Note Taking Strategies: FQR

FQR stands for Fact, Question, Response. This method of note-taking is particularly effective for taking notes on your reading assignments that have to be completed outside of class, and can be easily built upon from one class meeting to the next.

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| FACT | QUESTION | RESPONSE |
| * Define terms * Briefly list new information that you have gathered from the reading * You can include brief quotes and page numbers that you want to come back to when you are reviewing the material a few days later * Should be short, telegraphic sentences or bullet points * Should take up a little over 1/3 of your page | * Here, write down any questions that you have as a result of information you wrote down in the “Fact” column * What additional clarification do you need? What concepts are confusing, and what nuances do you want to have clarified for you in the next class? * This column is especially helpful for visits to Office Hours—you’ve already done the working of thinking of the questions, and now it should be easier to get the answers! | * React to the material you are learning about in this column * This is where you can share your thoughts and emotional reactions to the topic (i.e., “wow, that’s really cool”, or “how does this relate to X concept we learned last week?” * Allows for more personal interaction with your notes and to add additional personality to them, in order to remember the concepts better on the day of the test |