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English Nine Survey/Period \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Writer’s Notebook**

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| “A writer’s notebook is a blank book where a writer can engage in the fun, often messy job of being a writer – practicing, listening, playing with language, gathering images and insights and ideas. The purpose of such a notebook is to nourish the writer… such a notebook… is one of the most essential tools of the trade.” ***Fletcher and Portalupi, Lessons for the Writer’s Notebook, p.4*****Purpose:*** **Prewrite/Gather Ideas**
* **Discovery Drafts**
* **Write Everyday**
* **Collect ideas and practice writing modes, styles, and techniques**
* **Explore Writing and Literature**
* **Build a Writer’s Toolbox**
* **Not a diary!**
* **Find your own writing style and writing voice**

**Role/Responsibility:*** **Put forth your best effort**
* **Everyone must participate**
* **Always put the date in the upper left hand corner**
* **Title every entry**
* **Be open minded and respectful when sharing and responding**
* **Must be school APPROPRIATE!**
* **Not every entry will be published!**
* **Store in the classroom (sign out sheet available to take home)**
* **The first notebook is provided, but you must replace throughout the year**
* **Must make up entries when absent (posted on my website/complete at home and staple into notebook)**

**Grading:*** **Must revise, edit, and “re-write” two entries every marking period turned in at your discretion**
* **Must create an end of the year writing portfolio of your journey through the writing process (not just the best pieces)**
* **Participation and effort by random writer’s notebook checks**

Keep this portion attached. I have read and understand the purpose, role/responsibility, and grading policy with maintaining a writer’s notebook. My participation is important to grow as a writer throughout the year. Please fill out of the bottom portion if you don’t have any questions. If you have any questions, please email me at Lvanderkwast@methacton.org. |
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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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