

Two-Column Note-taking & Summarizing

Directions: To practice your summarizing skills, you will be using your social studies textbook. You will also be using the note-taking strategy--double column notes--to work on your skills. In the left column, you will write 5 chosen passages from the unit that you are currently working on in your Social Studies class. Make sure to write the passage word for word and to also include the page number.

Once you have finished writing the five passages, make sure that you know the information well and then fold your paper in half ("hot dog" style). You will practice your summarizing skills by re-writing each passage in your own words in the right column of your notes. Practice with your first passage in the space below. When you are finished, share with your partner and also check your original passage to make sure that you wrote everything in your own words.

Word for word passages from non-fiction textbook with page numbers	Summarizing practice
1.	1.
2.	2.

3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.