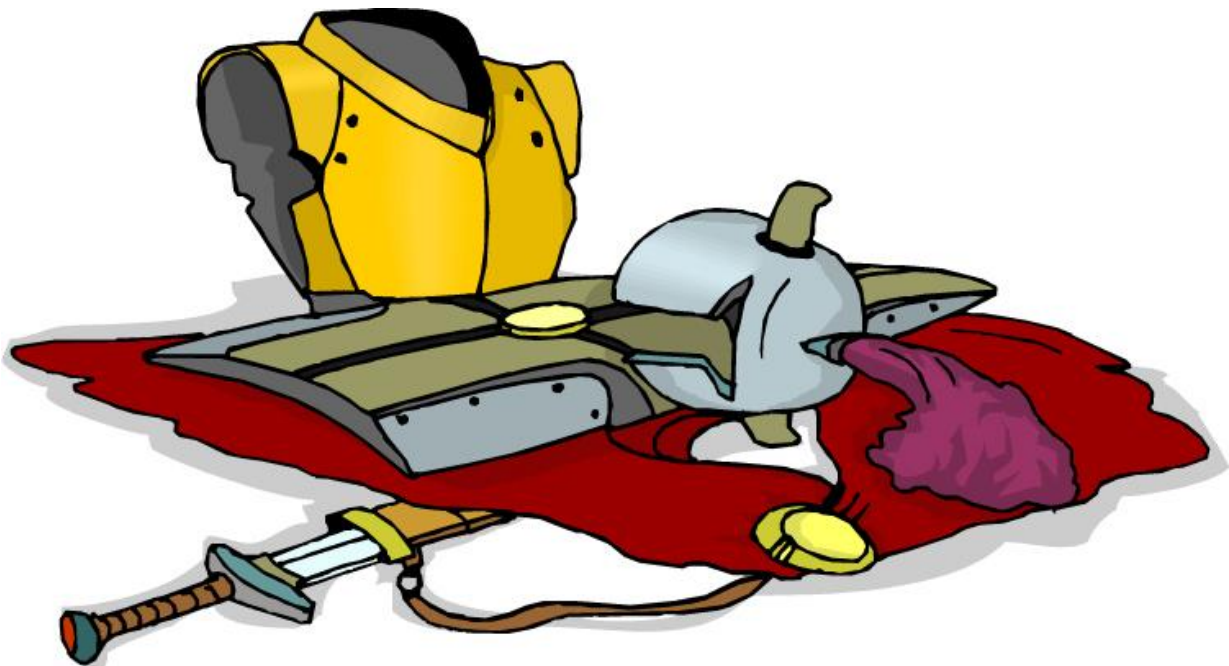




Grades 2-6

Exploring the Renaissance

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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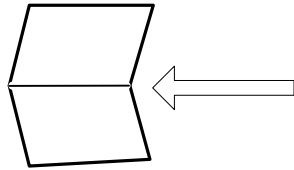
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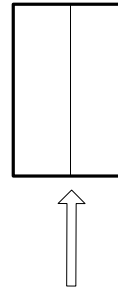
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically



Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines.

Accordion Fold-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be referred to as “cover label.”

How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

Doing a study guide page and mini-booklet a day, a 3-folder lapbook takes about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That’s the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

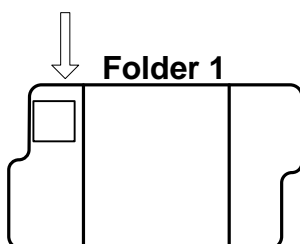
Lapbook Assembly Choices

(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)
We recommend using Zip Dry Glue or Elmer's Extreme.

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished all three folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

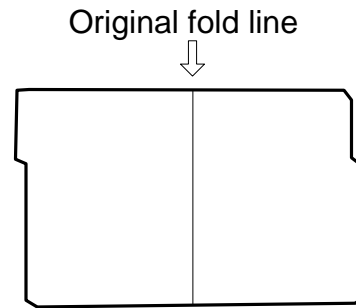
How do I know where to place each template in the folder?



