

The Format of Cornell Notes

	Name Date <i>Subject of Notes</i>										
<p><u>QUESTIONS</u> Write questions that you don't know the answer to. Some suggestions are: question if references are real, question characters' motives, question why a person acted, or question what may happen next.</p> <p>Good questions may start with how why or if.</p>	<p><u>NOTES</u> Write what you think is the most important from the text. Think about what type of text it is. What is important, changes with different types of texts. If it's a story, you may take notes on personality traits of each character and important events of the story. If it is a non-fiction text, you may write important dates or facts.</p> <p>Don't copy entire passages. Paraphrase, use minimal words, and always write where you get information from.</p> <p>Keep your notes organized. Use numbers, bullet points, skip lines, highlight, make headings, charts, or anything else that make it easy for anyone to understand.</p> <p><i>Examples of what may appear in your notes</i></p> <p>Comparing Jonas and his father.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 5px;"><i>Jonas</i></th> <th style="padding: 5px;"><i>His father</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Sympathetic</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Passive</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Kind</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Cold-hearted</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Compassionate</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Logical</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Brave</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Methodical</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Piri Thomas – Important Facts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Had a very tough childhood</i> 2. <i>Raised in New York City</i> 3. <i>Went to jail for seven years</i> 4. <i>Now helps teach kids to stay away from crime</i> 	<i>Jonas</i>	<i>His father</i>	<i>Sympathetic</i>	<i>Passive</i>	<i>Kind</i>	<i>Cold-hearted</i>	<i>Compassionate</i>	<i>Logical</i>	<i>Brave</i>	<i>Methodical</i>
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<p><u>SUMMARY – WRITE COMPLETE SENTENCES</u> When you finish both the Notes and Questions sections, review them to find what is the most important. Highlight or circle what you find to be the most important things you wrote. Use this information to summarize or explain to point of your notes in this area.</p>											