Guidelines for Developing An Interactive Notebook

Interactive Note Taking

- The Interactive Notebook will have a left-side, right-side orientation
- The first page(s) of the notebook will contain the Table of Contents

Left-side pages	Right-side pages
Teacher input	Student output and engagement
Notes gathered from video, PowerPoint, or Internet site	Integration of terms/content to process for long- term memory
Note-taking: Class notes or text notes	Evidence of student processing
List of terms, definitions, content	Questioning of the text—students generate their
Content information/reading/text provided by the teacher Charts, maps, documents, graphic organizers provided by the teacher	own questions Use of higher-order skills to make meaning from information
	Student reflections, connections, evaluations, reorganization of information, illustrations (Option: can be done as H.W.)
	Charts, maps, graphic organizers created by the student

Request that students bring the following materials:

Colored pens

Colored pencils and highlighters

Glue stick

A pad of sticky notes

Assessments:

Notebooks will be collected and graded periodically

A class-developed rubric will be used for evaluation

Among the assessment criteria will be: organization, connections made, thoroughness, and neatness/visual appeal

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