In order to be well prepared for your teachers next year, it is important to know how to properly take notes on your own. Here are some rules to always remember when taking notes:

It is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to write everything in YOUR OWN WORDS.

* Always follow the format of the legend. Having headings and the proper formatting is key when taking notes so you stay as organized as possible.
* Quality over quantity. You want your notes to be short and full of only the most important information. This way, when studying for a test you do not have to go back and read the textbook, you can simply go back and study your notes.

Follow this legend for note taking:

1. Main Heading
2. Main Ideas
   1. Supporting Details

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1. The Vikings
2. The Vikings were the first explorers to make contact with Canada
   1. They settled in Greenland and Iceland, then they made contact with Canada in the 11th century.
   2. Historical stories called sagas told us that Leif Erikson made contact with Vinland – Which is really Newfoundland.
   3. Vikings artifacts and remains in Newfoundland, like L’Anse aux Meadows
3. Vikings did not permanently settle in Canada. (Vikings didn’t stay. Vikings left. Etc)
   1. Thorfinn Karlsefni came with three ships and a few hundred people but left a few years later.
   2. Too few Vikings came to North America to build a permanent settlement
   3. Freydis Eriksdottir came to Vinland in 1014 but failed at creating a settlement
   4. Vikings often attacked people, but the First Nations attacked back and forced them to leave Canada.

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1. Fishers and Freebooters: Early European Arrivals
2. John Cabot accidentally found Newfoundland and then claimed it for England
   1. 1497, King of England hired Cabot to find trading route to Asia and told him to conquer any land or people.
   2. Get caught in the prevailing winds and Labrador current which led him to land on the coast – he claimed it “New Found Land”

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1. The French Explorers – Jacques Cartier and the Iroquois
2. Jacques Cartier failed to find the Northwest Passage

1. Jacques Cartier treated the First Nations People poorly
2. There are many dangers of exploration
3. France ultimately failed to colonize Canada
4. The French Explorers – The Beginnings of the Fur Trade
5. The fur trade benefited both the First Nations Peoples and the French