TOPIC: Charting a Book or Paper

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(Using pencil)

Number the chapters or paragraphs of the book or paper.

Draw a line across a horizontal piece of paper, 1/3 down the page. Divide the line into the number of paragraphs in the paper and number the sections to correspond with the paper..

RATIONAL AIM (S)

To understand what the author is saying in the content and structure of his paper, and be able to learn from it.

EXPERIENTIAL AIM (S)

To appreciate the viewpoint of the author.

OBJECTIVE

(Getting the Facts)

Highlight key words and phrases in the book or paper, then write them on the chart in the appropriate place.

Include key content words and key structural clues (i.e. "first", "finally", "the following points")

REFLECTIVE

(Personal Reactions, Associations, Emotions, Images)

Draw vertical lines above the baseline between paragraph or chapter sections where content or structural clues indicate a shift in topic (longer lines for bigger divisions, shorter for finer divisions).

Use horizontal lines to connect similar length vertical lines to create sections.

INTERPRETIVE

(Meaning, Values, Significance, Purpose, Implications)

Name each section: What is the author saying in each of these sections?

Write these names in the sections.

DECISIONAL

(Future Resolves)

Name the whole: What is the author's overall message?

Write this across the top of the page.

CLOSING

A focused conversation on the visual chart:

- O. What strikes you as you look at the chart?
- R. What images and experiences are evoked for you?
- I. What are the meaning, significance or implications of this paper for you?
- D. What will you do with what you've learned from this paper?

Sample Chart of a Familiar Book

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