

Cornell Notes

Topic:	Name:
	Date:
Chapter #, Section #:	Course/Section:

Questions / Main Ideas / Vocabulary	Use the Notes column to capture the main ideas from class or your reading. Focus on understanding the material instead of copying every word. Record key concepts, definitions, examples, formulas, and important details.
Key Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the concept in your own words.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add an example that shows how it works.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down anything your instructor says is important.
Keep Spacing	Leave space between ideas so your notes are easier to review, revise, and study later.
	The example below shows one way Cornell Notes can be organized. Your notes will look different depending on the course and topic.
Example (Energy Conversion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of changing energy from one form to another • Example: Solar panels convert sunlight into electrical energy
Turn Your Notes Into Questions	Write questions you think could show up on a quiz, exam, or class discussion. Use these later to test yourself without looking at your notes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does energy conversion occur in a solar panel? • What energy transformation is happening when a phone battery charges?
Concept Check	Explain the idea in your own words without looking at your notes. If you can teach it, you're more likely to remember it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy sources. • Identify one real-world example of each.
Questions I Still Have	Bring these questions to class, office hours, tutoring, or a study group.
Summarize the main idea, why it matters, and where you might use it in 3-5 sentences.	
Additional Notes	Write down anything new you learned after class or while studying.
Study Smarter	Cover the Notes column. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the questions and keywords to explain the concept out loud. • Check your notes and fill in anything you missed. • Repeat over time to strengthen your memory. • Testing yourself helps you remember more than rereading.

