

## **How To Take Notes from your World History Book**

Taking notes from your history textbook can often seem overwhelming. Following the steps below will help you to take faster and more effective World History notes.

**1<sup>st</sup>**-Write down the Chapter Number, Section Number and Name as your Title.  
(Ex: Chapter 1 Section 1-The Renaissance in Italy)

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-Read the introduction paragraph. This will give you a brief overview of what you will be reading about. It is not necessary to take notes from this paragraph as the information in it will be explained later in the section.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**-After reading the introduction and when you get to your 1<sup>st</sup> subtitle, write it down. There are a variety of Formats that you can use-Outlining, bullet points, numbering etc. Unless specifically stated, take notes the way you are comfortable taking them.

**4<sup>th</sup>**-Read through the entire section! (yes the entire section) Then go back and look at the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Things to think about: What was the main point of this paragraph? Was there a key figure/event/term introduced? Does this relate to something previous that we've learned? Once you answer these questions to yourself, write down the main point/points under the subtitle/section heading.

**5<sup>th</sup>**-Continue to do this for each paragraph until you reach a new section. Once you reach the next section continue to do the same thing. Write down the subtitle as the Heading, read the entire section, then go back to the first paragraph. Revisit the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph and write down the main point/points. Continue to do this until you reach the end of the entire section!

**6<sup>th</sup>**-Congratulation! You have just taken great notes. Using this method will help you to greater understand and analyze the content.