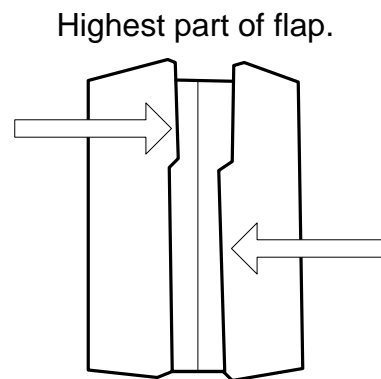
This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

Folding a Lapbook Base

Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.



For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. *You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.*



Glue your folders together by putting glue (or you may staple) on the inside of the flaps. Then press the newly glued flaps together with your hands until they get a good strong hold to each other. Follow this step to add as many folders as you need for your project. Most of our lapbooks have either 2 or 3 folders.

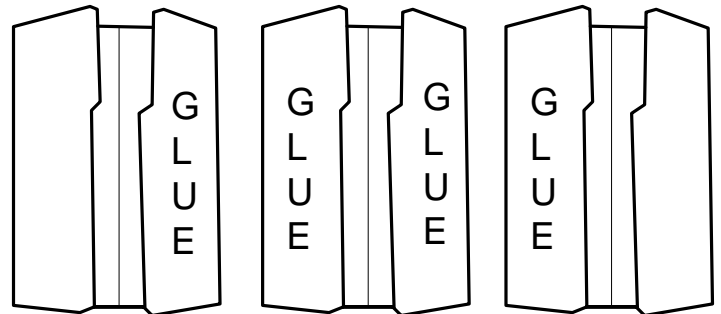
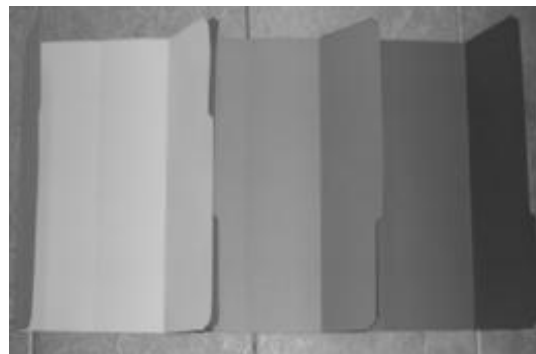
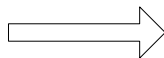


Photo of a completed lapbook base



Supplies and Storage

- *Lapbook Pages
- *3 Colored File Folders
- *Scissors
- *Glue
- *Stapler
- *Brads (not needed for every lapbook. If brads are not available, a stapler will do.)
- *Hole Puncher (again, not needed for every lapbook.)

To make the storage system (optional)

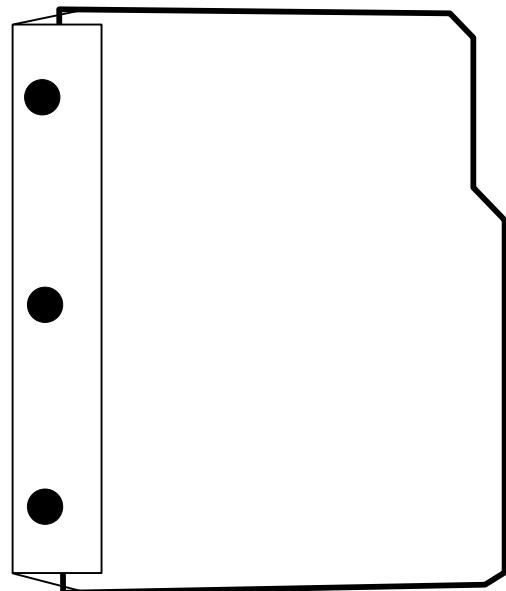
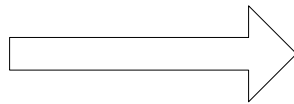
See details below about the use of a storage system.

- *Duct tape (any color)
- *One 3-ring binder
- *Hole Puncher

My child has made several lapbooks. Can I store all of the lapbooks together in one place?

