



Google Notebook *in the Classroom*

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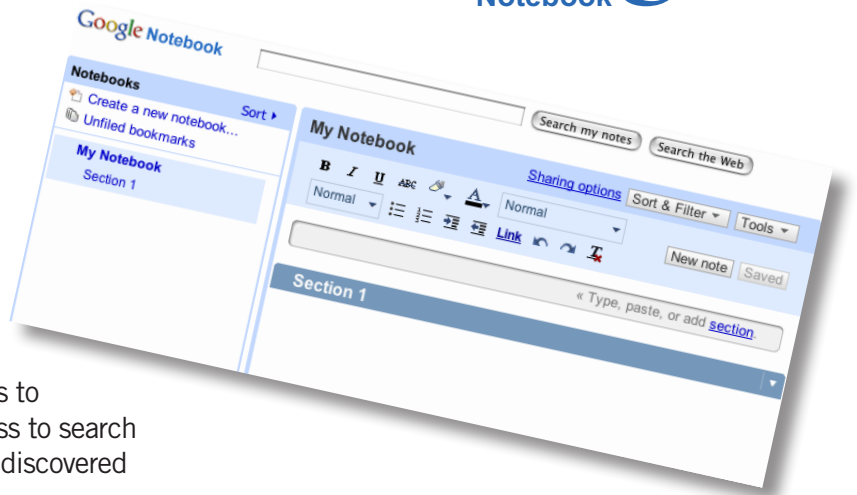


Get the tool: <http://www.google.com/notebook/>



What is it?

Google Notebook allows students and teachers to annotate and share their bookmarks. It also makes it possible to clip useful information (images, text and links) from any webpage straight into a personalized notebook (without ever leaving the original web page). Notebooks can be organized into sections, shared with collaborators, or published for others to see. An optional web history feature allows access to search history as well, making it easy to find previously discovered sites.



Why use it?

Students can use Google Notebook to:

- Prepare for a multimedia report by saving clips of text, images and links from the web pages they visit.
- Work in collaborative research teams to create shared notebooks.
- Publish their research notes for assessment by their teacher or authentic use by others around the world.

Teachers can use Google Notebook to:

- Create customized classroom notebooks and share them with students.
- Model research and organizational skills by dividing customized notebooks into well annotated sub sections.
- Share their Google Notebooks with students and parents by making it public and linking to it from the class website or blog.

Expert Tip



Highlight and right click on Internet content in your browser and from the pop-up menu select "Note this (Google notebook)". Next, add a personal note in the comment section and your personal label or tag.

Instructional Ideas

Elementary. Teachers prepare a notebook to guide students in their online research. Links to high-quality resources include guidelines or reflection questions in the annotations. This can serve as online note cards or be the basis for a webquest. Challenge students by inviting them to find other resources the teacher can add to the notebook.

Middle School. Students create a notebook for a specific class project, such as a unit on ancient civilizations or the benefits of recycling. The teacher can provide naming conventions for student notebooks and for individual labels, which function like tags or keywords to make notes more easily searchable. Students then share their notebooks with their teacher as a formative assessment.

High School. Students create a notebook to organize their online research, including citations for each source they clip from. As students research their topic they can create proper citations by using a tool such as Citation Machine (<http://citationmachine.net/>) and then clipping the reference into their notebook as they record their research.

Google Notebook in Action

Project: Scandals, Wrongdoings, Intrigue, and Outrageous Behavior in History

Grade/Subject: 11th Grade United States History

Send history students on the trail to unraveling a scandal with Google Notebook in hand. Instruct the Internet sleuths to choose from a series of national history scandals, local scandals or scandals that have rocked the American business world. In pairs have them set out as research teams to find the answers, analyze and cite sources and outline what happened. They can clip web content and cite their sources as they search. With the research complete, the student teams share their case with the class by making their Notebook public.

Possible topic choices: Teapot Dome, Watergate, Whitewater, Benedict Arnold, XYZ Correspondence - John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, The Whiskey Ring, Iran Contra, Credit Mobilier, Savings and Loan (1980's), Monica Lewinsky.

Additional Resources

More Ways to Organize

Sort your notes alphabetically or by date.

Download and install Google Notebook for Firefox and Internet Explorer:

<http://www.google.com/notebook/download>

Download and install Google Toolbar:

<http://toolbar.google.com/firefox/>

Access Google Notebook from your mobile phone:

<http://www.google.com/notebook/m>

Use Google Bookmarks as a simple way to create bookmarks and access them from any computer:

<http://www.google.com/bookmarks/>

Complementary Tools

- Add the Google Notebook Gadget to:
Google Sites
iGoogle
- Find sites to bookmark or annotate using:
Google Search
Google Reader
- Try other Google browser extensions:
<http://www.google.com/tools/firefox/>
<http://tinyurl.com/3n6bj6>

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