

Keeping Interactive Notebooks in Science

The Left Side

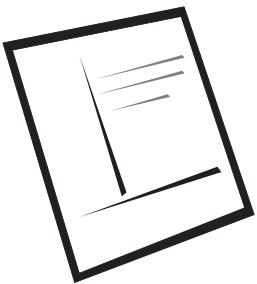
The left page demonstrates your understanding of the information from the right side of the page. You work with the input and interact with the information in creative, unique, and individual ways. The left side incorporates and reflects how you learn science as well as what you learn in science.

What goes on the left side?

INPUT goes on the right side! Input is all the information that you are supposed to learn. Some examples of input include the following:

- Brainstorming
- Concept maps
- Riddles
- Illustrations
- Cartoons
- Poetry and songs
- Metaphors and analogies
- Venn diagrams
- Data and graphs you generate
- Analysis writing
- Reflection writing
- Quickwrites
- Four-square analogies
- Mnemonics
- Flowcharts
- Graphic organizers
- Writing prompts
- Other creative avenues for processing information

Things to Know About Left Sides



- Left sides have even-numbered pages. Every left-side page gets used and relates to a right side.
- Always use color (minimum of three per page) for learning. It helps the brain learn and organize information.
- Quizzes, tests, and other summative assessments are left-side items.
- Homework problems are left-side items (but they don't take the place of processing your notes!).

12. Make an illustration explaining the topic.

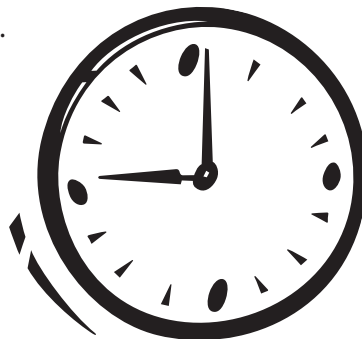
11. Create a graph.

10. Create a Venn diagram to compare/contrast.

9. Write and solve problems using the information.

8. Create an analogy and an illustration.

7. Write a letter about the topic to your grandmother.



1. Write the lyrics for a song.

2. Create a bookmark for this topic.

3. Write a haiku poem.

4. Create vocabulary cards for 5 most essential terms.

5. Paraphrase information in one sentence.

6. Write four "What if" questions about the topic