Effective Notes, Effective Learning:

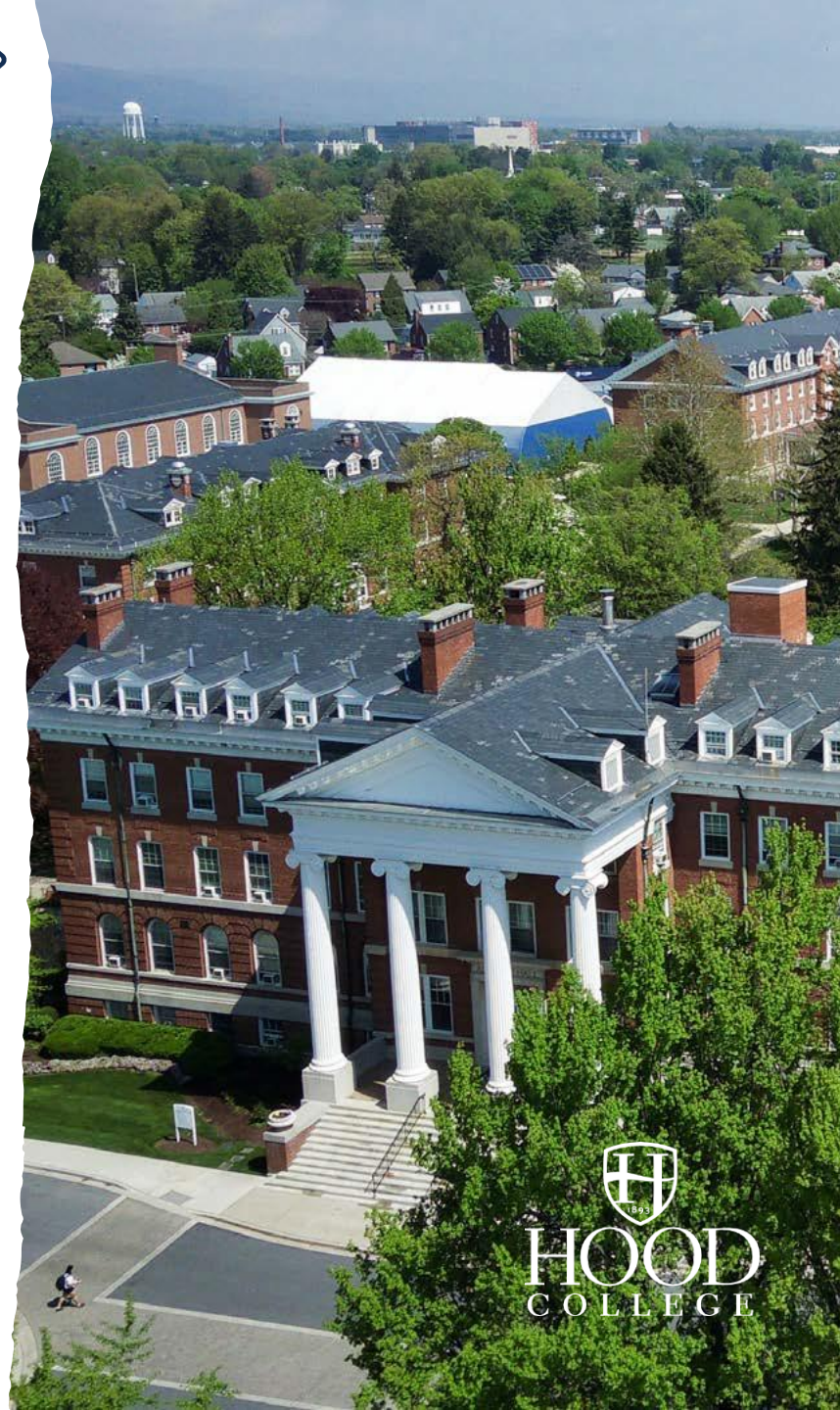
Strategies for Success

Reflection Exercise …

Take a few minutes to think back to a time when you felt like it was easy to take notes - when you were able to capture information in lectures, discern what points were most important, and easily apply these notes when studying.

When you have a moment in mind, try to answer the following questions below.

- **What were you doing while you were taking notes?**
- **How did it feel when you were preparing for the test with these notes?**
- **What did you learn from that experience?**



Goals And Guiding Questions

- Why is taking notes important?
- How can I balance taking notes, and paying attention during lectures?
- How am I supposed to know what to write down?
- How can I take notes in a way that makes sense to me?

