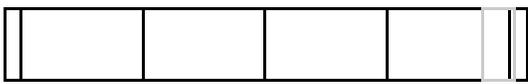


This chart is full of ideas for your interactive notebook left side assignments. These assignments are easily adaptable for various subjects and topics. Please use these assignments as starting points, adapting them as needed, to meet the needs of your students and subject area.

Note: This file was adapted from a file found on a web search in October 2011, my apologies to the original author that I did not record it at the time. When I went to search for the site again in preparation for this workshop, I could not find it. I would like to give that author credit, so, if you come across it, please let me know. [Noelle\\_combs@khsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Noelle_combs@khsd.k12.ca.us) or [mike\\_warner@khsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:mike_warner@khsd.k12.ca.us). Or [mirley\\_guerra@khsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:mirley_guerra@khsd.k12.ca.us)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Unit Title Pages</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a visual preview of your next unit of study.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a clear, legible title, written in the civilization's language if available.</li> <li>Include six pictures from the chapter or other resource material that you think will be important, with labels to explain what they are.</li> <li>Follow this format</li> <li>Be colorful, attractive, and meaningful</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Visual Vocabulary</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a chart to explore the meaning of vocabulary words.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <p>For each word your teacher assigns, you will fill out a chart like this:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Vocabulary word and picture/ illustration of the word</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Definition in your own words</td> </tr> </table>	Vocabulary word and picture/ illustration of the word	Definition in your own words
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Comic Book / Story Board</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Determine the 8 most important events in the reading and create an illustrated summary.</i></p> <p>Turn your notebook sideways and divide the page into eight panels, like this:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 100%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">TITLE HERE</td> </tr> </table>	TITLE HERE
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Dedicate one panel per event.  
 At the top or bottom of each box, write your caption in complete thoughts.  
 Illustrations for each panel should be meaningful and colored.

## **KIM Charts**

*Your task: Define and illustrate important vocabulary so that you can remember the words.*

You should:

Divide your notebook into three columns, like this:

Key idea	Information	Memory clue
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Write the term or key idea (K) in the left column  
the information/definition (I) that goes along with it in the center column  
draw a picture of the idea, a memory clue, (M) in the right column.

## **Bumper Sticker**

*Your task: Create a bumper sticker with a short statement based on the assigned topic. It should relate to a particular person, theme or event.*

Your bumper sticker should:

- Include accurate information
- Make a point
- Must include color, but illustrations are optional

Note: You may base your bumper stickers on ones you have seen or commercials as long as you remain appropriate.

## **Collage**

*Your task: Create a picture from pieces of paper and pictures, to create an image that is representative of an idea or topic that you've been assigned.*

Sources of pictures:

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Internet
- Clipart
- Hand drawn

Remember, your teacher will tell you what sources you may use. All pictures need to represent the topic or big idea of the collage.

## **Double Entry Journal**

*Your task: Respond specifically and personally to a reading assignment.*

You should:

Divide your paper into two columns, like this:

