

Keeping Interactive Notebooks in Science

The Left Side

The left spiral page demonstrates your understanding of the information from the right side 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? Output goes on the left side! Left side items include:

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| * Brainstorming | * Metaphors and analogies | * Significant statements |
| * Discovery headlines | * Venn diagrams | * Flowcharts |
| * Biography posters | * Data and graphs you generate | * Graphic organizers |
| * Concepts maps | * Analysis writing | * Drawings |
| * Riddles | * Reflection writing | * Writing prompts |
| * Your questions | * Quickwrite | * Other creative avenues for processing information |
| * Pictographs | * Mnemonics | * Poetry and songs |
| * Cartoons | | |
| * Foursquare analogies | | |

Things to know about left sides

- Every Left side page gets used.
- Always use color... It helps the brain learn and organize information.
- Labs, free choice assignments, drawings, etc are left side pages.
- Homework problems are left sides (but they don't take the place of processing your notes on the right side pages with color annotations and KCQ boxes!)

The Clock Questions

The 12 clock questions are just a few ideas to help focus your attention and guide your learning of the science content and concepts.

