

## Interactive Notebook Guidelines

### What is the purpose of this notebook?

The purpose of the interactive notebook is to help you to record, organize and process new information. It will enable you to be a creative, independent thinker and writer. The Interactive notebook will be used for class notes as well as other activities where you will be asked to express your own ideas and process the information presented by this class.

How should my notebook be organized? These notebooks have a “left side, right side” orientation....

Left Side <i>Output- Students process New Ideas</i>	Right Side <i>Input- Teacher Provides new Information</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reorganize new information in creative formats</li> <li>• Express opinions and feelings</li> <li>• Explore new ideas, ask questions</li> <li>• <b>Homework assignments</b> and responses</li> </ul> <p><i>This will be used for a variety of activities where all of your <b>creative</b> and artistic inklings come bursting forth! Here, you will be <b>demonstrating your understanding</b> of new ideas.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class / Discussion notes</li> <li>• Video / Website notes</li> <li>• Reading notes from your text</li> <li>• Handouts with new information</li> <li>• Graphic models</li> </ul> <p><i>As you take notes, structure them so that <b>key ideas</b> are <b>clear</b> and <b>supported by examples</b> (from class instruction, discussion or reading assignments) Write legibly and use color to make key concepts stand out.</i></p>

Your cover is to be colorfully decorated to reflect your personality and interests. Your first name, last name and class period must appear clearly in the upper left corner of the cover. The first page should have a simple design that illustrates the course and again includes your first name, last name and class period. The next 10 pages are saved for creating a cumulative table of contents. Each page then is **numbered** in the top corner of both sides of the page and **dated** throughout the notebook.

### What materials do I need?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Spiral Notebook should be:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spiral bound (Mead with vinyl covering the spiral)</li> <li>- College ruled</li> <li>- 3 Subject</li> <li>- 11 x 8 ½ in.</li> <li>- white paper</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* highlighters (a variety of colors)</li> <li>* blue or black pens</li> <li>* red pen</li> <li>* glue stick</li> <li>* colored pencils</li> <li>* pencils</li> </ul> |
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### How will my notebook be graded?

Notebooks will be checked periodically for completeness, about every 4 to six weeks. All class notes and notebook assignments should be included, even for the days when you were absent. There will also be a reflection page completed after each unit and a parent review is encouraged. Notebooks will be evaluated by **the student and a peer** on: thoroughness, quality, organization and visual appeal. Each entry should be titled and dated, then entered into the table of contents. An important part of your notebook is its visual appearance. Your notebook should be neat! Completing Extra Credit assignments or activities helps you to earn a high A on your IN. Your creative touch should be visible throughout the notebook. You will have one notebook for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester and a new one for the second semester.

### What happens if I'm absent?

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain notebook assignments from either a homework partner or the instructor *prior* to the day of the Interactive Notebook check.

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