

# RECIPROCAL NOTES



**Guidelines:** Reciprocal Notes help you determine the important details and events in the material you're learning. You'll also identify why these details are important and what they mean. Your notes will be divided into three categories: general questions (what it is); deep questions (what it means); and supporting details (why you think so).

Questions	<b>General Questions/Observations</b>	
	• What is it?	
	• What did you see?	
	• What happened?	
	• When/where did it happen?	
	• What/who was involved?	
Stem constructions	<i>The story is about... (Literature)</i>	
	<i>The artist used ... style in his/her work. (Art)</i>	
	<i>When I cooled it down, ... happened. (Science)</i>	
	<i>The event happened in... (History)</i>	
	<i>... people participated in a survey about ... (Sociology)</i>	
Questions	<b>Deep Questions/Details</b>	
	• What does it mean?	
	• Why did it do that?	
	• What are the consequences?	
	• What will happen next?	
	• What caused this?	
Stem constructions	<i>It means that...</i>	
	<i>It happened because...</i>	
	<i>The consequence of this event is...</i>	
	<i>I think the next chapter will tell us about...</i>	
	<i>The reason it happened is...</i>	
	<i>This action will lead to...</i>	
Questions	<b>Supporting Details</b>	
	• What examples can you give?	
	• Why do you think this is true?	
	• How do you know that?	
	• What evidence can you show?	
	• What facts support your ideas?	
Summarize your comments from above in this field.	• How can you explain that?	
	• Is there any implicit evidence that...?	