# TWO COLUMN NOTES

#### What are two column notes?

A method of note taking that can be used for all subjects



### Why use two column notes?

- Only main ideas and important details are written down
- Can be used as study notes (fold them over to cover answers)
  - All you need is a ruler and paper to make them

## What should you focus on when making 2 column notes?

- Focus on bold print in your textbook or handout
  - Look for clues in the headings
- Look for clues in the intro and concluding sentences

#### How to write them

- Select important details only
  - · Avoid repeating details
- Omit details that are not related to the main idea
  - Use point form and abbreviations

## **RULES FOR TAKING TWO-COLUMN NOTES**

1)	Heading:	<ul><li>top of the page</li><li>name, date, subject, block, title</li></ul>
2)	Two columns:	<ul><li>left one is narrow</li><li>right one is wide</li></ul>
3)	Main ideas or questions:	• write in left column
4)	Supporting details or answers to the questions:	<ul><li>write in right column</li></ul>
5)	Point form notes:	<ul><li>avoid complete sentences</li><li>use abbreviations</li></ul>
6)	No repeated Words:	<ul> <li>avoid repeating main idea in details column</li> </ul>
7)	Page:	<ul> <li>use only one side of the paper</li> </ul>
8)	Spacing:	<ul> <li>leave space to add more information later</li> </ul>