

Davy Notebooks Project

Field Guide



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This is a download of the Davy Notebooks Project Field Guide on Zooniverse. It lists idiosyncratic features of Davy's texts that you'll encounter as you work through the notebooks. If you encounter something during the transcription process that seems a little unusual, there may well be an entry for it in the Field Guide.

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Tips for Transcribing

Before starting transcribing, it's often helpful to read and reflect on the entire page: what type of text is it (e.g. are these lines of poetry? Or prose? If prose, does it read like an account of an experiment? Or part of a philosophical essay?). Spending a little more time focusing on 'trouble spots' (e.g. where Davy's handwriting is particularly messy, or where he has made several revisions) before beginning transcription often pays off also. Take your time, and make use of the zoom and invert colour functions – both can often help. It might also help to read the line aloud as you transcribe – does your transcription make sense in context? Remember, too, that there's help available through the Talk boards – the Project Team and other users will be able to help you if you get stuck.