

Three-Column Notetaking Method

In this column, record what you like about the essay, the things that strike you as particularly effective, etc.	In this column, note what could be improved about your paper, things that may distract from the paper's effectiveness, etc.	In this column, jot down any questions you have about your paper, things you don't understand, and suggestions for improvement
Examples: 1. Solid intro - use of story captures attention	Examples: 1. common view doesn't seem supported	Examples: 1. find some statistics or research to support the common view = more credible
2. use of personal experience shows authenticity/ethos	2. characterization paragraph on Happy Loman seems to focus more on plot than character	2. where exactly is thesis? clarify it?
3. effective conclusion - goes back to conclusion, ties paper together	3. "that's another subject" - phrase seems to halt/interrupt flow of the paper	3. Possibly condense paragraph on Happy Loman or use Happy's actions within the plot to further comment/reinforce his characterization