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Two Column Note Taking Strategy

On the left column you put your headings, teacher examples, own examples, questions, page references, and “Stuff” you add later from self, teacher, friends, books. On the right column, you write your notes that relate to the headings. This will help you organize your information, improve your study habits, and increase your retention.

Questions/Key Ideas	NOTES
What's the title?	“The Cat Who Thought She Was a Dog and the Dog Who Thought He Was a Cat”
Who wrote the story?	Isaac Bashevis Singer/ a writer who won a Nobel Prize
Who's Jan Skiba?	He's a poor peasant who lives with his wife & 3 daughters in a one room hut far from the village with no luxuries The luxury they have is that they own a dog and a cat Jan is a kind, considerate, and loving person
What seeming luxury do they have? (What's this tell us about Jan?)	The dog Burek acts like a cat and the cat Kot acts like a dog; they think they are the same type of animal
What are Burek and Kot like?	He is a traveling salesman who has all kinds of trinkets to sell and a mirror A mirror with a wooden frame that shows their reflection
Who's the peddler and what does he have?	Marianna offers 5 groshen a month for the mirror
Which of the peddler's items captures the Skiba's eyes?	Marianna was missing a tooth; one daughter's nose was too snub and too broad; another daughter's chin was too narrow and too long; third daughter's face had freckles; Jan's lips were too thick and teeth protruded like a buck's
What does Marianna offer the peddler for the mirror?	“For the first time the Skiba family deeply felt its poverty and envied the rich.”
What defects do the Skiba's discover about themselves?	The conflict is that the Skiba's were perfectly happy with their way of life until they got the mirror and looked at themselves discovering their physical imperfections They both noticed that they were not the same kind of animal and turned on one another injuring each other
What else do the Skiba's notice?	
What's the conflict?	
What happened with Burek and Kot when they looked into the mirror?	When Jan returns the mirror to the peddler for other items When the family goes back to not caring about their looks Jan Skiba is the main character due to his family role The mirror is the antagonist because of the problem Discovering that it is important to be/accept yourself
Where's the climax?	
What's the resolution?	
Who's the Protagonist?	
Who's the Antagonist?	
How does the story relate to our theme?	
What Point of View is this?	The story is told in Omniscient narration

✱ The box is summarizing the key points of your notes.