



# Three Column Chart

Flexible Graphic Organizers for Enhanced Learning

*Suggested Time: 20 minutes*

## Student Tasks:

- Identify key concepts or main ideas related to the topic.
- Organize thoughts using the three-column notes format.
- Support entries with evidence from texts or discussions.
- Share and discuss notes with classmates to deepen understanding.
- Reflect on how the notes helped clarify or expand knowledge on the topic.

## Online ThinkCERCA Resources

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

## Strategy

The Three Column Chart strategy provides a customizable graphic organizer that allows students to structure their thoughts and ideas based on the topic being studied. This adaptable tool can be used for various purposes, including comparing and contrasting concepts, organizing information for KWL (Know, Want to know, Learned), sequencing events, or any other instructional focus.

## Optimal Application Notes

This strategy promotes critical thinking and helps students organize their understanding of the material. Teachers can model how to use the chart with a sample topic before having students create their own.

### Before:

- Choose a topic relevant to the current lesson (e.g., themes, characters, events).
- Prepare blank three-column notes for each student, or have them create their own by drawing three columns on a piece of paper.
- Ensure students have access to necessary texts or materials to complete their notes.

### During:

- Distribute the blank three-column chart to students or have them fold a blank sheet to paper in thirds.
- Instruct students to label the first column with key concepts or main ideas from the text.
- In the second column, have students record important details, facts, or examples that relate to those concepts.
- In the third column, encourage students to reflect on the significance of the information, noting personal insights or connections.
- Allow time for students to work independently, emphasizing the importance of using evidence from texts to support their entries.

### After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share insights from their notes.
- Encourage students to compare their notes with peers, allowing them to expand on ideas and refine their understanding.
- Reinforce the flexibility of the three-column notes by discussing how they can be adapted for different subjects or assignments.

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**Instructions:** As you engage with the material, use this three-column notes chart to organize your thoughts effectively. In the first column, write down key concepts or main ideas from the text or lesson. In the second column, add important details, facts, or examples that relate to those concepts. In the third column, reflect on the significance of the information, noting any personal insights or connections you have. This chart will help you synthesize your understanding and prepare for discussions or assessments!

Key Concepts/Main Idea	Details, Facts, Examples	Significance, Personal Connections