

Cornell Notes

Note-taking strategy that will
improve your study skills and
your grades!!

Problems with taking notes

- I can't write everything down the teacher says because he/she talks TOO fast!
- I can't read my notes.
- The notes I take when I read don't help.

Don't be like this guy...





....or her

What's the advantage of Cornell notes?

- Helps me take organized notes.
- Helps me identify key words and concepts from lecture or reading.
- Improved grades.

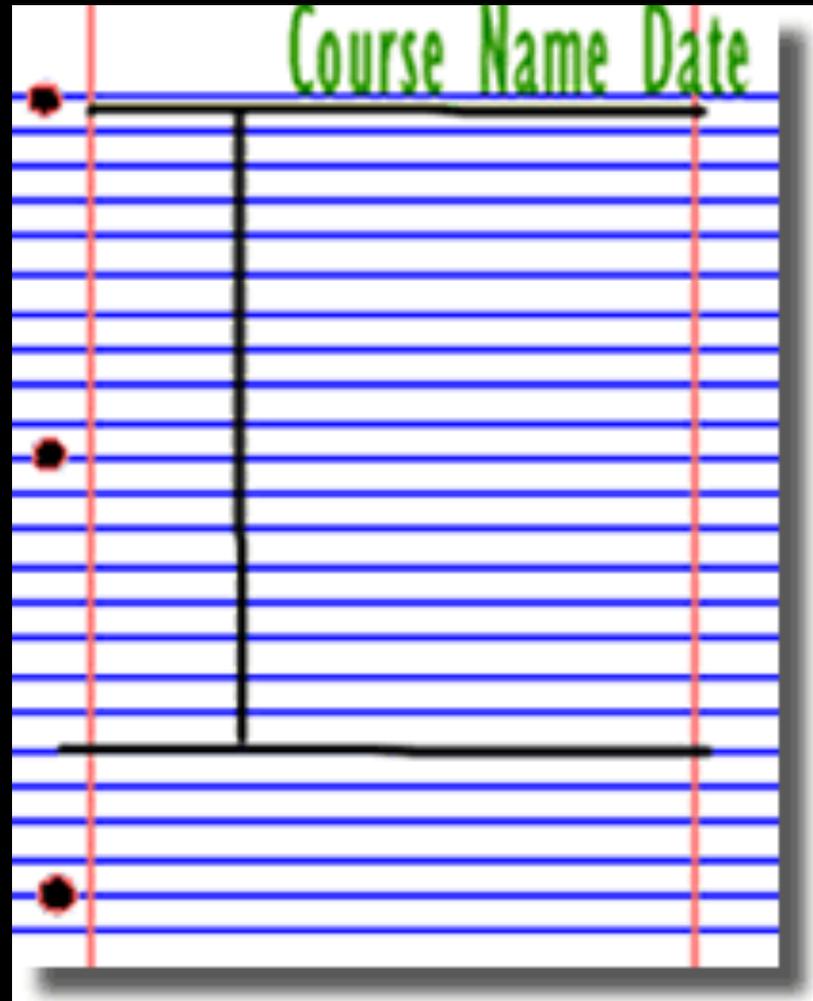
Set up your paper

Address your paper like you normally would any other paper.

-Include name, date, and class period.

Now use a ruler and your pencil and draw lines on your paper to make it look like the picture on the right.

-It doesn't need to be perfect, just as close as you can get.



Helpful hint!

