Template for in-class notes that can be shared with absent peers

This template can be modified for the context of your class. We appreciate students’ notetaking efforts in support of peers, and want students to know notes like these are also a really beneficial practice of “retrieval” for those who take them—they will increase your own learning!

Please enter as much detail as you can, especially where the detail benefits you, the notetaker, as a learner.

1. **What concepts, theories, principles, or research did we explore today? If I want to reference them outside of class, where can I go to do that?**
2. **How did we apply the concept/theory/principle/research in practice, if we did? What concrete illustrations of them did we discuss?**
3. **What common challenges or misconceptions did the instructor or my peers name in *understanding* what we explored? Any tips offered?**
4. **What common challenges or misconceptions did the instructor or my peers name in *practicing* what we explored? Any tips offered?**
5. **What important critiques of the concept/theory/principle/research did we hear about (from within the discipline, or from peers)?**
6. **What big questions came up today that don’t have an easy right/wrong answer?**
7. **How does learning the concepts, theories, principles and/or research support the learning objectives of the class? Why did we explore them?**
8. **How will we apply them (or if not applied, reference them) in the future? Inside of class? Outside of class?**
9. **What was the most meaningful or interesting thing to you from today’s class (this can be anything)?**
10. **What questions are you still left with after today’s class?**
11. **What verbal reminders for next class did the instructor share?**