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Set up your paper:

- 1) Draw a line over the last 6-7 lines from the bottom of the page.
- 2) Draw a vertical line about 2 inches from the left side edge to meet the line you drew at the bottom.

So it looks something like:

Subject:		Date:
<h3>Cues</h3> <p><i>This small column includes:</i></p> <p>Main ideas: include the key topics and vocabulary words covered in this section – this will be for easy reference later.</p> <p>Questions: create questions that your notes could answer – this could help you create a mock exam later, reveal relationships, and strengthen your memory.</p>	<h3>Notes</h3> <p><i>This bigger column includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick bullets:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Avoid long sentences or copying down what your instructor says verbatim○ Write short summaries of main points and important details<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Abbreviate and paraphrase• Add:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tables, charts, and diagrams• Leave Space<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Combine lecture notes and reading notes by leaving space in between topics○ Revisiting this page at different times to take notes will help you remember the material <p><i>Try it:</i></p> <p>Cover the Notes side with another sheet of paper. Ask yourself your questions as a way to study.</p>	
<h2>Summary</h2> <p>After class, write a brief summary of this page of notes.</p>		



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Things to Consider:

- How do you take notes? Can you use other strategies (e.g color coding) within the Cornell note format?
- Why would taking notes on the same sheet while you're reading, studying, and attending lecture be useful to you as a learner?
- What subjects might Cornell notes be useful for?
- How does creating possible exam questions in the Cues column help you to study? What's the value in doing this?

Review:

Here's some ways to study your notes:

- Add to your notes *after lecture* with questions in the Cues column, additional notes from your textbook in the Notes column, and writing a summary at the bottom of each page of notes.
- Cover the Notes side with another sheet of paper. Ask yourself your questions from the Cues side.
- Reflect on your notes by asking:
 - What's the significance of this concept?
 - What principle or theory are they based on?
 - How can I apply this?
 - What do I already know that relates to this?
 - When will I use this material again (think of another concept, subject, or even a future class)?



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