Note-Making Grid

Here is an example of how a student writing an essay about differences in study at university and school has used a note-making grid. Have a look and use the blank version below it.

Reference	Topic	Main points and ideas	Strengths and Weaknesses	How to use it
Choudrey (2019)	Methods for research for university students	 Use resources in the library Online sources are useful but be careful of reliability Use lecturers' reading lists as most relevant 	Wide-ranging longitudinal study Extensive focus groups of lecturers and students from variety of subject backgrounds	Agree with Cottrell (2012) and Beko (2017) – write about together.
Hennessy (1998)	What students should read	Base assignments on lecture notes mostly – especially first year students	Maybe outdated – not many online sources then Ignores reading lists – odd!	Contrast with Choudrey, Beko and Cottrell to show how things have changed over last two decades. Could add point on lecturer notes to analysis though.

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