quote	response
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<p>In the quotes column, write down anything from the reading that you find interesting or relevant. (Note: it does not have to be something that someone "said".)</p> <p>In the response column, write down your reaction to the quote – include how it connects to your life or something you've read or seen.</p> <p>Your teacher will tell you how many entries to complete.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Illustrated Outline</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: take notes on your reading to create an illustrated outline.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn your notebook sideways.</li> <li>Starting at the margin, separate the page into columns based on the number of main ideas.</li> <li>Write a main idea (topic) at the top of each column, on the margin line.</li> <li>Take at least three bulleted notes under each main idea.</li> <li>When you've finished taking notes on the reading, review the main ideas and draw one picture for each section.</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; padding: 5px;">Main ideas</td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> </tr> </table>	Main ideas					
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Acrostic Poem</u></b></p> <p>An Acrostic Poem is a poem where the first letter of each line spells a word and each line gives details and helps explain the chosen word.</p> <p><i>Your Task: Choose a term, location, event, or historical figure we have studied this unit. Use your notes and the textbook to create an acrostic poem.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write the term down the left hand side of your paper.</li> <li>Write a complete thought about the subject for each letter</li> <li>Your acrostic should be a summary of the most important information about the topic.</li> <li>Include an illustration – it can be something important about the topic that you were not able to fit in.</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>3-2-1 Summary</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write a summary of the reading using this strategy.</i></p> <p>Draw this to fill up your page:</p> <p>3 - In the bottom 3 spaces, write three facts/events in the reading you think were important.</p> <p>2 - In the middle 2 spaces, define or identify two important people, places or things from the reading (vocabulary)</p> <p>1 - In the top space, write one question that can be answered by using the other two levels.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Concept Map</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Take notes from a reading/selection to create a concept map.</i></p> <p>Write the main idea in the center, and take notes on topics connected to the main idea.</p> <p>For each topic connected to the main idea: Include three supporting details Include one illustration for each topic Use a different color for each topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Advertisement</u></b></p> <p><i>Your Task: Create an advertisement for a technological advance or major event. This should be a one-page ad that could appear in a newspaper or magazine.</i></p> <p>Your ad should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A color picture of the item, service or the location of the event</li> <li>A price, if appropriate, and remember that does not always mean money.</li> <li>A listing of what the item does, the service provides, or what the event is about</li> <li>Optional ideas – testimonials, slogan, related products</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Design a Museum Exhibit</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Plan a museum exhibit to feature the main concepts of your reading.</i></p> <p>Your exhibit should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on the most important aspect of the event.</li> <li>Include at least six artifacts.</li> <li>For each artifact – Sketch the artifact</li> <li>Write a 1-2 sentence description of what it is and why you've included it in the exhibit.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Greeting Card</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a greeting card to send to a character or historical person about the topic you've been assigned.</i></p> <p>Your card should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front – colored pictures, words optional</li> <li>Front Inside – Personal note related to topic</li> <li>Back Inside – greeting or saying; must meet product criteria</li> <li>Back Outside – logo, publisher, and price for card.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Haiku</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write a series of haikus to summarize your topic.</i></p> <p>A haiku captures the essence of an idea, concept, or emotion. It does not have to rhyme.</p> <p>Follow this format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line 1: phrase contains five syllables</li> <li>Line 2: phrase contains seven syllables</li> <li>Line 3: phrase contains five syllables.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Important Thing Frame</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write a summary of your topic using the following frame.</i></p> <p>The important thing about _____ is _____.</p> <p>It _____.</p> <p>It _____.</p> <p>It _____.</p> <p>But the important thing about _____ is _____.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Creative Line Art</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a picture about a topic using all of the pieces of line art on your page.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get a copy of the Line Art paper and write directly on it.</li> <li>You may add anything you want to the picture, but all lines and shapes must be used.</li> <li>It must be colored.</li> <li>On the bottom, write a few sentences explaining how your drawing represents the topic you were given.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Constructed Response</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write a clear, informative response to a short answer question.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restate the question</li> <li>Define difficult terms if necessary.</li> <li>Answer the question.</li> <li>Back up your answer from the text if applicable.</li> <li>Conclude by restating the question. Often one can begin the sentence with therefore.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Poster</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a poster about your assigned topic.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill up the entire space you have.</li> <li>• Have one major illustration.</li> <li>• Include five pieces of important information</li> </ul> <p>Must have title</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Song Rewrite</u></b></p> <p><i>Your Task: Take any song and rewrite the lyrics to include information about a topic.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose a song to re-write – it must rhyme. You need to include the original lyrics, which must be appropriate for school.</li> <li>Rewrite the lyrics to include at list six pieces of information about your topic.</li> <li>Write at least two verses and a chorus.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>You Be the Teacher!</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a quiz from your assigned reading.</i></p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include at least ten questions</li> <li>Use multiple choice, matching or fill in the blank.</li> <li>Focus on the most important facts in the reading.</li> <li>Include an answer key.</li> </ul>

### Newspaper Article

*Your task: Write a newspaper article about your topic as if you were there.*

You should:

- Write a headline (Short and to the point.)
- Write 1-2 paragraphs that explain the event including: who, what, where, when, how, and why Include a "photograph" with a caption (may be drawn or taken from the internet with teacher permission).

