How to Use this Notebook

The purpose of this notebook is to make sure you truly understand what you are reading. Reading is NOT just looking at letters and making sounds. **Reading is THINKING!**

First, get your head in the game! Get ready to read! Answer the **BEFORE YOU READ** questions in RED. Write complete sentences.

Second, look at the GREEN list of vocabulary words for the chapter. Copy them onto a sticky note. **WHILE YOU READ**, look for those words and write down the number of the pages where you see them. When you are finished reading, use context clues to guess the word meanings. Draw a line from each word to its definition.

CONTEXT CLUES are clues hidden near a word. These clues help you decide what the word means. The clues may be in a picture on that page. The clues may be in the same line as the word, ex. "I hate school. I detest it!" (hate = detest) The clues may be above or below the word, ex. "I'm not going swimming in that lake! It is full of chloramine! I could die! That's a dangerous pollutant!" (chloramine = a dangerous pollutant) Do NOT skip words you do not know! Try to understand them! Think!

Finally, answer the BLUE **AFTER YOU READ** questions. These questions will challenge you to prove that you understand what you just read. When the question is open-ended, (i.e. not yes/no, not fill-in-the-blank), write complete sentences.

Sometimes there may be PURPLE **REFLECTION** questions. Follow the directions, and you should be able to do a great job!

1) Answer the BEFORE YOU READ QUESTIONS to get _____ to read.
2) WHILE YOU READ, you should look for _____ words and write down the _____ _____ where you first see them.
3) If you don't know what a word means, look for _____ in the text. You find clues in the _____ or in sentences near the words.
4) To find out if you really understood what you read, answer the blue _____ _____ questions.
5) For open-ended questions, you should answer with complete _____.

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