

Aims:	To set up your i-Think journal
Criteria for Success	i-Think journals are neat organized a place to show our thinking avoid doodles or ripping out pages
Hook	Do a hook about mind readers. Dress up like a mind reader and ‘read a kid’s mind’. (You probably won’t be very accurate!) Ask: Why would I not be a very effective teacher if I tried to get information by reading your mind?
Purpose	But reading happens all in your head! And, I’m your reading teacher. We already established that I’m not going to be an effective mind reader. So, I can’t read your mind while you are reading. If I can’t do that, then how will I help you become a better reader?
Mini Lesson and Guided Practice	<p>Today I am going to share with you a tool for how I am going to ‘read your mind’. As you are reading, and doing some great thinking, I need you to write it down in an i-Think journal. By reading your i-Think journal, I will get some clues to what you are thinking.</p> <p>Before we start using our i-Think journals, I want to set them up.</p> <p>First, please write your name on the inside page first and last (show yours).</p> <p>Now, please number your pages front and back.</p> <p>All classwork will go on even pages, all homework will go on odd pages (or however you want to set it up).</p> <p>The reason why I’m asking you to write page numbers, is so that we are all on the same page. If I need to grade your i-Think journals, and Juan is on p. 32 and Kelly is on p. 19 and Dominic is on pg. 44, how will that slow me down? Would an effective teacher be slowed down by something so mundane as flipping through pages? Help me speed up by all working on the same page. Then, I can spend that extra time helping you become a better reader.</p> <p>Show examples of non-examples of i-Think journals on the overhead including messy work. Ask students why they are non-examples.</p> <p>I recommend modeling how to do an i-Think journal notebook entry the following day. If you do it on the same day, there’s the possibility you will lose student’s attention spans and then they won’t be ask focused.</p>
Independent Work	As you read today, I’m going to double check that your i-Think journals are all neat and accurately set up.
Share	What other ways do you think you could share your reading thinking with me?