

Current Events—Note-taking Tips

Things to keep in mind:

- Give yourself the time and space you need in order to read or view with a clear mind
- Remember your task is to take notes
- Reread the instructions before starting the task, and have the instructions out throughout the note-taking process, so that you can refer to it as needed
- Use the pause and rewind buttons frequently when viewing a video
- When reading, consider reading once for overall sense, and then a second time for note-taking, stopping after each paragraph to record details
- Release yourself from full sentences
- Use abbreviations and symbols to cut down on writing time
- When making connections to Rise or Fall, and when expressing your Opinion, add depth to your thinking by adding “because” so that you can explain *why* or *how*
- There is no “right” number of notes to take, but notice the size of the columns you are using; add more paper if you need more room to fully share your thinking