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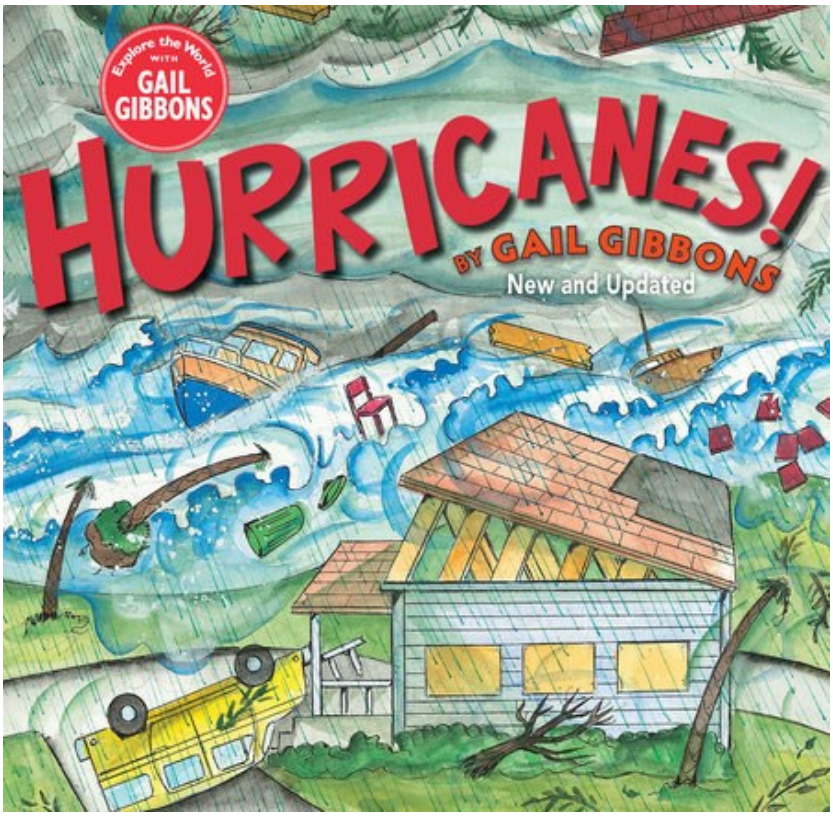

Hurricanes
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Learn how hurricanes are formed, how they are named and classified, and what to do if a dangerous storm is on the way.

Imagine a force that can toss boats around like toys, wash away bridges, and create waves as high as eighteen feet. With fierce winds and torrential rains, hurricanes can do all of these things. They can cause tremendous damage and even change the shape of a shoreline.

For centuries people did not know when a hurricane was coming. But now we have new methods to predict when and where these storms will occur.

Learning About Weather and Natural Disasters

Help your students learn more about what causes the many types of weather in our world with the Learning About Weather and Natural Disasters Notebook Companion™ Set. Your kids can learn from age-appropriate text and bright, colorful illustrations that teach them about the seasons, tornadoes, hurricanes, rain, and many different weather-related terms such as air pressure, frost, dew, sleet, various types of clouds, and much more. Along the way, they'll develop notebooking skills that can help them for years to come in every grade and subject.

Each book in this series features beautiful illustrations of the topics being explored, such as how tornadoes form, what causes hurricanes, how to stay safe in an emergency, how air pressure is connected to our weather, and more. Each Notebook Companion™ gives your kids room to answer questions, write about what they've learned, and draw and sketch each example. They can also enjoy bonus coloring pages featuring some of the amazing things they've discovered. Come explore the many different parts of weather with these five publisher-approved Notebook Companions.

Discover all five Notebook Companions

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NOTEBOOKING

A Creative Kid's Favorite Way to Homeschool

Notebooking is a great way to learn that incorporates many different elements, such as open-ended questions, written narration, drawing and sketching, labeling diagrams, drawing maps, and more – all in the student's own words.

Notebooking allows creative students to excel and provides an opportunity to **document learned material in a customizable way.** Notebooking is a creative kid's favorite way to homeschool!

What is Notebooking?

Notebooking is basically journaling. Your student's notebook will have a **written element and a visual component** and will be a compilation of important things in the form of **written narrations, sketches, and more** that document what has been learned.

