

## **Handout Reading & Note Taking**

Your name:

Author:

Title:

Date of publication:

Genre:

1. **Goals.** What are your goals for this reading? What do you want to learn from reading this text?
2. **Thesis.** What is the author's main argument (=thesis)?
3. **Main Points.** How does the author support their argument? Summarize main points.
4. **Specific Examples.** What information from this text do you find particularly important? Write down direct quotes, paraphrase important sub-points, or note down any other information you want to remember.
5. **Connections.** What connections with other texts do you notice? Name the other text's author and title and reflect on the connection. For example, "This author and [the other author] disagree with each other when they discuss [provide a specific example, quote, or paraphrase here]." OR "This author and [the other author] discuss the same topic but approach it from different angles. This author looks at the topic [this way]; [the other author] looks at the topic [the other way]."
6. **Reflection.** What was your experience reading this text? What information did you find particularly interesting or useful? Do you have any questions after reading the text; what are they?
7. **Reading Strategies.** What strategies did you use during reading this text? For example, read on your computer screen or in print; wrote in the margins of the text; underlined; completed this handout during or after reading.