



# Note Taking

Studying will be easier if you make notes on the novel as you read it. Your own notes written in point form can be a big help.

Below you will see two different ways of making notes. One is called a **story log**. The other is called a **chapter summary**.

After you look at both methods, decide which one you want to use. Use it to make notes on all ten chapters in the novel.

## A Story Log

One method of making notes is to use a story log.

Chapter	Title	Who	When	Where	Why (the problem)	What Happened	The Lesson
1							
2							

A story log can be used to make notes for a novel. There may not be a lesson to be filled in for each chapter because some of the problems Mieko deals with go on from chapter to chapter. But you can fill in the other information for each chapter to make a summary.

## **A Chapter Summary**

A second way to make notes is to write a short summary of each chapter. You read the chapter and then think about what has happened.

<b>Chapter Number</b>	<b>Chapter Title</b>	<b>Chapter Summary</b>

Try to write a summary that tells how the chapter started, what happened during the chapter, and how it finished. It is important to use your own words. A chapter summary should be five or six sentences long. Check your summary by skimming the chapter to make sure you have the main incidents and important details.

**Your completed log will be graded at the end of the unit**