

TAKING NOTES

Skills:

Student uses strategies such as note taking, summarizing, and outlining to clarify meaning and write a grade level-appropriate report.

Instructions:

Explain to students that a good way of taking notes is to make an outline of what they are reading by writing down the main points and a few important details. Have them read a news story in today's newspaper that they think has an interesting topic. They can skim through the article again to find the main idea in each paragraph. On a piece of paper, have them number the ideas. The main idea for the first paragraph would be Number 1, the main idea for the second paragraph would be Number 2, etc. They will need to leave space between ideas. Then they can look for the supporting facts in each paragraph and write them below each paragraph's main idea and label them a, b, c, etc.

