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My name is Sheri Graham, and I am the proud wife of my best friend, Robert Graham, and the blessed mother of Sarah (21), Robert (15), Jonathan (10), Rachel (8), and Wesley (6) who have always been homeschooled. I began homeschooling in 1998 and have enjoyed the focused time at home with my husband and children. My desire is to first of all please my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in all I do, and to use the gifts the Lord has given me to help others in their walk as a wife and mother (and daughter of the King!).

At the heart of Graham Family Ministries is ministering to the Christian family and using the gifts that the Lord has given each of us. Through our website (<u>www.SheriGraham.com</u>) we provide articles, downloads, ebooks, links, and information on other resources that hopefully will encourage you as you grow and learn together as a family. May the Lord bless each of you as you walk with Him each step of the way!

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Above all, thank you to *Jesus*, for being my constant help and guide! I couldn't do it without you.

Introduction

Welcome to... Create Your Own Learning Portfolio on Any Subject! A Re-Usable Notebooking Resource for the Whole Family! I had so much fun putting this ebook together...just for YOU! Well, actually, I did it for my own family to use...but YOU were on my mind too O! I pray that this will be a wonderful notebooking resource that you will use over and over throughout your lifetime of learning...yes, your LIFETIME!

<u>Why an ebook?</u> I chose to do this book in ebook format mainly because I wanted you to have the flexibility to use these pages in a variety of ways. Having the ebook will allow you so much more versatility and ease of use! You will see what I mean in a minute!

<u>Section 1</u> of this ebook contains some planning forms for the parent (or the student that is directing their own studies). Most of these pages are not really intended to go into your "notebook", but simply used in planning the topic you want to learn about.

<u>Section 2</u> is where you will find all the notebooking pages that are ready for you to print and use! I have included pages for several different age levels for your convenience. I will go into detail below how fun and creative you can be when deciding how exactly to use these pages.

Section 3 consists of ready-to-use cover and divider pages that you can use for your notebook! I tried to think of all the different possibilities of divider pages, but I know I didn't think of them all. A blank divider page is provided for you if you would like to customize your own. Simply print out the blank divider page, use your word processor to type your title (be sure to center it horizontally and vertically on the page), and then run the blank divider back through your printer to print your own customized pages!

<u>Section 4</u> consists of helpful notebooking websites. I will list some neat websites I have found that will hopefully make your notebooking adventure even more fun!

Now...How Can You Use These Pages? As I mentioned above, I chose to do this book as an ebook because it is so much easier to use that way. To set up your notebook, you can use a 3-ring binder with the clear pockets on the covers (so you can slip in your own front and back covers!) Use some of the suggestions below to print out the pages you want to use, then add them to your notebook along with a few pocket pages in the back that can be used to store clipart, samples, stickers, etc. that will be used in the notebook. Here are some different ideas that will hopefully get your creative juices flowing....

- Print the notebook pages onto card stock paper (all the same color or a variety of colors), printing front and back or just on one side. When the pages have been completed, compile them in the order you want, then take to a printer to have a spiral bind put on it! (I have done this and the cost is very minimal!)
- Print the notebook pages onto card stock paper, place in sheet protectors, and put in a 3-ring notebook.
- Print the notebook pages onto white or colored copy paper, 3-hole punch, and place in a 3-ring notebook.
- Print the notebook pages onto white or colored copy paper, put in plastic sheet protectors, and place in a 3-ring notebook.
- Some of these notebook pages would be really pretty printed on some stationary paper (the kind with light pictures in the background).
- ➤ Use graphics from clipart programs, the internet, or other resources to put in any of the boxes on the notebooking pages.
- ➤ Make little booklets about the subject being learned and tape them into the boxes on the blank notebooking pages.

- Take pictures of projects, field trips, experiments, etc. and include in the notebook!
- Include samples of things (fabric and/or stitches for a sewing notebook, leaves or seeds for a nature notebook,you get the idea!

Because this is in ebook format, you will be able to print just the pages you want...and however many of each page you want ~ to make your very OWN learning portfolio! You will also be able to use this ebook resource for ALL your children...and for yourself too! This resource can be used for any kind of notebooking project you and/or your children would like to do. The ideas are limitless!

