
Information for an Inquiry Folder/Journal or Research Notebook

Creating an inquiry folder, journal, or research notebook is a great way for students to collect evidence of their learning and record their progress throughout the inquiry process. Inquiry folders can contain a variety of samples of student learning of the various inquiry process skills.

Consider collecting the following items:

- initial questions, wonderings
- drawings, diagrams
- anecdotal notes, research
- sources
- plans, next steps
- revision of original inquiry question as needed
- outline for the communication of their findings
- reflections at end of each stage and at end of inquiry
- new questions that arise throughout and at the end of the inquiry

These portfolio items become a source of evidence of process learning and can also be used for assessment purposes.