

### **Q/E/C (Question–Evidence–Conclusion) Note-Taking Method**

- Useful for subjects such as history, philosophy, and literature.
- Focuses on capturing key ideas and the connections between arguments and evidence.
- Emphasizes understanding and evaluation of ideas.
- Supports argumentative and analytical essay planning.
- Helps track the relationship between the overall topic, evidence, and conclusions.

### **How to use the QEC Note-Taking Method**

- Divide the page into two or three sections.
- Begin each section with a guiding question.
- Write concise notes beneath the question.
- Include key quotations, facts, data, and examples.
- Conclude each section with a statement that answers the question or forms a thesis.

### **QEC Note-Taking Examples:**

<p><b>Question</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does the QEC Method work?</li></ul> <p><b>Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concise Sentences</li><li>• Use Bullet Points</li><li>• Include Quoted Examples</li></ul> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Answer the question in a couple of sentences.</li><li>• Summarize the key points.</li></ul>	<p><b>Question</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why did the French Revolution occur?</li></ul> <p><b>Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic inequality</li><li>• Enlightenment ideas</li><li>• Financial Crisis</li></ul> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The French Revolution was caused by a combination of social inequality and economic instability influenced by Enlightenment thinking.</li></ul>
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## Question:

### Evidence:

## Conclusion:



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