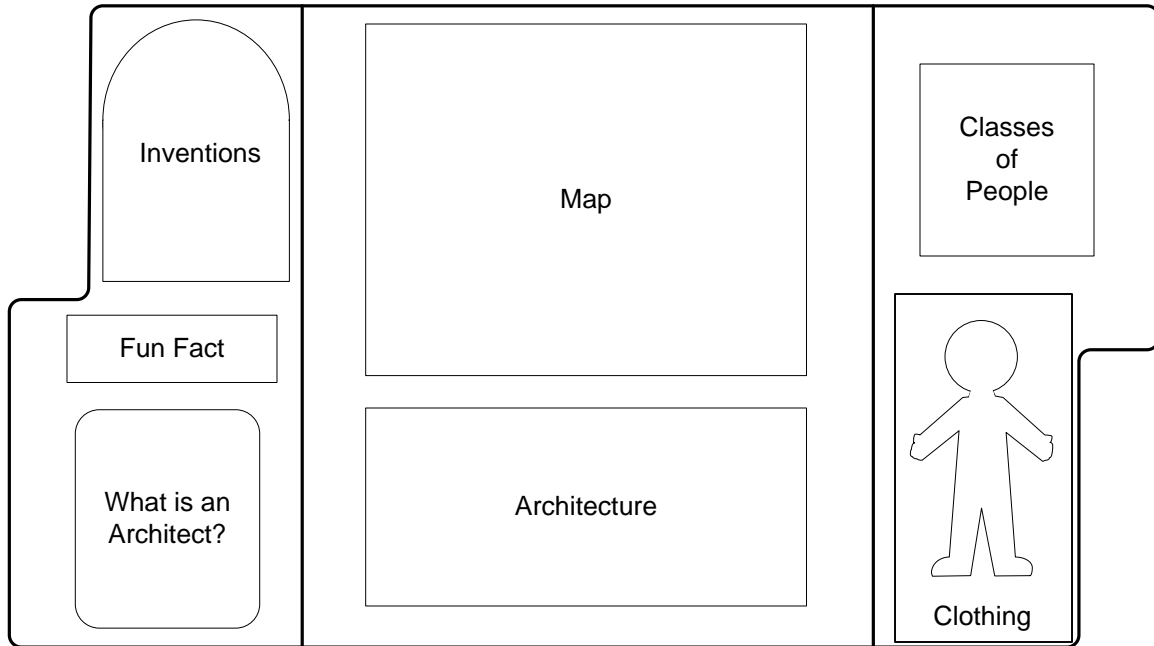
Yes! A three-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to share with dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When you are through sharing your lapbooks, just place the three-ring binder back on your bookshelf! Below are step-by-step directions of how to prepare each lapbook to be placed in a three-ring binder.

Close the lapbook. Measure a piece of duct tape that is as long as the lapbook. Place the edge of the duct tape on the top edge of the lapbook. Then fold the duct tape over so that it can be placed on the bottom edge. Make sure to leave enough duct tape sticking out from the edges to punch three holes. Be careful when punching the holes that you do not punch the holes in the folder. If you do, that's okay. Then place in three-ring binder. Depending on the size of your three-ring binder, you can store many lapbooks in it.