Customizable & Creative Individual Notebooks

When you are teaching multiple children of different ages, it's easy to use the notebook approach in your homeschool. All you need are good living books, someone to read them to your children (yourself or an older child), and a Notebook Companion™ or blank notebooking pages.

There are all sorts of **creative ways to customize a student's notebooking journal**. If you are using a three-ringed binder, it's easy to insert extras. Here are some examples of things you can add to your student's notebook: written narration, artwork, maps, timelines, field trip notes and pictures, creative writing assignments, graphic organizers, magazine clippings, paper crafts, brochures, essays and research papers (as they get older), book reports, copywork, vocabulary journal pages, poetry, charts and diagrams, photographs, and more!

Notebooking with Beginners

If your child can draw and orally narrate back to you what they have learned, you can start notebooking with them. You may need to ask your child questions and write down what they say if they don't have the ability to write it for themselves. They will have a blast drawing what they see in their minds, and their notebooking journals will be treasured keepsakes for years to come.

As younger students progress with writing abilities, notebooking will be a familiar form of learning for them, and they will know what to do. You could also use a Notebook Companion™ specifically for younger children. We have Beginner's Notebook Companions™ for grades K-3 that incorporate drawing and narration as well as other activities such as coloring and matching when possible.

There's No Right or Wrong Way to Notebook

Unlike worksheets and tests, notebooking doesn't have an answer key. There's no right or wrong way to do it. Since notebooking encourages creativity and individuality, your children may record totally different facts on their own pages, even after reading the same book.

Notebooking encourages out-of-the-box thinking, and you'll want to steer clear of requiring specific things to be detailed if you are using a blank notebook template or a sheet of blank paper. If you would like to use question prompts and boxes that provide space to draw specific things from the text, consider our Notebook Companions™, which are a great transition from worksheets to notebooking.

How Do I Grade a Notebook Page?

You may be wondering if you need to correct or grade a student's notebook pages. A notebook page is not an essay or a research paper, and you don't want to mark it all up with a red pen. The idea is to encourage students to learn a ton, record facts they have learned, and allow them to ENJOY it! You can save grading papers and critiquing writing skills for when they are doing a composition assignment or a grammar lesson. Notebooking success is simply watching your students enjoy learning!

How to Use This Notebook Companion™

All our Notebook Companions are self-paced. You simply use the Notebook Companion™ alongside the book it accompanies, and students complete the notebooking pages as you read through the book together or independently.

Learning About Hurricanes

Notebook Companion™ for *Hurricanes*

We've designed *Learning About Hurricanes* to be used with younger elementary students as well as older students as desired. The format of *Hurricanes* is very appealing to young students, but the vocabulary in some parts is more than many young readers can read on their own. With that in mind, we suggest that you read the book aloud to your younger students and dictate the questions for them to answer. If they are unable to write their answers, you can record the answers for them.

This is a great way to introduce them to the idea and practice of notebooking, and you can customize it as much as you wish. For example, for the youngest students, you may wish to read the passages, ask them a few of the questions (but not all), record their answers, and have them draw the examples. For older students, you might ask them to complete all the questions and draw all of the examples.

Note to Parents

There is a mention on page 3 that the word "hurricane" came from a name of a Mayan god. You may wish to review this page before sharing it with your students.

Hurricanes

What are the winds like in a hurricane?

Does the rain come down lightly or does it pour during a hurricane?

Are the waves coming to shore mild or violent?

What kind of storm is this?

What kind of water does a hurricane form over?

What does the warm water do?

What does “evaporate” mean?

When the warm, moist air spins upward, what does it cause?

How warm does the water have to be to make the cycle keep going?

If the cycle continues, what happens to the winds?

What kind of clouds form as the moist air rises?

Are these clouds tall or flat?

Draw a picture showing the start of a hurricane.

As the hurricane begins, what does the rising air cause?

What is created as even more moisture rises?

What happens to the spinning of the air?

What is condensation?

How fast do the winds need to be for the storm to be a hurricane?

Draw a picture of the hurricane getting stronger.

Draw a picture for each of the alerts and describe it on the lines.

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Hurricane Warning

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