Note Taking: Cornell Method

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Test Yourself!

Cover up the right hand column and use the left hand column to test yourself. Rehearse the information frequently and use your textbook to supplement and clarify your notes.

Reviewing within 24–48 hours of the lecture as well as over several days increases your long–term recall. First prepare your notepaper by drawing a vertical line as shown to the left.

Next, in this area you would put any notes that you regularly make. Take down any information that the professor has on the board or slides, such as diagrams and problems/solutions. Additionally you can put verbal examples, questions/answers and any other comments that the professor has during the lecture.

Leave space where you think you might need to fill in notes later. You should also add notes from textbook readings, videos, and group discussions.

Summary

Finally, summarize your notes in this section. Summaries can include diagrams, illustrations, equations, problems/solutions and words.

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