



ELA Virtual Learning

6th Grade ELA

Taking Notes

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Objectives/Learning Targets:

Students will:

- focus on how to take notes when researching a topic.
- write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Warm-up

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video about a teen activist named Malala Yousafzai.

On a blank sheet of paper, write down important pieces of information that you think would help you in writing a paper about this activist. Write down things you think would be important for others to know about your subject.





Warm-up Answers

What sort of things did you write down? What stood out to you?

Sample Proficient Answer: *(Answers may vary)*

Students should select information that reveals who Malala is, what she experienced and what she is fighting (standing up) for.



Learn

The next slides will walk you through the steps you can take to effectively take notes on a topic.



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Step Two

Remember, when taking notes about a topic you must...

- Write fast!
- Record important facts (exact names, places, numbers)
- Capture quotes and, if possible, the context
- Note what is said AND what you see
- Record your ideas as well as information



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Step Three

- Organize your notes through the natural process of putting similar information together.

Organizing notes...

- No more than 5 bits of info; when you have more, you should organize.
- Example: Chunking will help you to categorize the information that you are learning. For instance, you have gathered 5 pieces about Malala's cause, so you could chunk them together under the category of what Malala was fighting for.

Practice

- Now, it is time to practice organizing our notes through the natural process of putting similar information together. Take notes on the video below and see what important information you can come up with.

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[Malala](#)

Power-Learning and Note-Taking

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Practice Answer Key

▪ What happened to Malala?

- Pakistani 16-year-old targeted by Taliban-shot-but still alive
- 2 gunmen shot her when she was on way home from school
 - (in an open air bus that looks like a truck, w/benches)
- Bullet went into her head, missed brain
- Refused to die

▪ What Malala is fighting for

- “I want every girl, every child, to be educated.”
- Fighting for the rights of others all over the world
- For 31 million girls who don’t have a voice

(Answers may vary)

Remember to “chunk” information

▪ What makes her special?

- Became a symbol
- She started a movement - people chanting, writing, marching
- Even though she was targeted, she continues to do it



Additional Resources

If you want to practice more on note-taking, the following videos are activists who you could also learn more about and research by taking notes.

1. [Activist 1](#)
2. [Activist 2](#)