**Two Column Notes**

This reading strategy can help you remember what you’ve read and make connections to your reading. Here is how it works:

In the first column, you write down EXACTLY what the text says. You can write down quotes or individual words; pick the things that stand out to you as important or interesting. You can also summarize what you’ve read in your own words. So the first column represents *what the text is telling you.*

In the second column, you share your own thinking about what you’re reading. These can start with “I’m wondering…,” or “This reminds me of…,” or “This confused me and here is how I figured it out…,” or “I’m picturing...” This column represents *what you are saying about the text.*