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Microblogging Notes Handout

When taking notes, it's important to think about two things: what information do you need to take notes on in order to write a good tweet, and how is that information going to be organized?

A list of some important things you might want to include:
Your character's name
Your character's physical characteristics
Your character's relationships
Your character's current situation (as much as you know)

For organization, although chronological notes are recommended, mind-mapping is also a very useful and clear way to organize your thoughts and information. At this point, your favorite note-taking method will serve you best.

Below are two examples of ways to organize your notes. The first one is a timeline, which is a clear, easy to use chronological organization method. You start at the top, and add squares containing events on either side of the central line, depending on how much room you leave yourself. The past/beginning is represented by the top of the arrow, and the bottom of the arrow represents the future/end of whatever series of events you're describing.

It's better to use your own paper/notebook to draw the central line first, so you can add events as you need them. Also, you can practice draft tweets right next to each event!

The second one is a mind map, which is a great method to use if you find it difficult to organize ideas in a linear way. You begin with the central topic in the middle oval, and then draw shapes with sub-topics and arrows connecting things that make sense to have connected. Feel free to use a larger piece of paper to include all your possible ideas! The mind map is very flexible to allow for any connections between ideas that you see.

It's better to draw a new mind map on your own piece of paper or in your notebook, so you can tailor the map to your individual needs. Also, just like the timeline, you can still draft tweets next to the relevant ideas!