lose 50%-80% of what you learned.
- By day 30, if you do not think about or review your notes, you remember only 2% - 3% of what you learned on day 1.



THE VALUE OF CORNELL NOTES



- Students who take no notes or some notes retain less than 59% of what was learned.
- Students who take and use Cornell Notes as a study tool retain 90%-100% of what was learned.

TABLE TALK



- With your neighbor, discuss when you should take notes in class.
- Make a list.
- Be prepared to share with the class!

WHEN TO TAKE NOTES

- The speaker says to take notes
- The speaker says something you don't already know
- There are bolded, italicized, or underlined words/phrases in the presentation.
- The speaker writes on the board
- The teacher says, "This will be on the test."

S.T.A.R.



- Set up your paper
- Take the notes
- Apply your thinking to the notes
- Reflect on **R**evise and **R**eview your notes.

SET UP YOUR PAPER

- Put a proper **heading** in the top right corner.
 - Name
 - Class
 - Period
 - Date
- Save 1/3 of the left hand side of paper for **questions** by folding or drawing a vertical line.
- Write the topic of the lecture, passage, etc in the form of an **essential question**.

Topic
Essential Question

First & Last Name
Class Title
Period
Date

Questions,
Subtitles,
Headings,
Etc.

After research is
complete

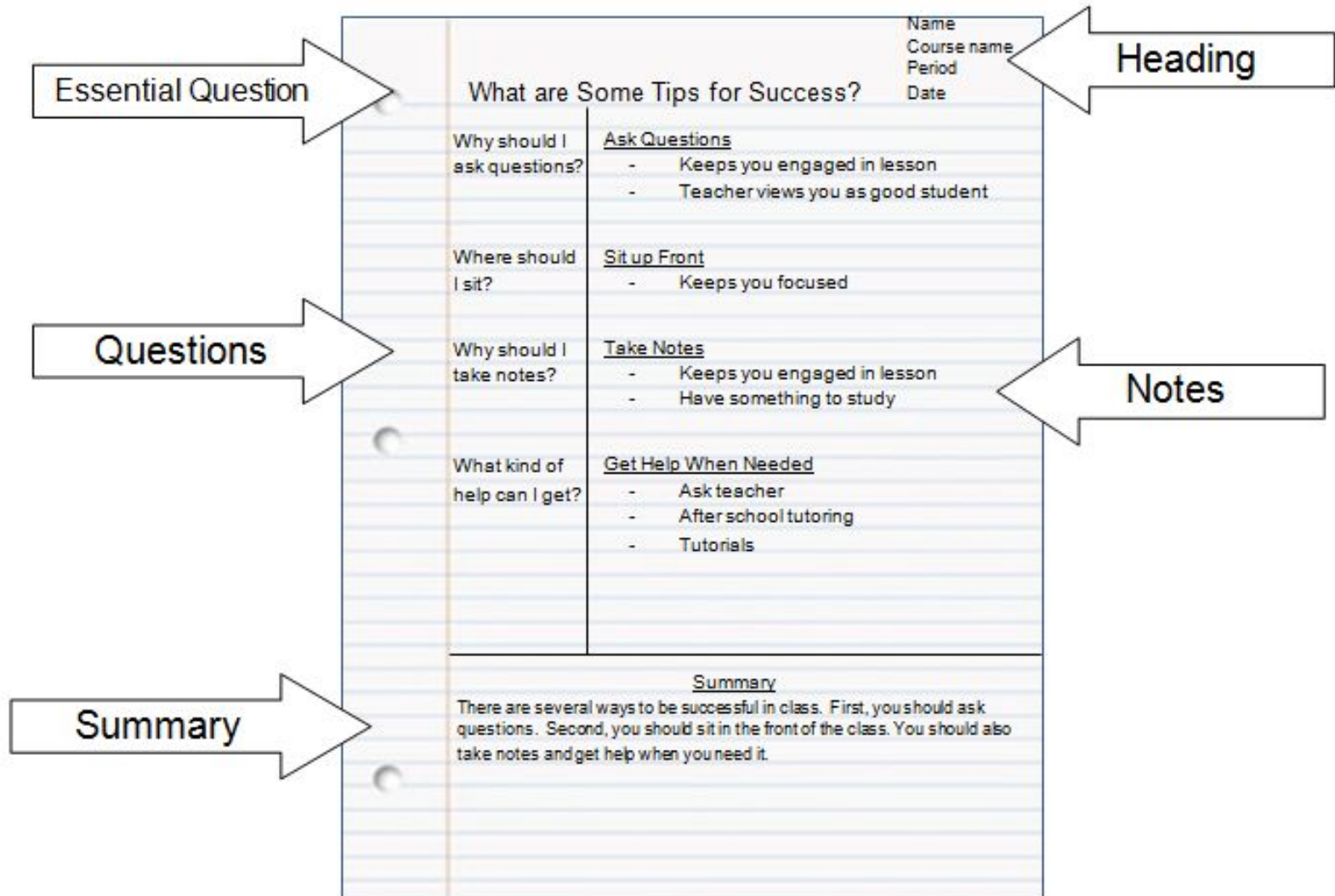
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Research/
Lecture
Notes

