## **How to Take Good Notes for Modeling Instruction**

## Overview

Students are encouraged to be as neat as possible and to focus on the big idea for each unit. Important information to include is as follows:

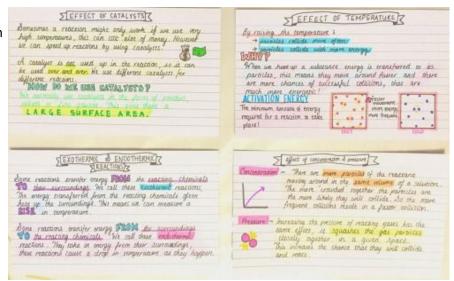
- Equations with explanations of variables and units
- Diagrams or graphs
- Explanations of terms or concepts written IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Students will be able to use their notebook on homework checks daily and, from time to time, assessments. Everything in your notebook must be handwritten unless specified by the teacher. Students are encouraged to be neat, organized, and use color to enhance their information.

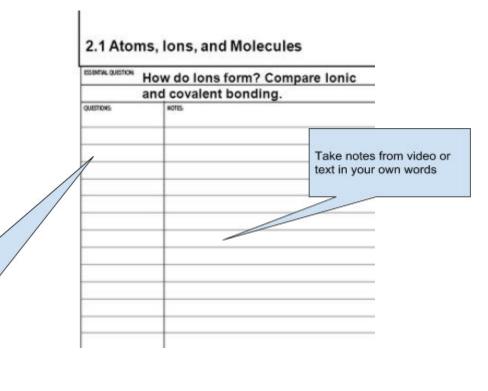


add-on to notes from class (include anything you might have left out)

Write down questions you have



Sometimes, students may take notes BEFORE class for homework from a video or text selection. These notes should be written in the notebook as well. I **suggest** you use the Cornell method for note taking (example below) to easily be able to add things in class to your notes from the video/text.



## **Directions**

- Decorate the first page with your name/chemistry/block
- Paste your individual QR Code on the inside of cover or first page. (This will be used to take attendance.)
- The next 4 pages (2 pages front and back) should be used for the table of contents. Update it each time you make a page in your notebook. You may want to include divider tabs for each unit as well.
- Start numbering each page after the table of contents.
- Remember you can use this notebook on homework checks so it is to your advantage to show your work and write down the correct answers as we go over questions, graphs, diagrams, and activities.
- Notebooks will be checked randomly throughout the year. Notebook grades will be given at least once a quarter.

## Suggestions

- Use colored pencils, graphite pencils, or Pilot FriXion Clicker Retractable Erasable Gel Pens
- Draw diagrams and graphs large enough to see important trends and differences.
- Swap phone numbers or email addresses with classmates so you can communicate on missed assignments.
- If you miss a day, ask a friend how many pages they wrote on and then skip that many pages in order to make up the notes. Add more or less pages if your handwriting is larger or smaller.
- Leave room to add notes and comments in each section. Sometimes other groups will be doing slightly different activities than your own. You will be expected to take notes on how their work was similar and/or different than your own.

