Biology Interactive Notebook (BiN) Guidelines

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**What is the purpose of the Biology Interactive Notebook?**

The purpose of the interactive student notebook is to enable you to be a creative, independent thinker, writer –LEARNER! Interactive notebooks will be used for class notes as well as for other activities where you will be asked to express your own ideas and to process/internalize the information presented in class.

**Materials needed:**

Notebook, pen, colored pencils, scissors, glue, highlighter

**How will my notebook be organized?**

# Front Cover: Interactive Notebook (title), your name, class name

* Be creative, colorful

Inside front cover: Clock Partner Chart

* **Back Cover: Biopoem Project**

Inside back cover: Make a pocket (i.e. using a manila folder)

* BiN guideline – glue this paper on 1st page
* **Table of Contents\*(2nd – 3rd, page)** is REQUIRED . The Table of Contents should be kept CURRENT DAILY with Page # and Due Date. ALL pages will be numbered as assignments are made and will be done in class together. Your notebook will be organized into a Left-Side and Right-Side learner-centered format:

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| The Left-Side(Odd numbered pages) Output side (student)   * Reorganize new information in creative formats * Express opinions and feelings * Explore new ideas | The Right-Side (EVEN numbered pages) Input Side (Teacher/Class)   * Class notes * Discussion notes * Reading notes * Handouts with new information |

\*Optional: you can use a post-it tab to mark each chapter/unit as well.

**What happens if I am absent?**

If you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to obtain notebook assignments from either a notebook buddy or the teacher. There will be a **teacher notebook** that you can refer to for missing assignments. **ALWAYS** check the Table of Contents for new assignments and see the Teacher Notebook for instructions missed in class. It is also **YOUR responsibility** to let the teacher know when an absent and missed assignment is completed in order to earn a stamp.

## Notebook Buddies – name & phone number

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**How will my notebook be graded?**

Notebooks will be evaluated after each unit for accuracy and completeness with a rubric. Points will be earned for completed work. All class notes and notebook assignments should be included even for the days when you were absent. An important part of your notebook is its **VISUAL** appearance. Your notebook is a reflection of you and your learning. It needs to be neat and well organized**. Each entry should** **be titled.** Your artistic, creative touch should be visible throughout the notebook. Keep in mind that your notebook will count as a **MAJOR grade** each and every time it is graded. Put effort into it and you will be rewarded!

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| **Scoring**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 0 | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-8 | 9-10 | | Not accomplished | Very little effort | Some effort | Adequate effort | Superior effort | | | | |
| Quality & Completeness:   * All assignments are complete and of high quality, even on days where you are absent. * All handouts/notes are in the notebook; no blank pages. |  |  |  |
| Neatness & Organization   * All pages are numbered; table of contents is complete and up-to-date. * All assignments have appropriate dates and titles. * Handouts are placed/pasted NEATLY in the notebook. |  |  |  |
| Visual Appearance & Creativity   * Title page & Back page is complete and includes required elements. * Processing assignments and title page show creativity and effort in their execution. * Drawings (diagrams) and other visual elements (highlights) are used appropriate to show learning. |  |  |  |
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