Use An Organizational Structure

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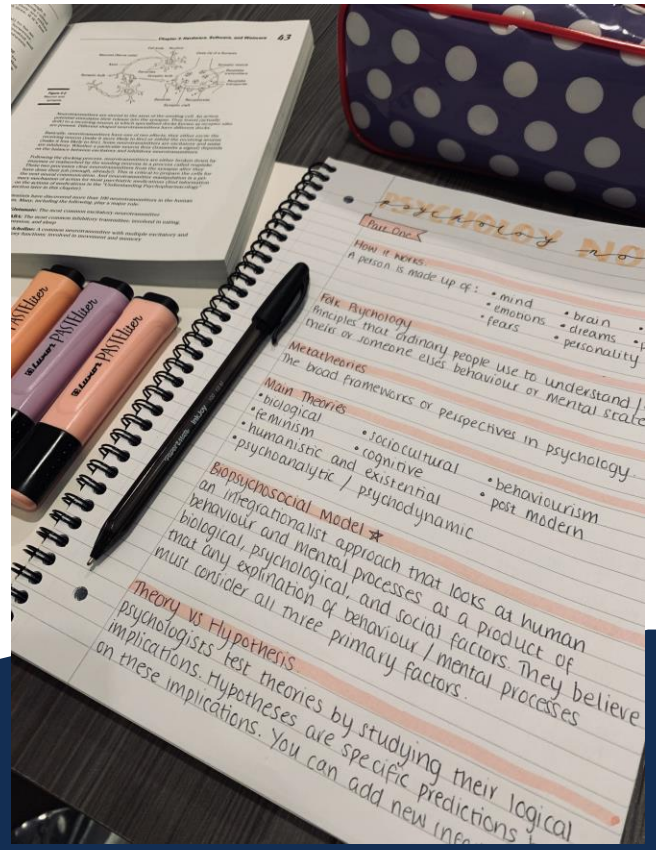
How To Use Organizational Structures?



- Consider different types of structures
  - Outline, Mind Map, Two column, or Cornell
- Use anchor points
- Leave whitespace in your notes

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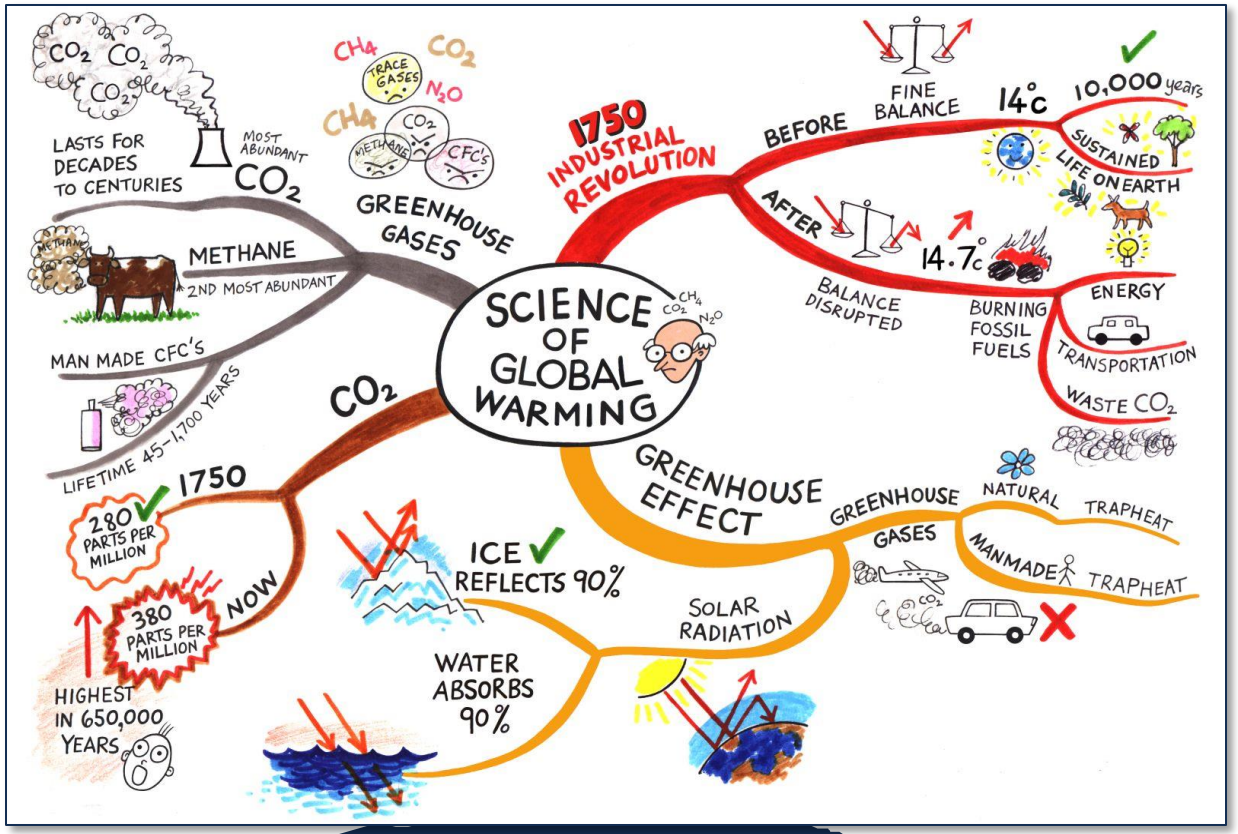
Outline

