

TEXTBOOK NOTETAKING

Why should I take notes ???


- *It reinforces learning of the information.
- *It helps to select the main ideas and details in order to the overall organization of the text.
- *It creates a shortened version of the text with all the important information to help review for tests.
- *It helps you to pay attention.

Tips for textbook notetaking:

- *Finish reading before taking notes. 

Students should not read the entire chapter, but should read through long paragraphs or headed sections of the text before recording notes. You should not wait until the end of reading the whole

chapter before taking notes because you might forget some information. Read a small section of the chapter then choose the most important ideas.

★ Be very selective about what is recorded. 

Remember that the goal of notetaking is to make a shortened version of the text. Select only the basic concepts to note. Skim the text first or see what the teacher thinks is important.

★ Use your own words. 

Take the time to put the information into your own words. The time spent trying to understand a passage and write the main ideas in your own words is the best way to spend your time.

★ Work quickly and efficiently.

Notetaking does not have to take a lot of time.

Read, 

think, 

write, 

and move on. 

