

Writer's Notebook Personalization

Writing is a direct reflection of the author. The cover of your notebook will be a starting place for ideas and personalization. Before we begin our journey writing in your "Writer's Notebook," you will personalize the cover to reflect who you are! This is a chance to get your creative juices flowing. While perusing through photo albums, magazines, etc. with your family, enjoy memories and conversation. Free to come up with other paraphernalia that you could incorporate in your collage. Make sure all items truly reflect some aspect of your life. Have fun!

What can I use to decorate my notebook?

- ✓ Your Name – letters cut from magazines, stickers, etc.
- ✓ Pictures from magazines that represent you
- ✓ Adjectives, verbs, other words cut from magazines that reflect who you are
- ✓ Personal photos of family, friends, pets
- ✓ Stickers that represent you
- ✓ Vacation, sports, activities that are important to you
- ✓ Ticket stubs, parts of brochures, other memorabilia reflecting memories



I have all my items. Now what?

- ✓ Arrange all items on your cover to make sure they all fit and no plain space is visible.
- ✓ Think about a layout that looks visually appealing.
- ✓ Make sure all items lie flat on the cover.
- ✓ Securely glue the largest items first.
- ✓ Make sure no items hang over the edges.
- ✓ Remember, once the items are secured on the paper, they cannot be removed.
- ✓ Bring the covered notebook to class on Friday. We will cover it with contact paper to seal the items to reduce wear and tear. You will then share your personalized cover with your classmates!

Rubric

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Content / Organization	Diverse array of reflective personal items. Collage covers all space.	Several reflective personal items. Collage generally covers all space.	Few random reflective personal items. Not all space is covered.	Limited reflective personal items. Space not covered.
Creativity / Style	Entries have overall connection, originality and structure.	Most entries have overall connection, originality and structure.	Few items have connection, originality and structure	Limited items and no connection or structure.
Completion / Effort	Notebook neatly finished and by due date.	Notebook finished and by due date.	Notebook neatly finished but late.	Notebook not neatly finished and late.