What's a Minibook and What Does it Have to Do With Reading and Writing?

A minibook is a miniature eight-page book formed with a unique folding process. Following the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), it can be used to engage, represent, or express. A minibook can embed information about STEM in a creative and multi-sensory way.

Example 1: PowerPoint Minibook
An educator or student can produce an individualized minibook using a PowerPoint template. The template features 8 identically sized “pages” which can be populated with text, photos, clip art, or printed blank to allow the user to draw page contents. Once printed, the border around the book is trimmed, and the book is folded.

Additional Resources:
- [Pinterest search for Social Stories mini books](http://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=social+stories+mini+books)
- [www.createlessons.com](http://www.createlessons.com)

Example 2: MS Word Minibook
Make your own template in MS Word using the table tools.

Example 3: “Poof Book”
The only “technology” this book requires is a piece of 8 1/2 X 11 paper and a pair of scissors. Follow the folding instructions and populate the “pages” by hand. This site, created by educator Vicki Blackwell, contains many other examples of foldable graphic organizers that can be used to display information one step at a time.

Additional Resources:
- [www.vickiblackwell.com/makingbooks/](http://www.vickiblackwell.com/makingbooks/)

But, Wait, There’s More:

- Foldables® by Dinah Zike has developed many three-dimensional educational manipulatives, including Foldables, which can help students to grasp concepts, sequence events, and organize displays and graphic organizers.
- www.dinah.com/index.php

Endless Versatility

Information can be scaffolded, reproduced, and accessed for individualized, provide accessing and reading and writing. What does it have to do with a minibook?

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