I decided to not include page numbers in my ebook, simply for the fact that I wanted you to have nice, clean pages to print! I hope it doesn't make it confusing to navigate around in the ebook. If so, I apologize. I just wanted to make this ebook as user-friendly as possible and give you the best quality that I could!

I have also included some explanation and idea pages throughout the ebook. This will hopefully make your life easier, giving you some ideas of how you can use each of the different pages. Again, these ideas are just to get you started...make these pages your "own" by using them however you and your children desire!

Are you ready? Ready to embark on a new learning experience with you and your children? Use these notebooking pages to document the learning that is taking place...what a treasure you will have when these notebooks are completed! Have fun...enjoy your kids...and build relationship with them as you work and learn together!

Happy Notebooking!

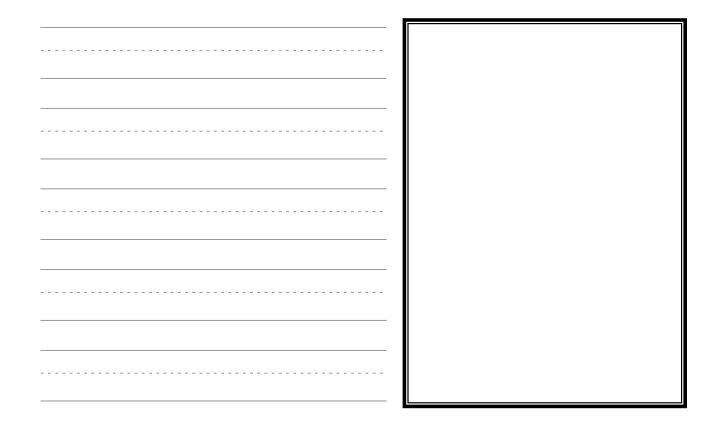
Love, Sheri Graham

Science Topics to Cover:

Торіс	Dates for Unit(s)

Yearly Planning Page

January	<u>February</u>	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

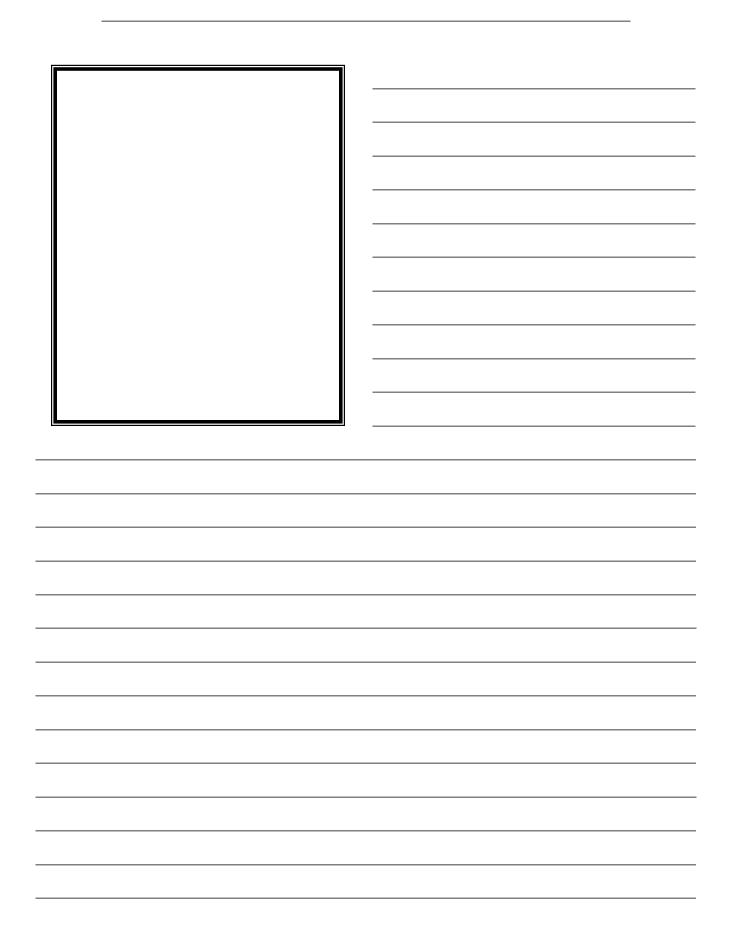


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List of Topics of Personal Interest That I Want To Study:

STEP THREE ~ Record the information!

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