Shakespeare
- Playwright
  - 39 plays
  - Comedies
    - As You Like It
    - Much Ado About Nothing
  - Histories
    - English
      - King John
    - Roman
      - Julius Caesar
      - Antony and Cleopatra
  - Tragedies
    - Romeo and Juliet
    - Hamlet
- English
  - Born 1564 Strafford-upon-Avon

Mind Map



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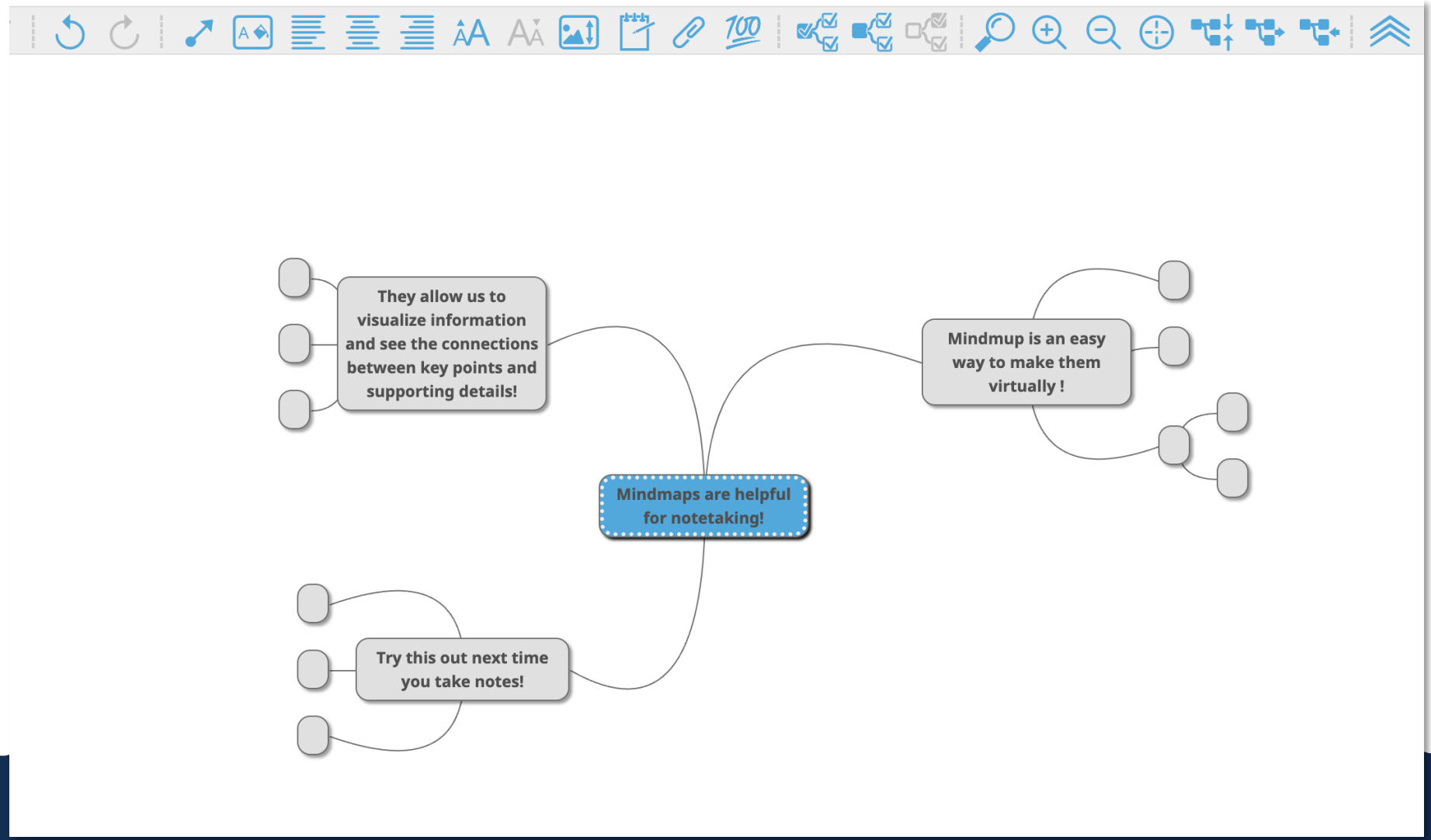
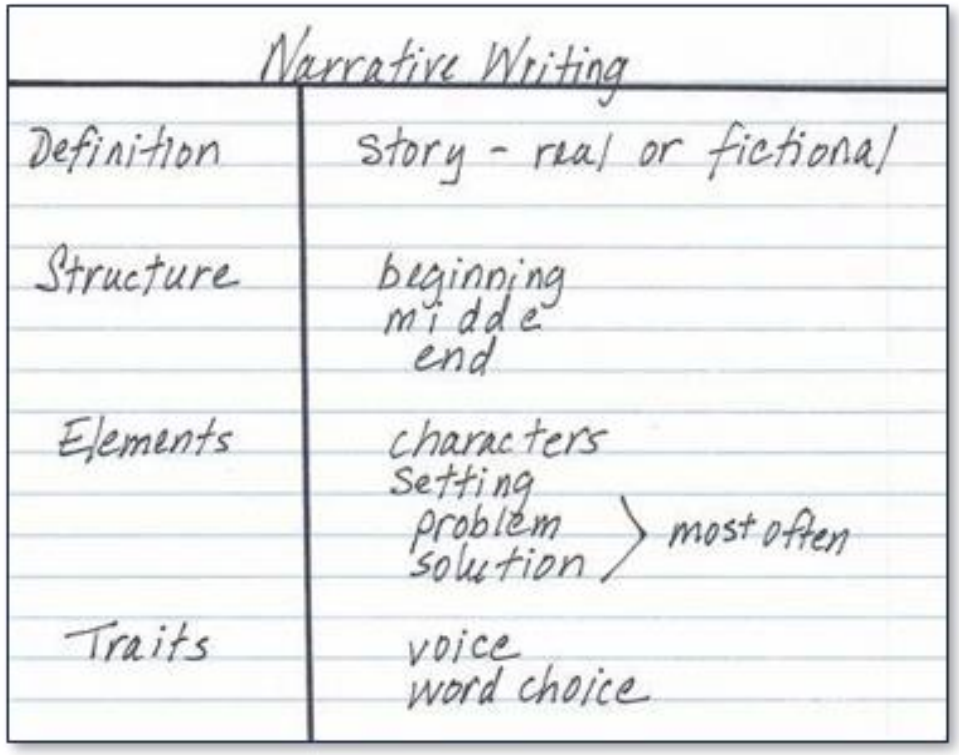
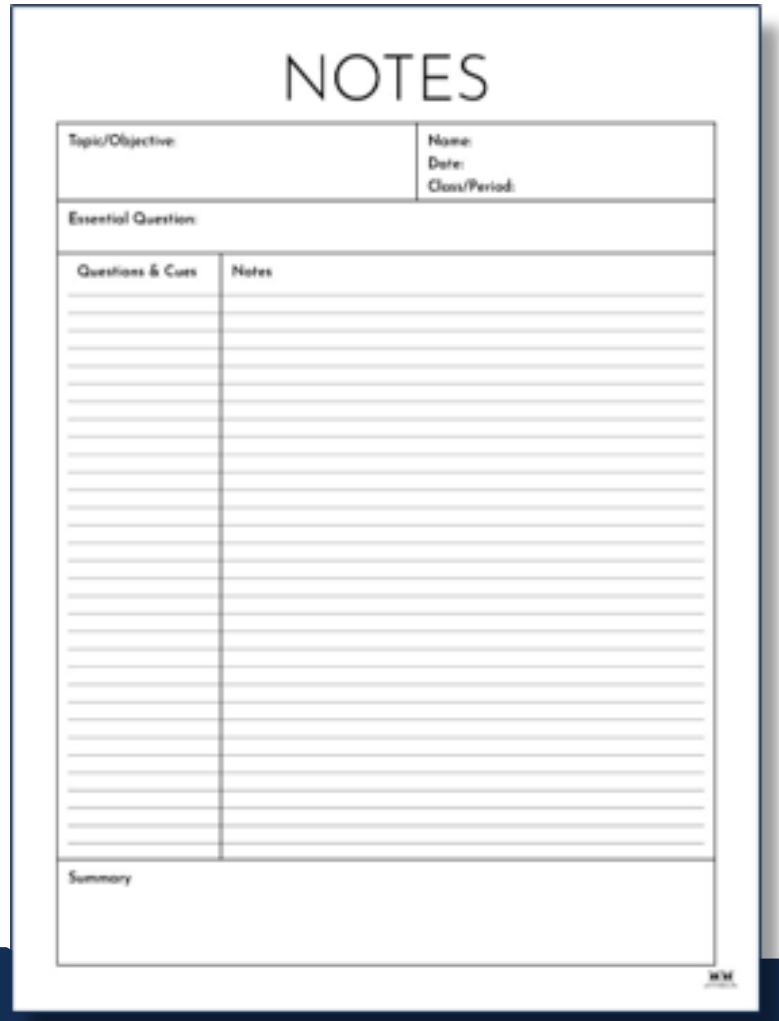