### Historical Marker or Monument

As you travel around town or across the country you see historical markers or memorials.

#### Markers

*Your task: Create a sign posted at an important place that explains what was on or what happened there.*

Your marker should

- Have a title
- Include a simple drawing to represent the place/event
- a paragraph to explain the place/event
- Draw a meaningful border (patterns of small drawings that relate to the title) around the marker.

#### Monuments

*Your task: Sketch a statue or building to recognize a great person or important event.*

You should:

- Be thoughtful, and reflect the person/event
- Include an explanation of every feature of your monument and how it relates to the person/event.
- Write a complete sentence explaining where you would locate your monument and why.



<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Annotated Illustration</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Draw an illustration of a historical figure, item or event. Annotate or write an explanation of this with text labels and descriptions of the key points in the picture.</i></p> <p>Your annotated illustration should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color throughout</li> <li>• A full page picture</li> <li>• A minimum of 6 annotations explained in at least 2 sentences each.</li> </ul> <p>A title identifying the person, place and time</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Be the Thing</u></b></p> <p><i>Your Task: Write a short personal response as if you were a specific object from an event. Your response should include both emotional and physical feelings of the object. Imagine you are the thing!</i></p> <p>Your response should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Be at least two complete paragraphs in length.</li> <li>□ Describe the purpose and function of the object.</li> <li>□ Describe how the object might feel or what it might be thinking about the event.</li> <li>□ Include six facts about the event from the objects point of view.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Bio-Poem</u></b></p> <p><i>Your Task: Choose a person we have studied this unit. Use your notes and the textbook to complete the information below. Each answer should be a line in your poem.</i></p> <p>Your poem should follow this format:</p> <p>Line 1 - Name  Line 2 - Three traits  Line 3 – He / she is from  Line 4 - He / she cares deeply about...  Line 5 - He / she gives...  Line 6 - Three traits  Line 7 - He / she fears...  Line 8 - He / she would like to see  Line 9 - He / she is remembered for  Line 10 - Name, Years of life:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Epitaph/Gravestone</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write the epitaph (a summary statement of commemoration for a dead person) like you'd find on a gravestone.</i></p> <p>Your epitaph should follow this model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here Lies.... Born...</li> <li>• Died...</li> <li>• Husband/wife of.... Father/Mother/brother/son of...</li> <li>• Famous for...</li> <li>• Remembered for...</li> </ul> <p>Two pictures that represent the person.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Business Card</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a business card for a person or a company related to your reading.</i></p> <p>Choose 1 the options that make the most sense for your topic. Your business card may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Name of individual</li> <li>□ Name of business or organization</li> <li>□ Address</li> <li>□ Phone Number</li> <li>□ Email address/web page</li> <li>□ Job title of individual</li> <li>□ Description of business or organization</li> <li>□ Logo</li> <li>□ Images – including purely decorative elements</li> <li>□ List of services or products</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cinquains</u></b></p> <p>Cinquains are identification poems. These short poems are designed to capture the "main idea" of a person or concept.</p> <p><i>Your task: Choose any two people, events, or things from the notes/reading and write a cinquain about each. Your teacher may vary the number.</i></p> <p>Your poem should follow this format:</p> <p>Line 1 - One word (The subject)  Line 2 - Two words that describe  Line 3 - Three action words (-ing) about what the subject does  Line 4 - A four or five word phrase describing the subject  Line 5 – One word that could be another name for the subject</p>

