

Interactive Student Notebooks



Coach Rangel

World Geography



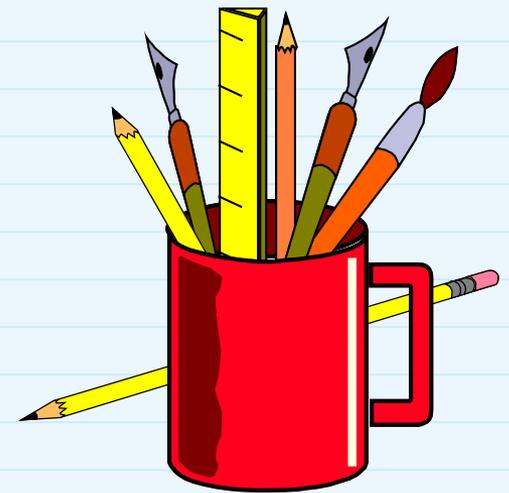


Purpose of Interactive Student Notebooks

The purpose of the ISN is to enable you to be a creative, independent thinker and writer. ISN's will be used for class notes and for other activities where you will be asked to express your own ideas and process the information presented by this class. This notebook is different from a traditional notebook because it requires you to think about everything that you write or draw in it.

What Materials Will I Need?

- A 5-subject spiral notebook with pocket dividers
- Additional wide ruled loose leaf paper
- Tape and Glue Sticks
- Pens –black
- Pencils with erasers
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Highlighters



Content

Left side

Teacher directed

- Students take notes during lectures
- Students record reading notes from their textbook, literature, or primary sources.
- This information should be regarded as “testable” and should be structured so that key ideas & concepts are clear.

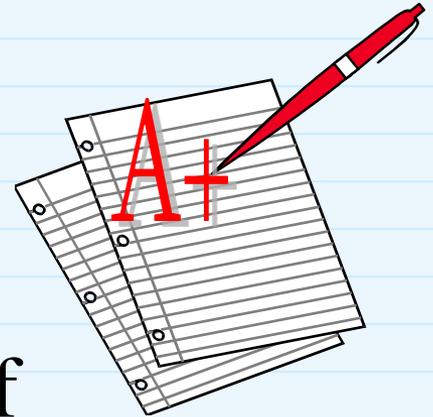
Right side

Student processing

- Students process new ideas
- Students use illustrations, diagrams, flow charts, poetry, colors, matrices, cartoons and the like to understand new content
- Students explore opinions, clarify values, and ask questions about new ideas.
- Students review what they have learned and demonstrate mastery of material.

How Will I Be Graded?

- Notebooks will be graded at least once every 6 weeks and count as daily and/or test grades. You should have all of your assignments and notes that the table of contents has listed.
NEATNESS COUNTS!



“What if I’m absent?”

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain notebook assignments from either

- Another student
- Coach Rangel’s website
 - mrrangel.weebly.com

Interactive Student Notebook Set-Up

- Cover
 - Theme
 - Name
 - Class Period
- Interactive student notebook guidelines (attached to the inside front cover)
- Title page
- Table of Contents pages
- Number pages
 - Odds on the left
 - Evens on the right

ISN Cover

The cover must contain the following information:

Theme:

Geography of “ME”

- Locate pictures or you may create your own pictures that fit the theme and create a collage on the front cover of your notebook.
 - Family photos, maps, etc. are great additions.
- Your pictures will need to answer the following questions:
 - Where are you from? (include your heritage, language, culture)
 - Where do you wish to visit or live some day?
 - Where have you visited? (favorite vacation spot, etc.)
 - What geographic features have you seen first hand?
 - What are your favorite things? (sports, foods, etc and where are they from?)
- This will be your first ISN test grade so be creative & be thorough in telling the story of ***YOUR Geography***.

Title Page

Center the following information:

- Top title line
 - **World Geography Notebook**
- Middle of the page (start one line above the center hole) Skip 1 line between name and period.

Name (first and last)

Period _____ (ex. 1st, 4th)

Table of Contents

- Title lines
 - Label **Table of Contents** (top line)
- Skip one line
- Left margin column
 - Label **Date**
- Middle wide column between the two red margins
 - Label **Assignments**
- Right margin column
 - Label **Page #**
 - Label **Grade**
- Upper corner page number reference for these pages in Roman numerals: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X.



Number Pages

- The **pages** on the **LEFT** hand side of the notebook will have **odd numbers** located in the **upper right hand corner** of the page.
- The **pages** on the **RIGHT** hand side of the notebook will have **even numbers** located in the **upper left hand corner** of the page.
- Turn pages carefully so you don't skip a page and incorrectly number your notebook.
- All pages must be numbered, so do this **NOW**.

You have to do this NOW

- Get to work! Number your pages!



- I will play you some numbering music.

A Few Words of Wisdom



- The interactive student notebooks are a necessary tool for learning in this class. The purpose of the notebook is to make you a creative, independent thinker and writer. You cannot get out of it or hide behind the person in front of you!
- You will be sharing and displaying your notebooks with other classmates
- This notebook will represent you - your thoughts, ideas, and beliefs. Take pride in your work! At the end of the year you will be amazed at the notebook you will have created!



Are You Ready?



- This year will be many things to many people but dull, boring, and uneventful is not going to be one of them.
- All activities will not appeal to all tastes, but they are designed to teach content, encourage creativity, and more than likely challenge your way of thinking and doing.
- Success begins with you and requires your commitment, so leave all of your excuses outside the door and enter with a willingness and enthusiasm to share, learn, and develop new ideas.