They allow us to visualize information and see the connections between key points and supporting details!
Mindmup is an easy way to make them virtually !
Mindmaps are helpful for notetaking!
Try this out next time you take notes!

Two Column



Narrative Writing	
Definition	Story - real or fictional
Structure	beginning middle end
Elements	characters Setting problem solution > most often
Traits	voice word choice

Cornell Notes



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Topic/Objective:	Name: Date: Class/Period:
Essential Question:	
Questions & Cues	Notes
Summary	

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Don't Write Everything Down

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Writing Down Just the Key Details

- Why? Isn't more information better?
- How do I discern what is important?
- What do "Signal Cues" look like?
  - During a lecture
  - During a reading

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Use Note taking Tools

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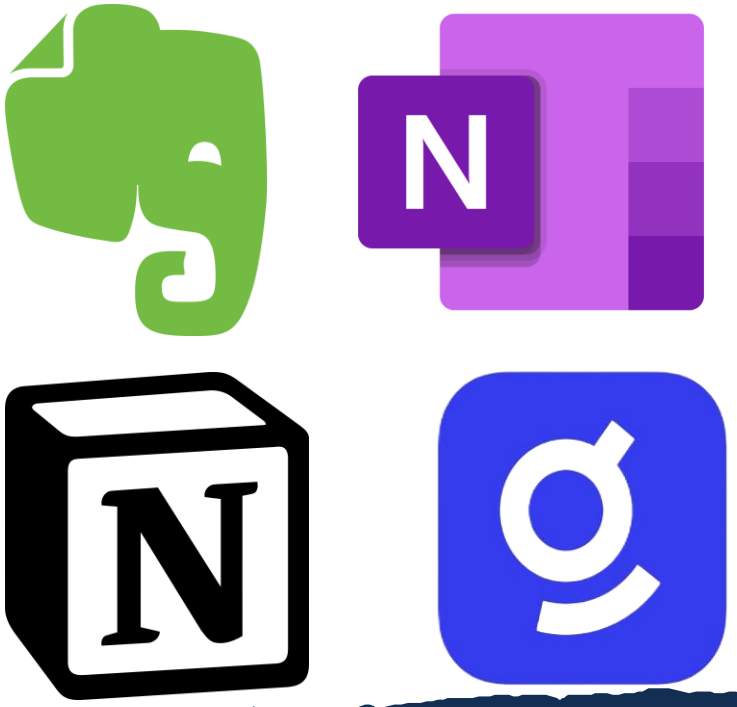
Different Note Taking Tools



- Evernote
- OneNote
- Notion
- Glean

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Wrap up / Closing Thoughts

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