

Taking Notes from Beauty School of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez

Objective: To take detailed notes from a novel while reading closely to comprehend the material. In order to completely understand a novel and take the correct notes in your journal, use the following procedure:

Your notes should look like the example below:

“Title of Chapter”	Page #s
Characters	List all characters who are the main focus of the chapter. Note any developments or changes that involve the characters in the chapter.
Setting	Where are the events of the chapter taking place?
Plot	Briefly summarize the order of events as they occurred in the chapter.
Conflict	Identify all conflicts that arise in the chapter as internal or external. Explain what each conflict involves.
Connections to Previous Chapters	Find at least one connection to a previous chapter. Explain that connection.
Connections to World	Find at least one connection to your life or in the world. Explain that connection.
Inferences	Make a prediction; draw a conclusion about the events of the chapter. Make a guess about future chapters based on what you read in the chapter.
Vocabulary	List and define any unknown words. At least 2 words.
Reaction/ Questions	Write a short paragraph of reaction to the chapter. This paragraph needs to include more insight than simply, “I didn’t like the chapter because it was boring.”
	Explain what exactly you liked or disliked and why. Tell why you got confused if that’s the case or why this chapter appealed to you. Write down any questions you have.

