

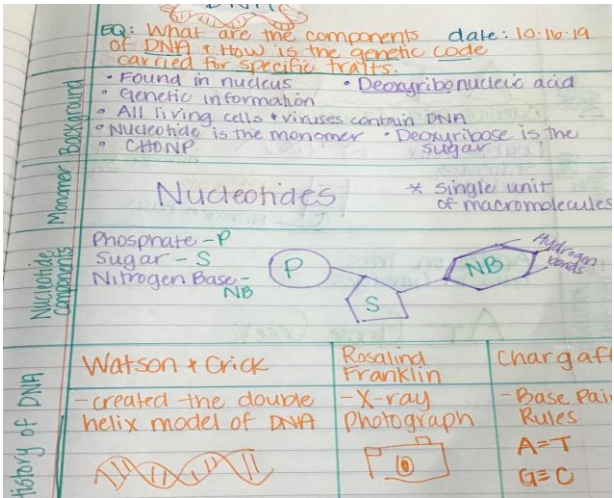

# WICOR *w*ednesday

Writing Inquiry Collaboration Organization Reading

## Highlighted Strategy: **Focused Note Taking**

When you are reading or listening, taking **notes** helps you concentrate. In order to take **notes** - to write something sensible - you must understand the text. As listening and reading are interactive tasks, taking **notes** helps you make sense of the text.

### **Focused Note Taking = Writing**

Examples & Tips	Teacher's Take	Dean's Challenge (10/21 – 10/30)
<p>Note Taking Formats and Phases Video: <a href="#">Focused Note Taking</a></p>  <p>The image shows a page of handwritten notes on lined paper. The notes are organized into sections: 'Background' with a question 'EQ: What are the components of DNA + How is the genetic code carried for specific traits?' and a date '10:10:19'. It lists 'Found in nucleus', 'Genetic information', 'All living cells + viruses contain DNA', and 'Nucleotide is the monomer'. A diagram shows a nucleotide with 'Phosphate - P', 'Sugar - S', and 'Nitrogen Base - NB'. Below this is a table with three columns: 'Watson + Crick' (created the double helix model of DNA), 'Rosalind Franklin' (X-ray photograph), and 'Chargaff' (Base Pair Rules: A=T, G=C). A DNA double helix diagram is drawn at the bottom left.</p>	<p>Q: What is the benefit of focused note taking?</p> <p>A: “Focus notetaking allows students to grasp the important information on the topic that is being discussed. It gives the students an organized method that is easy for them to go back and study their notes. I know for my students it has increased their depth of knowledge and understanding in Biology” -- Kristen Cannatella</p>	<p>“Make A Note”</p> <p>What is your note taking style? Invite me to see note taking in action or send me a pic of your students as they “make a note”.</p>  <p>The image shows a stack of four colorful folders (blue, green, red, grey) stacked on top of each other. The folders are slightly offset, showing the edges of the ones underneath.</p>