

Worksheet for Research Papers

CAPTURE THE CONVERSATION

<u>THEM</u> Use this column to jot down the main point of an article, journal, book, etc. or a passage or point that resonated for you in some way. Be sure to capture what the author said, not what you think about it; you'll do this in the next column. Also, record the author, title, and page #	<u>YOU</u> Now respond in some way. Here's where your voice begins to come through. If you only read, it's a one-way conversation. What do you think? Feel? Do you agree? Disagree? Do you see connections to other texts or previous knowledge? Is something missing?	<u>APPLICATION TO PAPER</u> How might this information serve your paper?	<u>CATAGORIZE</u> If you had to file this information, what would the file tab say? This step will help you see themes and help you organize.

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Please note: One way to use this template, once filled, is to make a duplicate of each page (to put aside for safekeeping) and then, using the copy, cut each section and organize according to the found themes; in this way, the template can function a bit like index cards.