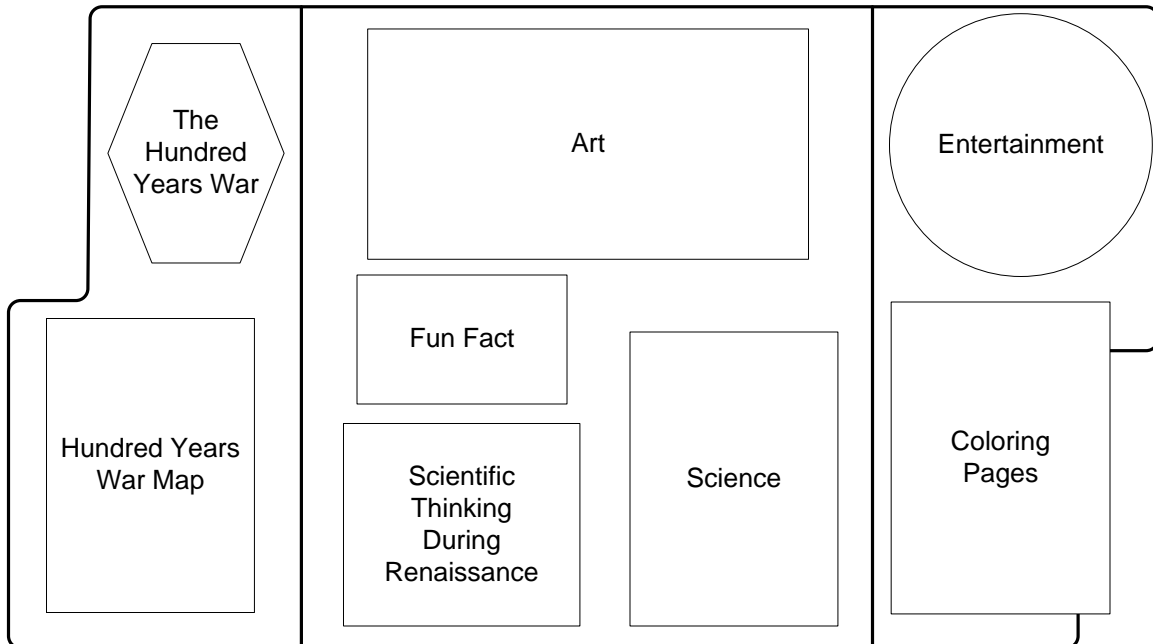


Booklet Placement Guide

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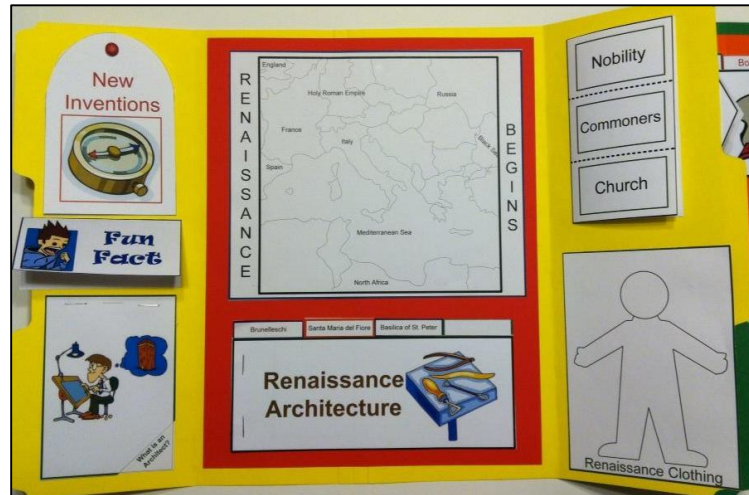


