

Student Notebooks

Throughout this curriculum guide, many of the anticipatory sets and closures ask students to record information in their notebook. There are journal prompts throughout as well. It may be helpful to have each student in the class have his/her own notebook to keep everything together. At the end of the course, the notebook can serve as a portfolio of the student's learning and activities for the semester.

Additional options for notebooks: Pocket folders with prongs, electronic storage, class web-pages. If Notebooks are not used daily, they could be used for summary purposes.

Students will need a spiral-bound notebook (8.5x11in.) with about 100 pages.

Students can design a course-related cover if they wish and include the following information: student's name, course name, class period, school year, etc.

The notebook can be used daily to take notes about the information taught in class as well as used to write journal entries and complete anticipatory sets and closures.

As a result of a program called History Alive!, interactive student notebooks have become popular and may be a useful addition in this course as well. For more information about interactive student notebooks, please visit www.teachtc.com/forum/isn.aspx

The following General Prompt Suggestions can be used with students throughout the curriculum.

1. How is what you learned today different from what you previously knew or thought?
2. Summarize today's learning: If you had to explain what you learned to elementary school students and only had five minutes to do it, what would you tell them?
3. Write down questions you would like to ask a speaker if they were presenting about today's topic.
4. How has your view of the career presented today changed?
5. Give your opinions about today's topic.
6. Does the information provided today meet your requirements for earning?
7. If you think about the lifestyle you'd like to live as an adult, how would this career fit or not fit?
8. Thinking about the type of student you currently are, will you have to change in order to complete the learning requirements for the career you desire? How and why?