<p><b><u>Game Cards</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create game cards to use in playing a board game.</i></p> <p>Title your page with the name of your game.</p> <p>Write ten different questions to be answered about the topic. Write the questions flashcard style – question on front, answer on back.</p> <p>Write five obstacle/help cards. These are situations that can cause bad things or good things to happen to a player. They must relate to the topic.</p> <p>You must include at least one of each. Attach these cards to your notebook page with pockets. Describe what your game board would look like in at least one complete sentence.</p>	<p><b><u>Five Finger Re-tell</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Use an outline of your hand to summarize the reading.</i></p> <p>You should draw an outline of your hand on the page, label, and answer the questions:</p> <p>Thumb – Characters - Who was in the reading? Forefinger –Setting - Where and when did the events take place? Middle Finger – Sequence of Events - What happened in the beginning, the middle, the end? Ring Finger – Problem - What was the problem in the reading? Pinky – Solution - How was the problem solved in the reading? Palm – Theme or Main Idea - What was the main idea of the reading?</p>	<p><b><u>Crossword Puzzle</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Create a crossword puzzle using important people, concepts, terms, and events from this topic. You may need to supplement your notes with your textbook.</i></p> <p>Choose ten people, places, events, or terms from this topic. Use scratch paper to figure out how you can write the words in crisscross combinations. Copy the finished blank grid onto your notebook page, numbering your across and down words. Write a clue for each of your ten items (fill-in-the-blank, question, definition, etc.) under across or down. Provide an answer key</p>
<p><b><u>Historical Journal</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Write a series of journal/diary entries as a person living in the past.</i></p> <p>Your journal should follow this format:</p> <p>Three (3) entries, one for beginning, middle and end of the event. Each entry should: Be a paragraph Include two factual pieces of information. Include an accurate or possible date.</p> <p>Think about:</p> <p>Beginning – How would this event have affected you? Middle – Are things better or worse now that the event is in progress? End – How do you feel about what happened? Has your life changed? Do you fear for the future?</p>	<p><b><u>Introduction Speech</u></b></p> <p><i>Your task: Often when a famous person is about to give a speech they are first introduced by someone else with a short speech. Write and recite a short introduction speech for a famous figure.</i></p> <p>Your speech should:</p> <p>Be about 1 minute in length (approximately 2 paragraphs written should do it). Include key details and information about the figure. Be inspiring (you may want to “leave out” certain facts depending on your person) Make the person sound important.</p>	<p><b><u>Invitation to a Historical Event</u></b></p> <p><i>Your Task: Create an invitation to an important historical event from the unit.</i></p> <p>Your invitation should include:</p> <p>“What?” – What historical event are they being invited to? “Where?” – Where was it located(maybe draw a map)? “When?” – What time (date) did the event happen? “Why?” – Why should people come to see this event? “What to bring?” – What should a person bring to this event in order to participate in it? “R.S.V.P.” – Who should you contact in order to tell them you’re coming and how would such contact happen in the time period? Use colorful lettering and at least 2 images.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Timelines/Sequencing</u></b></p> <p>Your task: Create a timeline of events for the story, novel, or event you just read.</p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title your timeline.</li> <li>• Turn your notebook sideways, and draw a straight line through the middle of the page.</li> <li>• Space the events out evenly with the earliest, or first, event the farthest to the left.</li> <li>• The first event will be above, the next below, the next above, and so on.</li> <li>• Label each event with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A boxed title</li> <li>• The date or dates</li> <li>• A colored drawing representing the event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wanted/Hero Poster</u></b></p> <p>Your Task: Create a Wanted/Hero poster for a figure from history. If you consider the person to be a villain you will create a Wanted poster. If you think the person was good you will create a Hero poster.</p> <p>You should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sketch of what the person probably looks like</li> <li>• Three reasons why the person was a bad guy or hero.</li> <li>• A made-up quote from a person living at the time showing what people might have said about this person.</li> </ul> <p>A reward amount</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Visual Summary</u></b></p> <p>Your task: Create a visual summary of your topic.</p> <p>You should:</p> <p>Write the main idea for each subheading and illustrate each one.</p> <p>If there are no subheadings – write a sentence for the beginning the middle and the end and illustrate each one.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Kinesthetic Symbols</u></b></p> <p>Your task: Create a chant with meaningful movements to summarize your topic.</p> <p>You should:</p> <p>Write a minimum of five complete thoughts that summarize your topic A cinquain is a good format for this.</p> <p>Skip at least two lines between each line.</p> <p>Design movements to go with each line of your summary. Movements must relate to the writing and appropriate for school.</p> <p>Be prepared to show the class, whether you will or not</p> <p>In a different color, write out the instructions for the movement under each line.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Letter of Advice</u></b></p> <p>Your task: Write a personal letter to someone in history giving them advice on how to deal with a historical situation. Your letter should include any key terms of people involved with the event in some way.</p> <p>You should:</p> <p>Address your letter properly. "Dear President Lincoln,"</p> <p>Briefly explain the situation. (1 paragraph)</p> <p>Give advice on how the person can deal with the problem. (1 paragraph)</p> <p>Each paragraph must contain accurate information, and your advice must be based on facts as well.</p> <p>Try to be helpful!</p> <p>Close the letter properly. "Sincerely, your friend"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Magazine Cover</u></b></p> <p>Your Task: Create a newsmagazine cover such as <i>Time</i> The final result should look clean and artistic like a magazine cover (colorful block letters, quality artwork, etc.)</p> <p>The page can be laid out however you choose but must include ALL of the following:</p> <p>Magazine Title</p> <p>A central, important image for the "Cover Story" – your topic.</p> <p>At least three (3) news story leads that go along with the cover story.</p> <p>Each lead should have a title, and can include interviews, stories about events or people. You do not have to write the actual news story.</p> <p>Each lead should be clear and easy to understand how it relates to your topic.</p>

