

8th Grade WAVE American History - Mr. Pierce
HOW TO MAKE A STUDENT NOTEBOOK

In order to get a good grade on your notebook, you will have to keep up with daily current events, weekly notes, and assignments. Your notebook will have to be well organized and neat and creative. You will have to deal with making your notebook neat and creative, but I will tell you exactly how I want your notebook organized.

Your notebook will be organized by the **right side and left side**. This means specific things go on a specific side. For example:

Right Side (Teacher Side) - the right side is for class notes, notes on reading, notes on a video, matrices, charts, and things like that. If I give you information in any form it goes on the RIGHT SIDE, especially if it's information that will show up on a test. Remember: the teacher is always right!

Left Side (Student Side) - the left side is for a lot of different things including *homework*. If I give you an assignment to finish, it will go on the left side. Any assignment I give you that makes you give an opinion, draw a picture, or be creative in any way, goes on the LEFT SIDE. All homework assignments, in class and out of class, go on the left side.

ITEMS REQUIRED IN YOUR NOTEBOOK:

1. Your notebook will have a **Cover** for each notebook unit that you design and create. This is the first page of a unit that has the **name of the unit, your name, your class hour, and pictures** about the things we studied in that unit. It should be colorful, neat, and accurate. Do not put or write anything on the back of your cover. ***You cannot get an A on your notebook "Required Items" without a Unit Cover.***
2. After the Unit Cover, you will leave one page (front & back) blank for the **Table of Contents**. You will keep track of what appears in your notebook by listing the assignment, the date, and the page the assignment is on. This will make it easier for me to grade and make it easier for you to find important information to study for tests and quizzes. For example:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Page #</u>
Civil War Songs Notes	10/12	72
Civil War Postcards	10/14	73
3. After your table of contents, you will leave a certain number of pages blank for Current Events. I will tell you how many each time. These blank pages (front & back) will be used for **Current Events**. Each day a current event or historical fact will be written down on these pages. Every week you will be required to glue into your notebook one current event. The current event can be cut out of the newspaper or printed off the Internet. Newspapers are delivered to the room each day for you to use. These can be cut out during EO or time allowed during class. You will summarize this current event in your own words in a minimum of **four sentences**. Your summary may be written or typed. ***Your Current Events will be graded every two weeks and counted as a separate assignment grade.*** DO NOT PROCRASTINATE ON THESE! WORK AHEAD!
4. After the Current Events pages we will begin notes and assignments over the unit. Each day's activity will need to be named, dated, given a page number, and included in the Table of Contents for that notebook unit. The page numbers should continue with each new unit. I will help you with which side to work on and remind you to name and date activities and write down page numbers. Remember, neatness and creativity will be your responsibility. Don't worry, you'll catch on quickly. We will look at example notebooks together in class.

Each notebook unit will be set up the same way. That means this instruction sheet is very important to keep track of! ***You need to glue this sheet into the right side of your first notebook unit.***