

Concept Cards

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Example: Plastic waste in Asia	Example: China was the world's largest importer of the West's worn-out plastic, and China's longest river, the Yangtze River, was responsible for depositing 1.5 million tons of plastic waste into the world's oceans. (Lui, 2019, p. 1)	Example: Waste is big business and is traded between countries all over the world. In 2017, Denmark exported 48,252 tons of plastic waste. 58 percent of the plastic ended up in Germany, which exports large quantities of plastic to Asia.	Example: I have always wondered how plastic ended up in the oceans. It seems odd that Denmark would export so much plastic to Asia. It probably has something to do with economy. Maybe I should write about this in my thesis.

How to use the Concept Cards:

Concept Cards is an easy way to keep your notes short and precise. It also makes it easy to look up a specific concept or theory, when preparing for the exam. This is how you should use each of the columns:

Concept or theory: In this box you write down which concept or theory you will examine. Keep it short, so it is easy to look up later.

Texts definition and reference: Write down the headlines about the specific concept from the source where you found the concept. Write just enough to understand what the concept is about. Always remember to have a reference to the source in which you found the concept, so you know where to look if you need to know more later.

Notes from class: Here you write down a few important lines from what the teacher says about the concept in the class. You should only write down new knowledge, not something that you already know from the text.

Own explanation and relevance: Describe the concept with your own words to make sense of it. This also helps you remember the concept better. Also, you should write down how you find the concept relevant in the future, e.g. in an exam or a job.

You do not necessarily have to write down in the order presented here. Sometimes you could e.g. start with taking notes in class to find out what concepts are important.