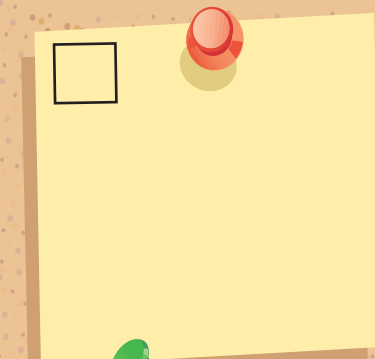


TWO-COLUMN NOTE TAKING

Headings and/or Questions

Related Information/Details



Featuring the Frameworks: Linking
Language Arts to Your Newspaper

This activity will help you organize information from a news article to prepare to write a five-paragraph essay.

Directions

The two-column system for taking notes is designed to save time, yet be highly efficient. Notes are organized by main ideas and details.

The system uses two columns on one sheet of paper. The first column, labeled Headings/Questions takes up one-third of the page on the left side. The second column, labeled Related Information/Details, takes up the remaining two-thirds of the page.

Read a teacher-designated or self-selected article in *The Free Lance–Star*. As you read, pick out the major topics and list these under Heading/Questions in the first column.

Reread the article and place bulleted detail information in the right-hand column across from the appropriate heading.

Orally retell the information and make a paragraph out of each topic.

Follow-up: Add an introduction and concluding paragraph for a five-paragraph essay.

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Self-Check

1. I read an appropriate newspaper article.
2. I reread the article and chose three topic headings or categories. I wrote this information in the left-hand column.
3. I selected at least two details to include under each topic and wrote this information in the right-hand column.
4. I orally retold the information under each topic and turned this information into a paragraph.