



Focused Note Taking: The CORNELL WAY

AVID@Home is an opportunity for parents to support AVID strategies at home with their children.

Note-Taking

Step 1: **C**reate Format- Set up the paper with an Essential Question at the top.

Step 2: **O**rganize Notes- Take notes in chunks, paraphrasing, using abbreviations.

Note-Making

Step 3: **R**evise and Revise- Go back and fill in missing information and use the textbook or other resources to improve your notes.

Step 4: **N**ote Key Ideas- Create questions on the left whose answers are the chunk of notes.

Step 5: **E**xchange Ideas- Exchange notes with another student and update what you've written.

Note-Interacting

Step 6: **L**ink Learning- Write a summary at the end of your notes. The summary should answer the Essential Question and each of the questions you wrote.

Step 7: **L**earning Tool- Use the notes as a study/review tool. Fold the paper and answer your own questions, get in circles and read summaries aloud, etc.

Note-Reflecting

Step 8: Provide **W**ritten Feedback- Teacher provides feedback on the quality of the notes.

Step 9: **A**ddress Feedback- Students respond to the feedback and fix any deficiencies.

Step 10: Reflect on **Y**our Learning- At the end of each unit, complete a reflection on the content of the notes from the unit.