

I can take notes as I read expository text.

1. Read the title. Put it in my own words.
2. Scan the text and determine the author's purpose & topic. *Think: Why did the author write this text?*
(Note - this may not become clear until we start reading)

Look for:

- ☐ Chapter title, headings & subheadings
- ☐ Diagrams, illustrations, pictures, graphs, charts

3. As you read, capture main ideas and details. As needed, paraphrase, make connections, & draw visuals.

Big ideas:

- ☐ Chapter title, headings, subheadings
- ☐ Diagrams, illustrations, pictures, graphs, charts
- ☐ The first or last sentence of a paragraph or section
- ☐ Text structure (look for signal words: description, sequence, cause/effect, compare/contrast, problem/solution)

Details:

- ☐ Evidence (citations, quotes, data, facts, references, expert speakers, etc.)
- ☐ Side bars, captions
- ☐ Vocabulary words
- ☐ Examples
- ☐ Dates, events
- ☐ Diagrams, illustrations, pictures, graphs, charts
- ☐ Text structure (description, sequence, cause/effect, compare/contrast, problem/solution)

4. Synthesize the main idea (include the author's point of view if applicable).

Title: _____

Title in my own words: _____

Author's Purpose & Topic:

☐ To inform about _____

☐ To argue that _____

Main Ideas	Details

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Details

Summary: _____
