

## Interactive Science Composition Book

Interactive science composition books are used to help you learn and remember important scientific concepts. Why do they work? This notebook style uses both the right and left-brain hemispheres to help you sort, categorize, remember, and creatively interact with the new knowledge you are gaining.

### Guidelines:

1. Every composition book should be organized in the following way: right side for *input* (lecture notes, labs) and the left side for *output* (drawings, reflections). See table below.
2. Pages should be labeled and numbered consecutively with L and R. The left/right pages have the same number but an L or R designation following the page number (i.e.; 14L and 14R).
3. Each page should be titled and dated.
4. This Handout Guide should be glued into the front of your composition book.

### How to Organize Your Composition Book

Left Side (OUTPUT)	Right Side (INPUT)
What goes on the LEFT side? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OUTPUT</li><li>• Brainstorming</li><li>• Concept maps, flow charts, Venn diagrams</li><li>• Pictures, drawings or diagrams</li><li>• Poems, songs,</li><li>• Self reflections</li><li>• Questions, ideas</li></ul>	What goes on the RIGHT side? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INPUT</li><li>• Notes from lectures</li><li>• Movie notes/questions</li><li>• Book notes/questions</li><li>• Labs notes (“in class” labs, mini-labs)</li><li>• Research Information</li><li>• Any other type of INPUT you get in class</li></ul>

### The importance of the left side:

The left 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 helps focus your attention and guides your learning of the science content and concepts. Be creative!

