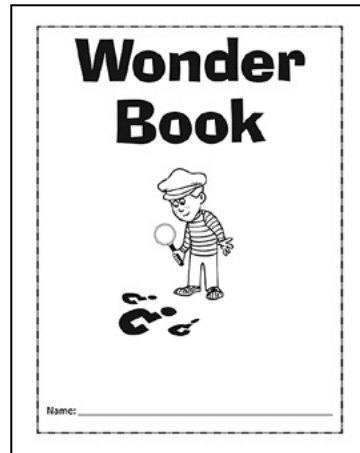


# Inquiry Notebooks (“Wonder Books”)

**Purpose:** to hold thoughts, questions, and notes related to inquiries



- I saw... and I think...
- I am curious about...
- I wonder why...
- What if...?
- This is what I don't get...
- I saw... and I want to know...
- I'm trying to figure out...
- Maybe... perhaps...

- Explain that researchers keep notebooks while engaging in inquiry so that all of the information they gather can be located in one place. Inquiry notebooks (which you may refer to as “Wonder Books” with students) can contain: topics, project ideas, drawings, sketches, doodles, diagrams, charts, quotes from books, quotes from teachers, quotes from outside specialists, observations, interview notes, notes from research, interesting findings, and bibliographic information.
- Create Inquiry Notebooks using pre-made workbooks or by stapling together blank sheets of paper and adding a **Wonder Book cover**. Provide sentence stems as a reference when students are recording ideas in their Inquiry Notebooks (see above).