Fieldnotes template

This template should be used each time you enter the field to complete fieldwork. The template structures basic elements to include in your fieldnotes, guiding you as to how to document your fieldnotes. Use a separate document for each session.

Fieldwork session #:
Last name of observer:
Date (mm/dd/yy):
Time (hh:mm) (indicate AM or PM):
Specific location:
Total time in the field:

Fieldnotes (Jottings)
[Insert jottings here. Jot down at least 10 details of physical things and social interaction you observed and three thoughts you had about these observations].

Extended fieldnotes (fleshed out jottings)
[Flesh out your notes and write at least a paragraph (5-7 sentences) summarizing what was observed/noticed. You should bracket any personal feelings, assumptions, reactions, and value statements. Brackets can be either ( ) or [ ]

Reflection questions:
Please enumerate your answers to the following questions:

1. During your visit to the location, did you experience any reactivity (other people noticing you and reacting or changing their behavior as a result of noticing you)?
2. How did the fieldwork session make you feel regarding your sense of safety, fear, comfort, excitement, and empathy?
3. Have we discussed in class any theories relevant to your fieldwork session?