**2-Column Notes**

Two-column notes are wonderful to use while reading a textbook. The purpose, as with most content area reading strategies is to engage with the text. The classic two-column note taking wants you to split a piece of notebook paper in two parts-a smaller portion to the left (approximately 1/3 of the paper) and a larger part to the right (approximately 2/3). In the left column you write the main ideas, or chapter headings, or even vocabulary terms. In the right side you list supporting details, key facts, or the definitions of the words. The most important thing is to put these in your OWN words…do not just copy from the book!

\*\*\*\***I highly recommend color coding information into the colors that the book uses for the three colonial regions in order to visually sort the information from the book\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**EXAMPLE:**

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| **Main Ideas, chapter headings, vocab** | **Supporting Details, key facts, definitions of words** |
| **Intro** | * **Britain had 13 colonies in North America** * **3 colonial regions** |
| **Economies** | **the way in which people use resources to produce, sell, or trade goods and services to meet needs and wants.** |
| **NE, Middle & Southern Colonial Regions** | * **People went to different colonial regions for different reasons.** * **NEW ENGLAND**    + **Colonies: Massachusetts Bay, RI, NH, CT**   + **Geography: rocky soil, harsh winters, large forests, good harbors**   + **Economy: lumbering, Fishing, whaling, shipbuilding, small farming, trading**   + **Other: Most colonists were very religious** * **MIDDLE (CONTINUE ON OWN):**   + **Colonies:**   + **Geography**   + **Economy**   + **Other** |
| **plantations** |  |
| **Indentured servants** |  |