

# Essentials Student Notebook

I have assembled the idea for this notebook through a mix of other people's ideas and my own experience as an Essentials parent and tutor over the last 4 years. The original idea came from [www.teachingboys.net](http://www.teachingboys.net) and is used with permission. I have made some minor changes that I felt worked well. Feel free to make it your own as well!

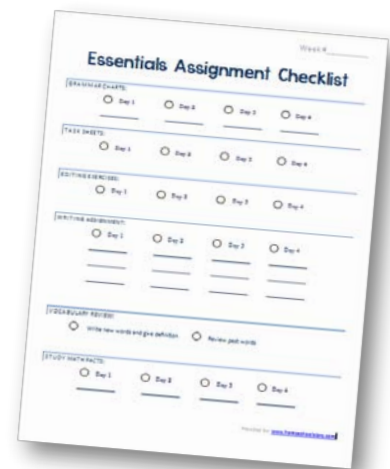
Please follow these steps to create your own Essentials Student Notebook. This notebook will be used daily by the student as they work through all their Essentials assignments at home. Keeping an organized system will help train your student as he/she works more independently on his/her assignments which will also help prepare for Challenge!

## Supplies

- 1 ½ inch three-ring binder
- Trivium Tables (both) or copied and laminated charts
- Fine tip dry erase markers
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil Pouch with 3-holes to put in binder
- 5 Dividers
- White copy paper
- Colored paper and/or cardstock (optional but nice)

## Copies to make on colored paper

- EEL page 18 Scope & Sequence
- EEL page 394 Glossary of Abbreviations
- EEL page 395 Grammar Mastery Chart Scope & Sequence
- EEL page 400, 410, 422, 428 Model Sentence Charts
- EEL page 431 Verbals Chart Q
- EEL page 433-434 Weekly Practice Sentences
- SRN page 5-6 & 92 - 93
- IEW Writing Checklists (from IEW student book)
- IEW Writing Assignment Schedule (from your Essentials Tutor)



## Copies to make on white copy paper

- Copies of the editing pages from each week in the EEL guide
- 75 copies of EEL page 435-436 Task Sheet (or one copy in page protector). Or you can just make one copy to use as a reference on colored card stock as an example and have your child complete the Task Sheet on blank paper
- Copies of each Vocabulary Test from the IEW student book.
- 24 copies of the Essentials Assignment Checklist (from [www.homeschoolstory.com](http://www.homeschoolstory.com))

## *Place items in binder in the following order*

1. Place Trivium Tables (or laminated charts) in the front pocket of your binder
2. Pencil pouch with pencils and dry erase markers
3. 24 copies of the “Essentials Assignment Checklist” from [www.homeschoolstory.com](http://www.homeschoolstory.com)
4. EEL page 18 (Scope and Sequence) on colored card stock or paper
5. **First Divider: label “Charts”**
  - a. EEL page 395 on colored paper
  - b. Blank paper for copying charts
  - c. Verbals Chart Q for reference later
6. **Second Divider: label “Task Sheets”**
  - a. EEL page 433-434 on colored card stock or paper
  - b. EEL page 394 Glossary of Abbreviations for reference
  - c. 75 copies of Task Sheet on white paper, or one copy in page protector, or one copy for reference only with blank notebook paper for writing task sheets
7. **Third Divider: label “Editing”**
  - a. Copies of the editing pages from each week in the EEL guide ( or any other editing worksheets)
  - b. SRN page 92 Proofreading Marks
8. **Fourth Divider: label “Writing” or “IEW”**
  - a. SRN page 5, 6 & 93
  - b. IEW lesson checklists from the student book for the lessons to be completed this year
9. **Fifth Divider: label “Vocab”**
  - a. 3-hole zipper pouch to put cut vocabulary cards
  - b. Pages of vocabulary cards from back of IEW student book. Just cut them out as whole pages and three-hole punch to place here until you learn and cut them out
  - c. Copy of vocabulary tests from IEW book

Optional: For fun you can print off some Mad Libs from [www.ClassroomJr.com](http://www.ClassroomJr.com) to place in the back pocket. These are great to practice and review parts of speech!

## *How to Use Your Notebook*

At the beginning of the week you and your student will fill out the Essentials Assignment Checklist for the current week. This will help you both see how to break up the weekly assignments into daily tasks.

Each day you will reference your Essentials Assignment Checklist and then start at the first tab and work your way through each tab. When you get to the last tab, you’ve completed your Essentials work for the day!

*Thank You!*

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