

HISTORIAN'S TOOLBOX

Cornell Notes	
What are the Cornell notes expectations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always use Cornell note format (unless otherwise directed; ex: thinking maps)• Start w/ title (ex: Geography)• Make 2 columns, left column small but space to write• Skip a line b/w topics• Write legibly!• Use short hand: abbreviations, bullet points, etc. (your notes are notes on main ideas, not paragraphs explaining all ideas in full detail)• End of section/ topic: summarize notes in about five complete sentences.
What do I write in the left and right columns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Left: topic or question<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is George Washington? Or...• Why is he significant? Or...• George Washington:• Right: main details on topic<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GW 1st pres. of the U.S.• Rev. War general• DO NOT DO THIS:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Washington was a very important person. He was the first president of the United States. He also was a powerful leader as a military general during the Revolutionary War.
How can I write in "short-hand" so that I have clear notes but don't write too much?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use bullet points• Use visuals (map, symbol, etc)• Use color coding or highlighting• Use abbreviations• Abbreviations and short hand ONLY belong in notes. NEVER turn in work that has abbreviations or symbols.

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Example abbreviations key (add your own throughout the year as you come up with your own)

b/w	Between
Ex:	Example
b/c	Because
=>	Led to (ex: regional differences=> Civil War)
Govt.	Government
Mil.	Military
C	Cause
E	Effect
w/	With
Enl.	Enlightenment
RW	Revolutionary War