Folder 2



Use photos are guide to lapbook assembly

Folder 1



Folder 2

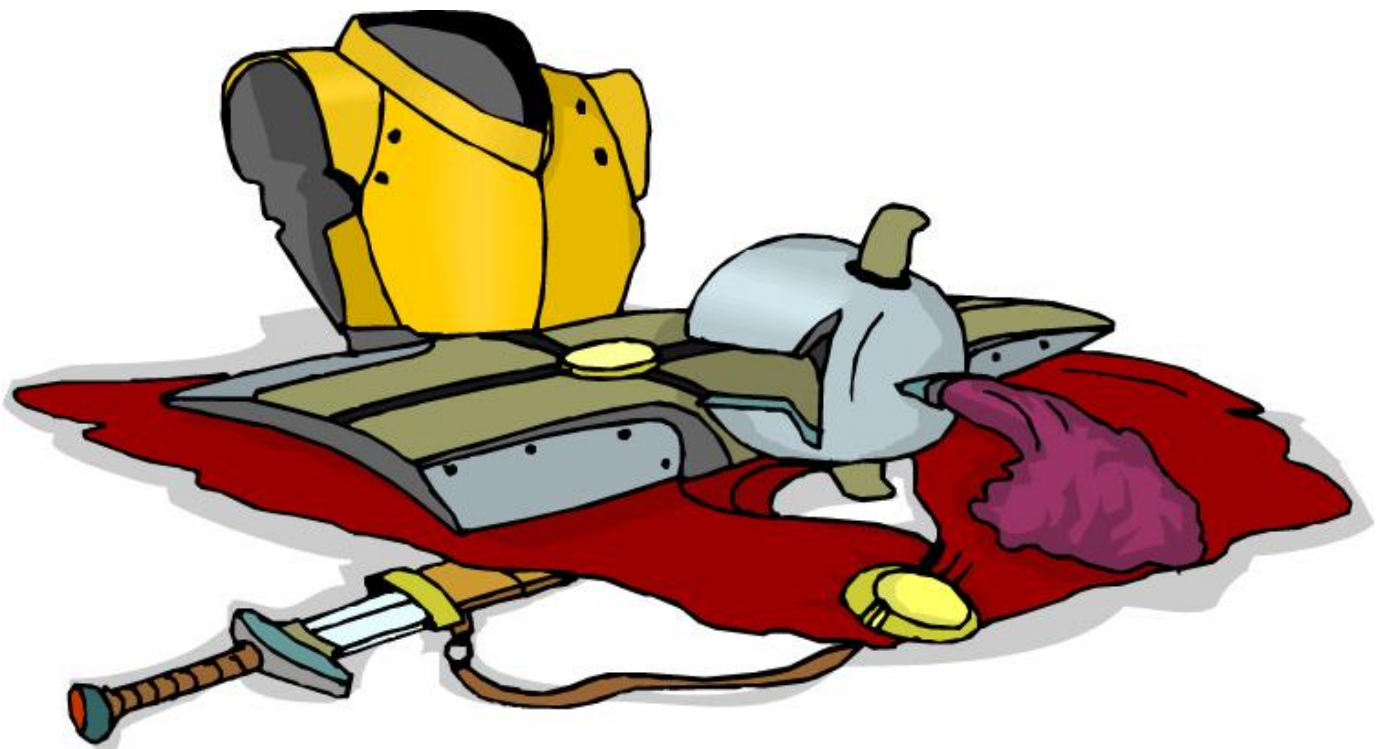


Entire Lapbook



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Lapbook



Name _____

Glue this page to front of closed lapbook

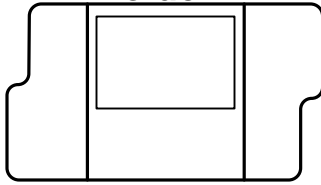
The Renaissance Began in Italy

After the fall of the Roman Empire and after the Crusades, the Italian peninsula was not a unified country the way it is today. Instead, it was divided into small states or city-states. Each city-state was governed by a local leader.

Italy is right in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. This location is perfect for sea exploration and trading. The Italians became great sailors and merchants. They traveled far and away looking for new markets. As a result of their travels and their success in business, Italian city-states became very wealthy. Wealthy merchants and government officials became patrons of the arts. They sponsored artists and commissioned works of art to make their buildings and homes beautiful.

Among the most famous city-states, where the ideas of the Renaissance flourished, we find Milan, Florence, and Venice. Milan, in Northern Italy, was wealthy due to the brisk trade that made its way through the Alps. It was also a great manufacturer of cloths and arms. Florence, in the region of Tuscany, was a bustling center of commerce. The people of Florence were very proud of their city. They called it the Athens of Italy because, like Athens in Ancient Greece, their city was full of opportunities to learn all sorts of things. Venice was the main port in the Mediterranean. There spices, silk, and other products made their way from the faraway lands of the East. It was also in Venice where art flourished.

Folder 1



Read The Renaissance Began in Italy.

Cut out map along outside lines. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Color the country where the Renaissance began.

