ELAR Reader/Writer Notebook
Set-Up Instructions
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Your Notebook

The single most important tool in this class!

– Organize your reading and writing strategies
– Record, express, and explore your thoughts and ideas
– Yours, and yours alone

You may decorate the outside, but you do not have to. Do be sure to include: Your Name, Teacher’s Name, Reader/Writer Notebook
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– On the inside front cover, you may add pictures, quotes from books, memes, song lyrics – anything that is a source of inspiration.
Front Section – My Tools

Your Reader/Writer Notebook is divided into two sections...

The front is for **Your Tools**.
This includes (but is not limited to):

- Reading Strategies
- Close reading strategies
- Marking the text
- Text structures
- Writing Strategies
- Conventions
- Sentence Structure
- Powerful Language
- Author’s Craft

**So basically ANY notes we take**

This does **NOT** include:

- Rough drafts that will be turned in to the teacher
- Book notes

Make a title page called “My Tools” and decorate it.
Back Section – My Tools @ Work

Your Writing journal is divided into two sections...

The back is for *your tools at work*—a place to practice using the strategies that we learn. This includes:

- Pre-writing
- Rough drafts
- Reading/Writing Connections
- Sentence imitation
- Vocabulary

This does **NOT** include:

- Book notes

Make a title page called “My Tools @ Work” and decorate it.
Reading Reasons: Gallery Walk

• On your t-chart, record at least 10 reasons that YOU think reading is important. You may find more than that; if so, write them all down.

• Find at least 5 Cop-Out responses.
Reading Reasons Anchor Chart

• On the first page of your Tools section, you need to make a Reading Reasons anchor chart. Develop your personal list of why reading is important to you. You may choose to use a statement that you found during the gallery walk, or you may create your own original reasons. **You should have at least 10.** Be sure to:

  – Write in complete sentences.
  – Use proper spelling.
  – Use punctuation & capitalization.

• Add a decorative border & title; this page is important, so own it!