Power Note (Thinking) Strategy

The power note strategy helps us differentiate between the main ideas and details in an organized format. It is another way (note taking strategy) to help organize thoughts, examples, and details. These are assigned to powers (numbers) in an outline format. The powers relate to each other: power 3s offer details, examples, and elaboration of power 2s, power 2s give examples and details of power 1s, etc. The main idea or ideas are power 1s.

Power Notes are written in the following format:

Power 1. Main idea of the information

Power 2. Detail or supportive information for the Power 1 above

Power 3. Detail or supportive information for a Power 2

Power 4. Detail or supportive information for a Power 3

Basic Example:

1. Animals

2. Dogs

3. Collies

3. Bull Dogs

3. Pugs

4. Curly tail

4. Flat face

5. has wrinkles that should be cleaned daily

2. Cat

3. Siamese

3. Calico

4. are multi-colored

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1. The Nucleus

2. made of protons & neutrons

3. together called nucleons

2. nuclides

3. atoms identified by # of protons & neutrons

4. nuclear symbol

5. 168O mass # on top, atomic # on bottom, Chemical symbol to the right

4. hyphen notation

5. Oxygen-16 or O – 16 – element symbol and mass #