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How To Take Notes Online

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Introduction

Although there are many reasons for taking notes, it can be a difficult task for students. Often they try to copy everything, and soon become frustrated by the task. Or, they skip around, often leaving out essential information and recording the relatively less important details. Many become frustrated when they discover they cannot interpret their own words scribbled hours or days earlier.

Fortunately, as they mature, students develop skills in selecting important material and in discarding unimportant material. Although this skill develops with practice, its development can be aided by some interesting online tools. [NoteStar](#) is an engaging tool that helps students at all levels to improve their note taking skills. It can even help adults, as it has me.

Subjects:

- Language Arts
- History
- Science
- All Subjects

Grade(s):

- 6-8 (focus)
- All Levels

Brief Description

Using online note taking tools to teach note taking skills.

Objectives

Students will:

- Use an online note-taking tool to highlight or note words and phrases that relate to their topic of research.
- Use their "online notes" to compose a paragraph to support their topic.

Keywords:

Note taking, notes, study skills, research, and theme

Materials Needed:

[NoteStar](#)

Note Star is an Internet utility to assist in the preparation of research papers. Teachers and students can set up research projects with topics and sub-topics. Students may then take advantage of NoteStar's many features to collect and organize their notes and prepare their bibliography page.

Setting Up NoteStar

Have Students

1. Access the Internet
2. Key in the following URL: <http://notestar.4teachers.org/>
3. Create an account (Figure 1)

Students


What students can do:

- Create sub-topics for research topics
- Assign topics to group members
- Take notes
- Easily track source information
- Organize notes and sources to create printable notes and bibliography

[Students, get started >](#)

Figure 1. Student Account Creation Link

4. Fill in the Student Registration (Figure 2)
5. Click the Continue button (Figure 2)

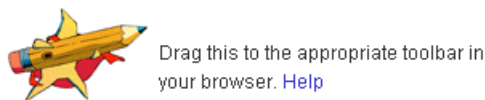


Student Registration

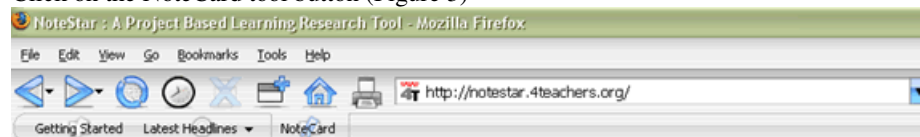
First Name:
Last Name:
Username:
Password:
Confirm Password:
School Zip Code:

Figure 2. Student Registration for NoteStar

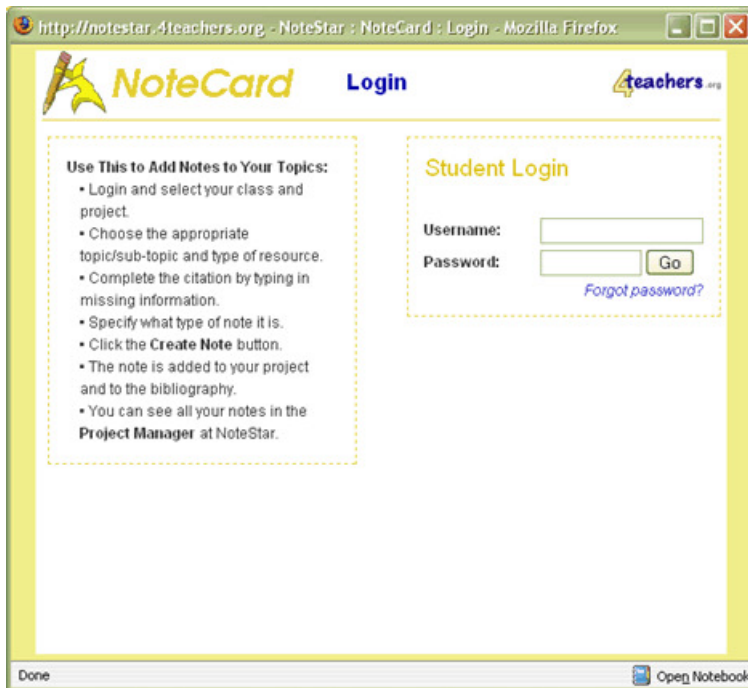
6. Record their user id and password
7. Click and Drag the NoteStar Tool on the web browser Toolbar



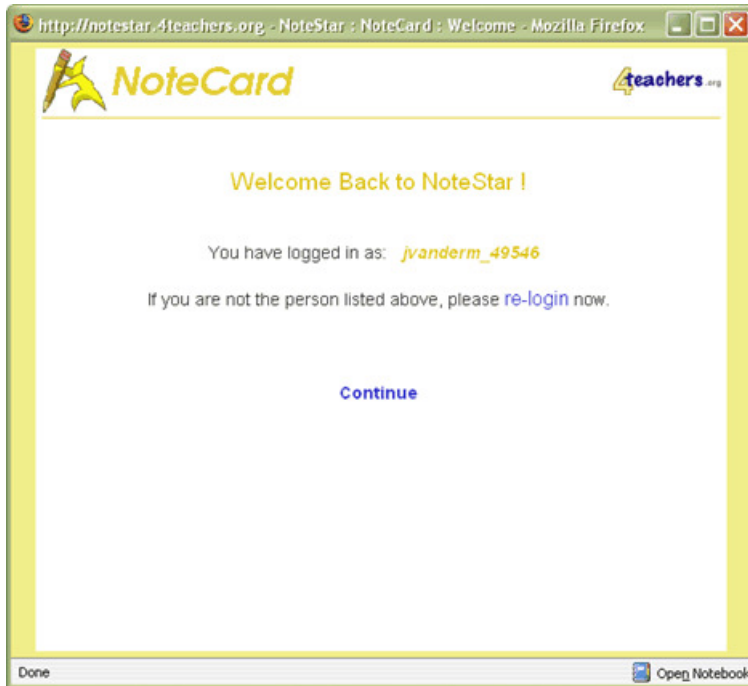
8. Click on the NoteCard tool button (Figure 3)



9. The NoteCard Window will appear (Figure 4)



10. Press Continue



11.

http://notestar.4teachers.org - NoteStar : NoteCard - Mozilla Firefox

NoteCard Create New Note 4teachers.org

Class:

Project: No Project to Select

Topic:

Internet Book Magazine Journal Newspaper Internet Journal

Title:

Title of Web Site:

Author: (i.e. last name, first name)

Published Year:

Organization:

URL:

Date Viewed: September 6 2006

Note:
(4000 characters maximum)

Type of Note: Your Own Words Quote (Cut and Paste)

Create Note Close Window

Done Open Notebook

http://notestar.4teachers.org - NoteStar : NoteCard - Mozilla Firefox

NoteCard Create New Note 4teachers.org

Class:

Project: No Project to Select

Topic:

Internet Book Magazine Journal Newspaper Internet Journal

Title: NoteStar : Student : New User Account Registered

Title of Web Site:

Author: (i.e. last name, first name)

Published Year:

Organization:

URL: http://notestar.4teachers.org/student/studentHome.do

Date Viewed: September 6 2006

Note:
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Type of Note: Your Own Words Quote (Cut and Paste)

Create Note Close Window

Done Open Notebook

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