

Notetaking for Narrative Text

Video 1 - Step 1

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Hi! Welcome to Step 1 of the strategy, Notetaking for Narrative Text! In this video, we'll show you how to do the first step of this strategy using an outliner.

Step 1 is: List the questions.

Stories are written to answer six major questions.

If you can answer these questions, you will understand the story.

In Step 1 you will list six words, one for each question.

- Who
- What
- Where
- When
- Why
- How

These words will help you answer the 6 major questions about a story:

- Who are the main characters?
- What is happening in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- When does the story take place?
- Why is this story important?
- How does the story end?

Now, open your outline and create 6 topics. Write one of the six words for each topic.

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OK, I'm in my outliner, now I need to make a topic...

...and call it Who...

Now I need to make 5 more topics, and call them, what, where, when, why, and how

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Great! You just completed the Step 1: List the questions.
Now you're ready to move on to Step 2: Read for meaning.