### Movie Maker

Your task – Create a pitch to “sell” your topic as a great movie!

You should:

Write the title of the movie at the top of your page.

SETTING – write at least one complete sentence about where you will film the movie.

PLOT – Write a 3-5 sentence “pitch” for the movie – what parts of the story would you focus on? Why would people want to see it?

CASTING – List the main characters in your movie (3-5). Choose the actors you would like to see in your movie, what role they would play, and why they would be a good choice.

MAJOR SCENES – list three to five major scenes in your movie (they might be action shots like a battle scene, or things that might require major special effects.

Why are they important to the story?

### Venn Diagram

Your task: Copy and complete the following chart for your assigned events or people.

You should:

Draw two circles that intersect each other.

Write the name of one event/person on one side and the name of the other on the other side.

In the first circle list 5 unique characteristics of event/person

In the second circle list 5 unique characteristics of event/person 2

In the middle section listed shared characteristics of the two events/people.

### Picture Analysis

Your Task: Answer the following questions in complete sentences on your own sheet of paper.

Your teacher will assign the picture or photo to analyze.

What exactly do you see in the painting / photograph?

Study the people and/or objects in the image one by one. What

similarities and differences do you see?

How are the people dressed?

What are they doing?

Imagine you are in the picture.

What might you hear or smell?

What happened right before this image?

What is about to happen after this image?

### Postcard from the Past

*A postcard is a photograph that people often send while on vacation. It shows the people back home what they are missing and allows a brief note.*

*Your Task: On a large (4 x 6) index card create a postcard that you would send home to tell your family about the civilization we are studying. Alternately, you could divide a notebook page in half and use the top for the front, bottom for the back.*

The front of your postcard should have a colored picture of the civilization/era and a short greeting. The back should have a short note to your family describing something amazing about that civilization/era (one full paragraph) and a stamp that represents a famous person from the civilization/era

### TXT MSG SUM RE

Your task: Imagine you're sending a summary of a historical event to a friend via text message; write up the summary in text messaging language including all appropriate abbreviations and smilies. Pretend you are directly involved in the event.

Ur Task: imagin ur sendg a sumre of a historical event 2 a friend via txt msg wrt ^ the sumre in txt msgn lang including all appropriate abbreviations n smilies. Pretend u r directly involved in the event.

You should:

- include abbreviated words where appropriate.
- include all key points of the event.
- be short and to the point but at least one paragraph.
- be written in a friendly way as if you were personally involved.
- include the regular, non-text message version.

### Sensory Figure

*Your task: Put yourself in the "shoes" of a person or group of people to see how they would have experienced a situation.*

Steps:

Draw an appropriate piece of clothing, and add arms, legs, and a head.

Think about the information in your notes

what part of the body could you attach them to?

Attach each required piece of information to your figure.

Remember, no more than two facts on any one part of the body.

Other important things about the person or group could be shown by things that the figure holds in his hands, has tucked in a pocket, or is lying on the ground.

Color your picture appropriately.