Setting Up Interactive Notebooks

-use composition books
- Why: Bound, so they don’t fall apart
  - Buy the ones that are stitched, not glued
  - You want the rounded spine, not the flat spine
- Standard number of pages keeps everyone together
- Lined pages give structure to spacing, title, page numbers, etc...

-have students put name on the front cover of the book

-have a title page (p. 1)
- Provide coloring sheets, or allow students to create their own
- Have requirements for components:
  - Course/subject title
  - Student name
  - Teacher name
  - Year

-have a table of contents (p. 2-3)
- Pre-make a table of contents that fits the page
- Have them reserve two pages in the notebook and paste in the TOC template
- Get creative!
  - Color code unit headings
  - Color code output/input titles
  - Color code by standard

-have reference pages as needed
- Periodic table (I paste mine in the front cover)
- List of equations that you have them add to all year
- Standards
- Conversion charts
- Syllabus
- Classroom procedures
- Generic Rubric (if you use one to grade INBs)

-Bookmark
- Using duct tape and ribbon/string
- Alternatively: have students cut/fold the corners of the pages as they go

-Baggie for cut but not pasted materials
- Duct tape a small manilla envelope or Ziploc bag into the back cover

Other things to consider:
- A glossary can be created in the back of the book
- You can add tabs to the edges of the unit title pages to make finding the units fast
- Books that get too thick can be tied:
  - Punch a hole in the front and back cover about ½ in from edge
  - Tie a piece of string or ribbon into each hold
  - Tie strings together when not using book to keep it closed
- Supply caddies/boxes may cut down on wasted time in class