

Active Reading Guide: Note-Taking and Summarizing
Sample Note-Taking and Summarizing: Prologue

To help you keep track of the novel's events as they happen, you will be keeping notes using the chart similar to the one below to help summarize the important details for each chapter. For each chapter, fill in the chart with the necessary information. An example is below.

<p>Setting</p>	<p><i>(A description of where the action occurs)</i></p> <p>The novel begins during the first week of August when the weather is extremely hot and dry. The story opens near the village of Treegap.</p>
<p>Characters</p>	<p><i>(List and describe important information about the characters in the chapter.)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mae Tuck rides her horse to Treegap to meet her two sons as she does once every ten years. 2. Miles Tuck- one of Mae Tuck's sons 3. Jess Tuck- one of Mae Tuck's sons 4. Winnie Foster's family owns the Treegap woods; Winnie is thinking about running away from home. 5. A stranger arrives at the Fosters' gate. He is looking for an unnamed person. 6. _____ 7. _____
<p>Summary of the Chapters</p>	<p><i>(A 3-5 sentence summary of the chapters)</i></p> <p>In the dog days of summer, Mae Tuck travels to Treegap to meet her two sons as she does once every ten years. Winnie Foster is impatient with her family and is thinking about running away from home. A stranger who is searching for someone appears at the Fosters' gate.</p>
<p>Prediction of Coming Events</p>	<p><i>(Make a prediction of what you think will occur in the next chapter.)</i></p> <p>Since the prologue talks about unrelated things becoming connected like the center of a Ferris wheel, I predict that Mae, Winnie, and the stranger will meet.</p>

Prologue, Chapters One–Four
Note-Taking and Summarizing: Chapters 1-2

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