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Split Note-Taking Method

Split Page (Two-Column) Note-Taking Method

- Used to summarize complex information and support active recall during revision.
- Effective for exam and interview preparation.
- Encourages active recall and self-testing.
- Easy to use during class.
- Simple to review and add keywords after class.
- Highly versatile across subjects.

How to Use the Split Page Method:

- Divide the page vertically into two columns.
- **Left column:** keywords, headings, or questions.
 - Use headers to summarize key ideas.
- **Right column:** bullet-point notes, quotations, diagrams, lists, or charts.
 - Expand on each header with detailed information.

Split Page Note-Taking Example:

Rhetorical Appeals	
What is Rhetoric?	The art of persuasion (trying to change others' point of view)
What is Ethos?	Using character to bolster an argument. Writer/speaker presents themselves as trustworthy and honest
What is Logos?	Using facts, evidence, and reason to bolster an argument
What is Pathos?	Appealing to emotions and feelings to bolster an argument (can be positive or negative emotions)

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Course:

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