



SAMPLE MATERIAL

“Four R” Note-Taking Template

Burlingame High School, California

Topic: Adolescent Literacy

Practice: Engaging Text Discussion

Burlingame High School English teacher Jim Burke created this template to help students take notes in an organized manner to facilitate comprehension and preparation for participating in classroom discussion. The template provides space for students to list the most important ideas from the reading, provide a summary of the text, show connections to other readings, and respond to the reading with their own thoughts and questions. Once completed, this template is used by the students as they engage in classroom discussion about the reading.

Over 40 different graphic organizers are available at Jim Burke’s website <http://www.englishcompanion.com>.

