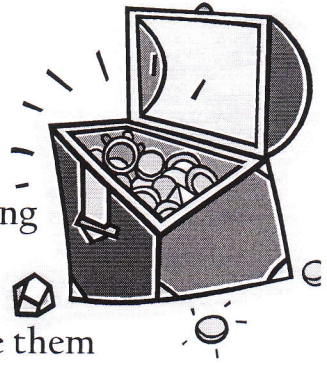
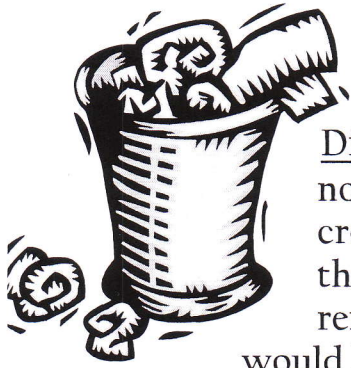


Trash or Treasure: Note-Taking Skills



Directions: This activity will help you practice taking notes. Read through the short passage below. As you do, cross out every word that is not important for understanding the basic facts. This is your trash. All the words that are remaining are your treasure. These are the words that you would have written down if you were taking notes. Now, write them in the space provided to practice what it feels like to take notes. Notes should not be in complete sentences and should only include the most important words.

Cupid ~~was the~~ Roman god ~~of~~ love. ~~He was generally represented as a~~ beautiful winged boy ~~with a~~ bow ~~and~~ arrows. He would shoot his arrows into the hearts of both gods and mortals to make them fall in love. He also used torches on occasion to set a lover's heart ablaze.

One of the most famous legends about Cupid focuses on his love for the nymph Psyche. Cupid's mother, Aphrodite, became jealous of Psyche's beauty, and she sent Cupid to punish the nymph. Instead, Cupid and Psyche fell in love. He warned her that if she looked at him, she would lose him forever.

But due to the evil efforts of Psyche's two jealous sisters, Aphrodite found out about their love. She immediately imprisoned her son and harassed the beautiful nymph. In spite of all that, the two lovers managed to get together in the end. Cupid escaped, saved Psyche from a deathlike sleep, and begged Zeus to put an end to Aphrodite's interference. Zeus turned Psyche into an immortal by giving her nectar. He also blessed Cupid's union with her and ordered Aphrodite to leave the lovers alone.

Today, Cupid plays a large in the observance of St. Valentine's Day.

Rewrite remaining words below. Rewrite each fact on its own line after a bullet. No bullet should be more than 7 words (symbols don't count) and NO complete sentences.

Use the back if you need more room.

- Cupid = love god (Roman)
- winged boy + bow + arrows