

# Interactive English Notebooks

What is the purpose of the Interactive English Notebook?

The purpose of the Interactive English Notebook is to enable you to be a creative, independent thinker and writer. Interactive notebooks will be used for class notes as well as for other activities in which you will be asked to express your own ideas and process the information presented in class. Do not lose this notebook! It will be your source for review, study, and evaluation.

What materials do I need?

- Composition Notebooks (2 minimum)
- Glue stick, Bottled Glue, or Double Sided-Tape
- Colored pens and pencils
- Pencil
- Highlighters
- Black Sharpie pens



What goes in my Interactive English Notebook?

Everything we do in class. We will use GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS to help you take notes, structuring them so that key ideas are clear and supported by examples from class activities, discussion, or reading assignments. Your notebook will also be used for a variety of different activities to PREVIEW LEARNING and PROCESS NEW CONTENT to demonstrate understanding. This is where you will record and express all of your well-considered ideas.

How can I earn a good grade on my notebook?

A student who expects to earn an A or higher grade on their Interactive English Notebook will be one who:

1. Keeps a notebook that is **CREATIVE**, **COLORFUL**, and **COMPLETE**.
2. Produces quality work that fulfills all expectations and requirements for each assignment.
3. Has taken the time to consistently extend learning beyond classroom assignments.
4. Takes advantage of the “Making Connections” opportunities, unassigned work that you complete in addition to our regular class assignments.

What do you mean by “Making Connections”?

For “Making Connections,” you place articles, pictures, or cartoons (from magazines, newspapers, or the Internet) into your notebook, along with a 4–5 sentence summary and reflection on how the materials relate to our topic of study. You might also include original drawings. “Making Connections” entries should sharpen (rather than clutter) the visual appearance of your notebook.

How will my notebook be graded?

Notebooks will be graded on thoroughness, quality, organization, and visual appearance. You will know the value of each major notebook assignment when it is given. An important part of your notebook is its visual appearance. Your notebook should be NEAT! Each entry should have a title and date . . . Notebooks will be checked periodically for completeness. All class notes and notebook assignments are expected to be in your notebook, even for days you are absent.

What happens if I am absent?

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain notebook assignments from a classmate or from my Interactive English Notebook.