# Video Field Notes Guide

Intro: Field notes are taken during an observational event to record and remember behaviors, activities, and events. They are also used to record and distinguish the researcher’s experience and interpretation of those events.

Field notes general consist of 4 parts:

1. Some record-keeping notes (e.g., date, time, etc.)

2. Descriptive information: where you attempt to accurately record the “facts” of the situation

3. The meaning/reflection of what you observed

4. Reflexive notes - How did this affect you? What personal moment did this bring up? How did it alter or inform you?

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| Date:  Time of Viewing:  View #:  Your Physical Setting:  Name of Video: | |
| Describe physical setting(s) in which the video takes place | |
| Setting 1  Setting 2  Setting 3 | |
| People: (identify and briefly describe. Include what their role was in the video)  Person 1  Person 2  Person 3  Did these individuals interact? Briefly describe. | |
| Other unusual or interesting setting characteristics? | |
| Meaning and Reflection. | |
| What meaning did you observe in the video? (there may be more than 1) | Reflection (impressions, thoughts, critiques, unanswered questions) |
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| Reflexivity: How has this made you aware of, or changed something, about yourself? | |