

Researchers Take Notes that Follow the Structure of Their Texts

BOXES and BULLETS

Main Idea or Subtopic

- Supporting detail
- Supporting detail
- Add more bullet points if your text includes them

SEQUENTIAL

Main Idea or Subtopic

1. First thing that happens
2. Second thing that happens
3. Add more steps if your text includes them

COMPARE & CONTRAST

Similarities between two things

- First similarity
- Second similarity
- Add more similarities if your text includes them

Differences between two things

- First difference
- Second difference
- Add more differences if your text includes them

CAUSE and EFFECT

An action that happens first: the reason something else happens

- detail about the action
- add more details if your text includes them

CAUSE and EFFECT

What happens as a result: the consequence of the first action

- One result of the action
- add more results of the action if your text includes them

PROBLEM and SOLUTION

A problem

- detail about the problem
- detail about the problem
- add more details if your text includes them

PROBLEM and SOLUTION

A solution to the problem

- detail about the solution
- detail about the solution
- add more details if your text includes them