InterAGtive Notebooks

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What are they?
Why use them?
How do I use them?
What is an Interactive Notebook?

• A tool used to engage students, deepen their understanding, and provide critical thinking
• Students take what is inside their brains and lay it out in a way that is more meaningful to them
• Lay it out, make meaning, apply it, share it
• Promotes **interactivity** between:
  • Students and notes
  • Teachers and students
  • Students and students
  • Students and parents
Why Use Them?

- Collection of students’ work throughout the semester or year
- Input and Output
- Concrete records of reflection, assessment, and connections
- Develop academic language
- Critical thinking and informed decisions
- Students take ownership of their work
- Creating a resource for themselves
How Do I Use Them?

- Lecture and notes
- Think, pair, share
- Jigsaw
- Inquiry-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Create a connection between notes and the activity
What Do I Put in Them?

- Vocabulary
- Notes
- Foldables
- Lab sheets
- Mind maps
- Bell ringers
- Challenge questions
- Reflections
- Assessments
Tips and Tricks...

• Provide students with as much as possible
  • Notebooks
  • Paper, sticky notes
  • Glue sticks
  • Markers, colored pens
  • Tape

• Color-code sections
  • Bell ringers
  • Notes
  • Challenge questions
  • Reflections
  • Previously learned material

• Organize
  • Treat this like a textbook; include a table of contents, page numbers, and units
  • Train students how to use them!