**3 to 4 sentence summary across the bottom of the last page
of the day's notes, which answers the Essential Question**

WHAT DO CORNELL NOTES LOOK LIKE?



TAKE NOTES



- Write notes on the right side of the page
- Abbreviate words
- Paraphrase
- Skip at least 2 lines between each idea
- Use symbols, pictures, or diagrams

TAKE NOTES

	Name
	Course name
	Period
	Date
	What are Some Tips for Success?
	<u>Ask Questions</u>
	- Keeps you engaged in lesson
	- Teacher views you as good student
	<u>Sit up Front</u>
	- Keeps you focused
	<u>Take Notes</u>
	- Keeps you engaged in lesson
	- Have something to study
	<u>Get Help When Needed</u>
	- Ask teacher
	- After school tutoring
	- Tutorials

APPLY YOUR THINKING

		Name
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What are Some Tips for Success?		
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Where should I sit?	<u>Sit up Front</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keeps you focused	
Why should I take notes?	<u>Take Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keeps you engaged in lesson- Have something to study	
What kind of help can I get?	<u>Get Help When Needed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ask teacher- After school tutoring- Tutorials	

- Within 24 hours of taking notes, review your notes and write questions on the left side of the page.

REFLECT ON NOTES

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<u>Summary</u> <p>There are several ways to be successful in class. First, you should ask questions. Second, you should sit in the front of the class. You should also take notes and get help when you need it.</p>		

- Add a summary to your notes. Answer the essential question as your topic sentence and turn each “chunk” of information into supporting sentences.

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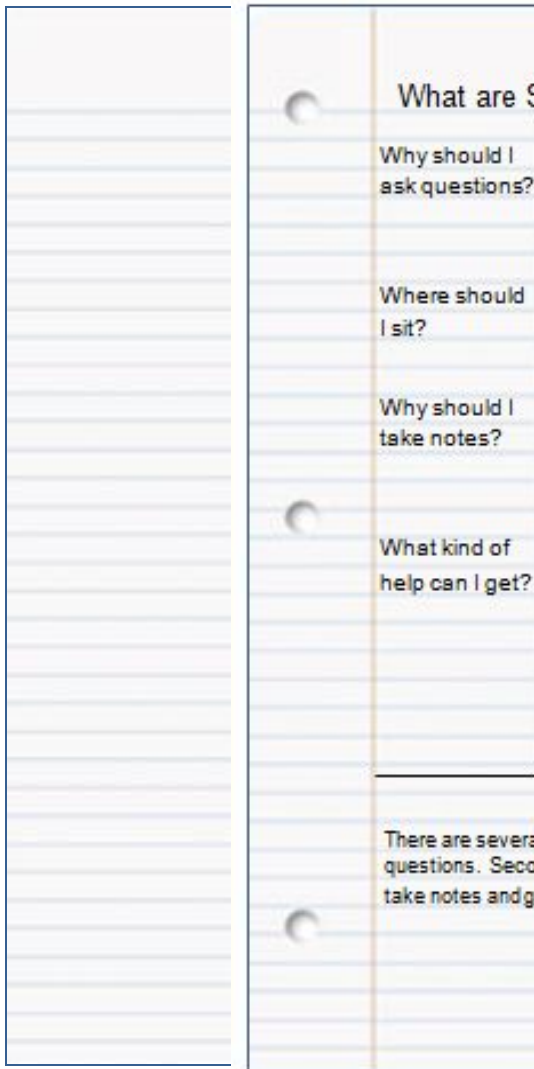
- Review notes with a partner and add details that you each missed.

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- Look in your textbook and add details from the book to your notes.

REVIEW NOTES



- Fold your notes so that the questions show, but the notes do not. Quiz yourself or work with another student to quiz each other.