

## Benefits of using Interactive Notebooks

The Interactive Notebook offers **students** opportunities to:

- Organize their classwork for easy reference and review.
- Practice metacognitive skills, and understand knowledge and concepts at a deeper level.
- Teach students to organize information and synthesize their understandings and create their own learning resources.
- Have ownership over their own learning with opportunities to be creative and personalize their work.
- Observe their own growth in skills and understanding over time.

The Interactive Notebook offers **teachers** opportunities to:

- Organize instruction.
- Develop meaningful and engaging ways for students to interact with the class vision and content.
- Accommodate multiple learning styles and support a variety of academic needs.
- Visually see student learning in the moment and over time, allowing them to track growth.
- Provides a tool for teachers to share demonstrations of student learning with parents or adult allies.

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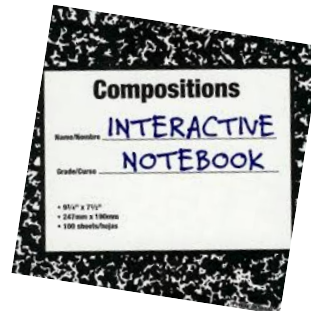
## Decisions to make when implementing Interactive Notebooks:

- What type of notebook will you use?

*Options: spiral notebook, composition book, folders*

- How will you structure the way the notebook is organized?

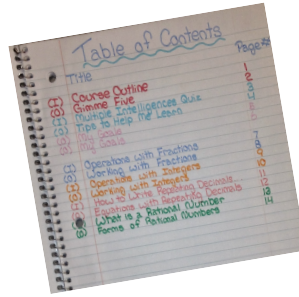
*Options: have students use specific page numbers for each task, create a table of contents system, give students control over organization, etc.*



- Will you use an input/output or left/right side system as a way to balance processing opportunities with content?

## Common Interactive Notebook Components:

- Student personalized cover page
- Unit cover sheets or Table of Contents
- Subject area notes, content, and information
- Handouts (taped in)
- Graphic organizers (drawn or taped in)
- Pre-assessments, warm ups, or connections to background knowledge
- Creative student processing activities that allow students to interact with and learn content
- Checks for understanding and formative assessment
- Visuals and 3-D elements like Foldables and Post-it Notes
- Self-assessments



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## Things to consider:

- How will you support each and every student to be successful with interactive notebooks? (i.e., Class example, Notebook Wall, Modifying to Accommodate Student Needs)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How will you support students to develop the habit of keeping track of their notebook? What will you do if one gets lost?