

Guidelines for Interactive Notebooks
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Introduction:

The goal of this class is to enable students to achieve a mastery of the content and skills necessary to excel in social studies classes and the Georgia High School EOC Exam. The following information is to help you succeed in this course.

Reading/Homework:

Students have an ongoing assignment to carefully read and study each unit of study. Homework will be assigned only as needed.

Absences:

If you are absent it is YOUR responsibility to obtain notes from a classmate and collect any handouts given when you were absent.

Materials:

It is your RESPONSIBILITY to come to class every day with TEXT, INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK and SUPPLIES:

- Spiral notebook – with a minimum of 180 – 200 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 in size (3 or 5 subject)
- Colored pencils (some will be provided in class)
- Pen or Pencil to write with
- Glue stick or masking tape
- Highlighters are suggested to help with review and note taking.

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK SPIRALS:

Notebooks in this class will have a “left side” and a “right side” organization to help you record, organize and process new information. Much of your class work and homework will be done in your notebook spiral. **The notebook must be brought to class everyday.** Notebooks will be organized in the following way:

1. Every page must be numbered. Page zero is the first white page in the notebook and it will be the Course Cover Page.
2. Page 1 is the page right behind page zero and will be left empty
3. Page 2 will have this sheet of Guidelines taped or glued to it. Get it signed for credit. (page 2 should be on the right hand side of the NB)
4. Page 3 will be empty.
5. Page 4 will have your Syllabus for this course attached to it.
6. Page 5 and 6 will begin our work in class

Left Side of Notebook Spiral

Student Processes New Ideas

**** Work is not always testable but is gradable****

- Bell work
- Starter questions
- Reflections

Right Side of Notebook Spiral

Teacher Provides New Information

****Right side information is testable****

- Unit Cover pages
- Class Notes
- Handouts
- Returned graded papers
- Study guides

Grading:

Notebooks will be collected about every 4 weeks except for the first of the year when they will be taken up after two. They will be graded on thoroughness, quality, organization and visual appeal. Remember to add color.

Rubric:

1. Color is used
2. Material is in order, attached neatly, titled and dated.
3. Work assigned is complete and was stamped for being on time.
4. 5 – 5 – 5 rule on Unit covers

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____