

Examples of Note-taking Methods

Lecture Transcript:

African Americans living at the beginning of the 20th century were facing numerous social and political challenges.

After the end of Reconstruction—you'll recall from the reading we did last week, that was the time after the Civil War when the US government worked to rebuild the South—many politicians who favored segregation passed laws restricting the rights of African Americans.

Government records indicate that African Americans attempting to vote often had to pay expensive poll taxes, take purposely difficult tests, or go through a number of legal loopholes that white voters never had had to deal with.

Additionally, violence and terror were still perpetrated by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan; lynching was a frequent occurrence.

Now, organizations had been formed to try and fight this sort of injustice, but it had been difficult for them to stay cohesive and focused.

The writer and scholar W.E.B. Du Bois—he was actually one of the first sociologists, as well—had led the Niagara Movement in 1905. They were committed to radical action—you see, at the time, a lot of white politicians and African Americans were advocating that African Americans should simply work hard and avoid confrontation while very gradually working toward positive change.

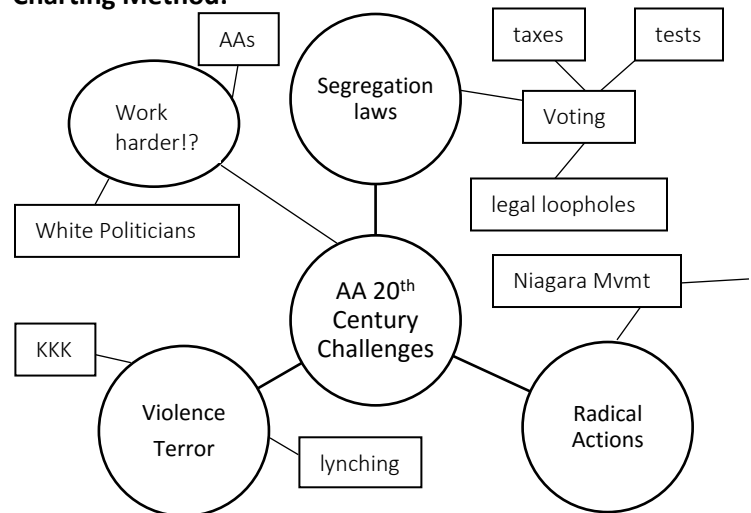
Du Bois's Niagara movement sought more direct action, but it fell apart due to a lack of a unified vision among its leaders...

Outline Method:

AA 20th Century Challenges

1. After civil war
 - a. Segregation laws on voting – taxes, difficult tests, legal loopholes
 - b. Violence/Terror – KKK, lynching
 - c. Lack of focus, White politicians and AA – “work harder”
2. Du Bois – Niagara Movement
 - a. Wanted direct, radical action, but no unified vision

Charting Method:



Cornell Method:

Key Words

Segregation Laws

Violence/Terror

Radical Action

Niagara Mvmt

Notes

After CV; affected voting, tests, legal loopholes

still in 20th cent - KKK, lynching

B/c Lack of focus, “Work harder” –White Pols, AAs

WEB Du Bois, direct action, but fell apart b/c no unified vision

Summary

AAs faced many challenges in the 20th century. Segregation laws that it made more difficult to for African Americans to vote by requiring taxes, difficult tests and supplying legal loopholes which...

More on the Cornell Notes Method

The next page has a template for the Cornell Notes Method that you can print out and use when you are in class so that you can take notes effectively and efficiently. (Note: print out several pages at a time, double sided if you want to, so that you have a supply in your notebook.) This is how to use it when you take notes, whether during a lecture or from your textbook:

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Watch these videos for more on using the Cornell Notes method:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwAyIOsYIBk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9PzYa-O-3A&sns=em>

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Summary


Note-Taking Symbols And Abbreviations

Symbol	Meaning
c.(or ca.)	about/approximately
& or +	and/plus
A.	answer
approx.	approximately
@	at
∴	because
b/c	because
b/4	before
Brit.	British
c.f.	compare
—	dash (use to join ideas)
↓	decreasing, falls
dept.	department
diff.	difference
diff.(s)	difficult(y)(-ies); difference
" "	ditto (means the same as the words immediately above the ditto marks)
≠	not equal, differs, is the opposite
Eng.	English
esp.	especially
etc.	et cetera, so forth
ex.	example
excl.	excluding
1st	first
e.g.	for example
gov't	government
govt.	government
G.B.	Great Britain
1920s	i.e. 1920-1929; similarly 1970s etc.
imp.	important/importance
incl.	including
↑	increasing, rises
info.	information
=	is/are/have/has>equals
lang.	language
→	leads to/results in/causes

Symbol	Meaning
ltd	limited
max.	maximum
max.	maximum
min.	minimum
min.	minimum
viz.	namely
19C	nineteenth century; similarly 20C etc.
N.B.	note
no./#	Number
/	or (this/that = this or that)
p./pp.	page/pages
/	per
poss.	possible/possibly
prob.	probable/probably
probs.	problems
Q.	question
?	question; is the statement correct?
ref.	reference
2nd	second
s/o	someone
s/t	something
÷	statement/answer is correct
x	statement/answer is wrong
sts	students
i.e.	that is
US/USA	The United States
∴	therefore
3rd	third etc.
tho	though
thru	through
2	to, two, too
U.K.	United Kingdom
v.	very
w/	with
re-	with reference to/concerning
w/i	within
w/o	without

Additional Note-taking Practice

If you need or want more practice with notetaking or using the symbols and abbreviations, you can try the following websites:

1. BBC (<http://www.bbcamerica.com/>) or MSNBC (<http://www.msnbc.com/>) or the news website of your choice. Watch a video of a news event and take notes as you listen. Then look for a written account of the same news event and compare your notes to the article.
2. The Khan Academy (khanacademy.org). Watch a video without the transcript and take notes. Then watch again, but, this time, turn on the interactive transcript (under options), and check your notes.
3. YouTube for Education (<https://www.youtube.com/edu>). Watch the *University* videos, first without the subtitles, as you take notes the first time. Then, turn on the subtitles (in the settings) and check your notes.
4. English Central: (<http://www.englishcentral.com>). This website is free to use. You can watch anything on the site after you register. Under *Filters*, make sure it says *Videos* and *Advanced*; you can choose *Easiest First* or *Hardest First* if you would like. You can turn off the subtitles by clicking on the  icon in the lower right. Listen to and watch a video and take notes. Then you can turn the subtitles back on and check your notes as you listen and watch again.
There is also the ability, if you would like to practice your pronunciation, to use two videos per month for that purpose without having to pay for a subscription.
5. MBA students—Business Dictionary (<http://www.businessdictionary.com/>). There are videos you can watch but there are no subtitles. In a case like this, the best thing to do is to watch the video with a friend from class. Both of you can take notes separately; then, compare your notes as you watch the video again. There are also business-related articles that you can read and take notes from on this website. And, of course, you can look up business-related vocabulary. You can subscribe to their newsletter and receive a new business concept every day. They also have an app for iPhone and Android.
6. NPR (<http://www.npr.org/>). Listen to an interview or news story that has a transcript (Hint: try doing a search for “transcript”). While you are listening, take notes; then, listen again while you read the transcript and check it against your notes to see how well you did. Note: NPR will be the most difficult because you will only be able to hear—not see—the speakers, as these are all radio recordings. Use NPR to really challenge yourself, once you feel very comfortable with watching videos and taking notes.