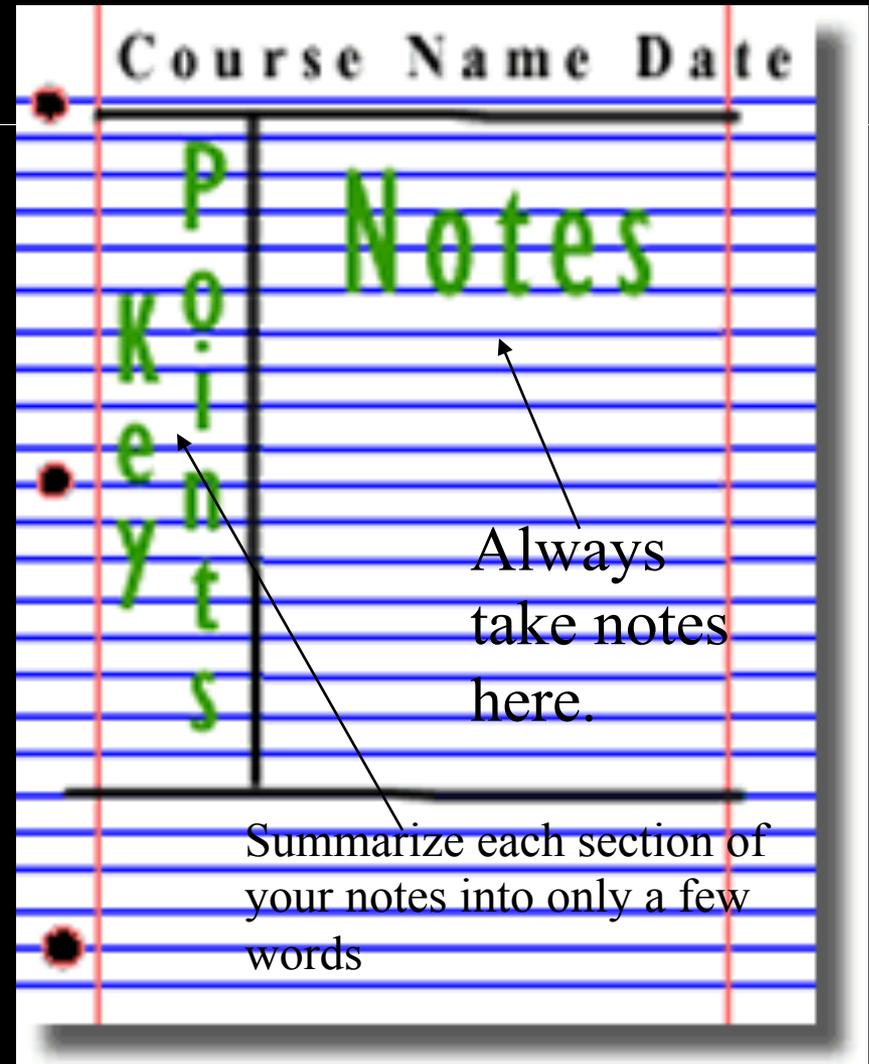
- Make sure that you have several pages already set up before your instructor begins their lecture to prevent you missing notes that might help you succeed on your tests.

Now what?

-Take notes like you normally would on the right side of the vertical line.

-Continue to take notes on as many pages as you need until the lecture is complete.

After the lecture, go back and give headings to your notes to make it easier to find when you study.



History example

Amy Cohen
The Near East

Jericho

o

3 req'ments
for dev'ment
of cities

water

agriculture

o

protection

o

JERICHO

- 1st city developed
- before Jericho people w

Three req'ments for dev'ment

1. Water = 1st req'ment
- cities built by lakes

2. Agriculture = 2nd req'ment
- division of labor: w
planted, men hunt

3. Protection = 3rd req'ment
- walls of Jericho b
farms and water f
- walls built 7800 B
- city survived 800

SUMMARY: Jericho is significant as first city. Req
for dev'ment of cities are water, agriculture, protect

What we've learned so far

- Step 1: Record
 - Take notes on the right side of the page.
- Step 2: Revise
 - Using your notes, label your notes in short hand. Write questions about your notes that you think the instructor might use on the test.

Step 3: Recite

- Cover the note taking column (right side) with a sheet of paper with key points or questions.
- **NOW YOU' RE STUDYING!**

Step 4: Reflect

Reflect on the material by asking yourself questions, for example:

- What's the significance of these facts?
- What principles are these based on?
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Step 5: Review

Spend at least 10 minutes every week reviewing all your previous notes.