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| ***INTERACTIVE STUDENT NOTEBOOKS***The purpose of the interactive notebook is to enable students to be creative, independent thinkers and writers. Interactive notebooks are used for class notes as well as for other activities where the student will be asked to express his/her own ideas and process the information presented in class. Notebooks will be organized in this way:

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| **Left Side****Students Process New Ideas**

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|  | * **Reorganize new info into creative formats**
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|  | * **Express opinions and feelings**
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|  | * **Explore new ideas**
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 | **Right Side****Teacher Provides New Info**

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|  | * **Class notes**
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|  | * **Reading notes**
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|  | * **Handouts with new info**
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Your Interactive Student Notebook will be your property, and will be your key to success in class this year. It will contain your notes, handouts, and valuable information concerning class material. It will also contain your thoughts, your creativity, and your personality - take care of it! **Your Interactive Student Notebook must come to class every day!** This is essential! Please DO NOT take out any pages in your notebook.Your Interactive Student Notebook **must** contain the following aspects:A COVER with your basic information - your name, the course name, your class period, and teacher’s nameA UNIT TITLE PAGE with the title of the unit and a colorful drawing or illustration representing the theme of the unit. Be creative! A TABLE OF CONTENTS identifying the material contained in the notebook in chronological order and the page number in your notebookEVALUATION - Your notebooks will be checked periodically. At times, I will spot check your notebooks and give you instant feedback. Other times, I will grade your notebooks on thoroughness, quality and accuracy of work, organization, and visual appeal. Every assignment should be complete and neat. Also, your artistic or creative touch should be visible throughout the notebook. Use color, pictures, and diagrams in order to reinforce class materials. You will also be evaluating your notebooks!It is also important to realize that it is *your responsibility* to obtain class notes, materials, and notebook assignments in the case that you are absent from class. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete notebook and less knowledge and creativity! I know you will have a ton of questions concerning your notebooks, and I will try to answer all of them as we progress in class.Remember that this is a great chance to use your creativity, and change a boring binder into a dynamic work of educational art! |

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