



## Summarizing and Note Taking

### Description of Combination Notes

A flexible note taking strategy that uses both the informal outline and pictures or graphic representations (Marzano, 2007). Each page of notes is divided into two parts by a line running down the middle of the page. On the left-hand side of the page, students record their thoughts in written form. On the right-hand side of the page, students use graphic representations to organize the new information. Finally, in a strip across the bottom of the page, students write a summary statement for the notes.

Marzano, R (2005). *The art & science of teaching: A comprehensive framework for effective instruction*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development.

### Purpose for using Combination Notes

Students will:

- Process knowledge in two ways – nonlinguistic and linguistic
- Identify the most important aspects of what they are learning
- Review the material several times
- Translate information into their own abbreviated form
- Make a visual and personal connection

