



Grades 2-6

# Exploring Russia

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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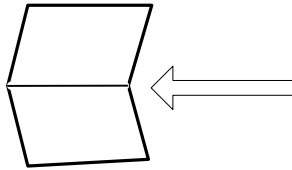
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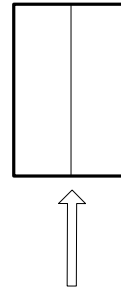
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# Things to Know

**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

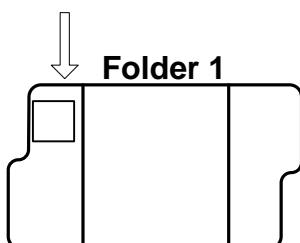
(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)

**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!

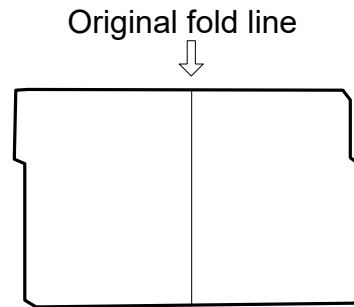
## How do I know where to place each template in the folder?



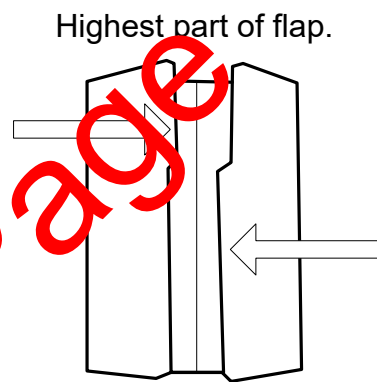
This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

# 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.

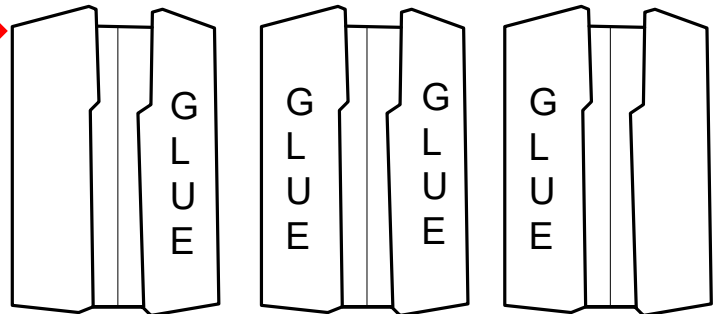
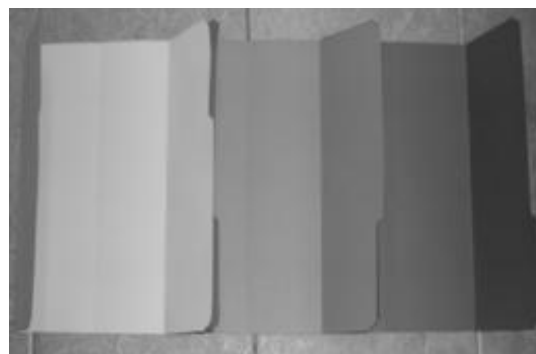
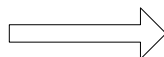


Photo of a completed lapbook base



## 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)

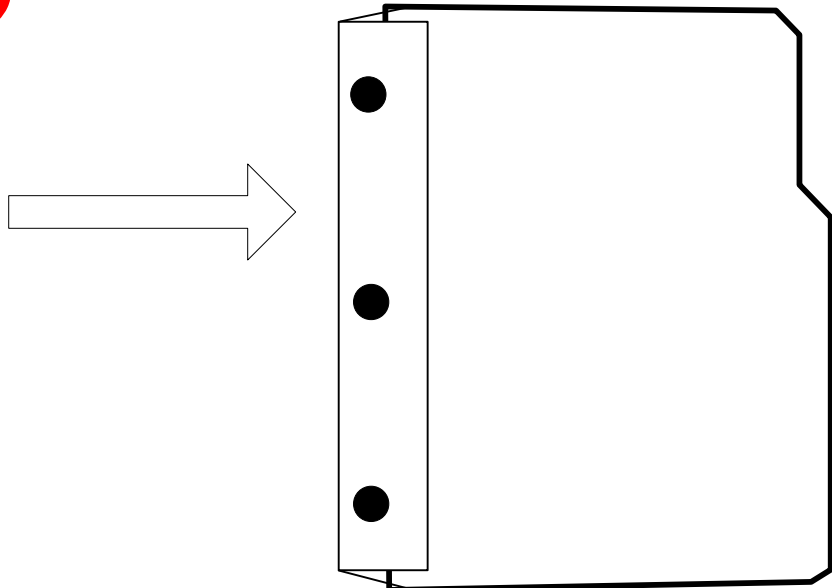
See details below about the use of a storage system.

- \*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.

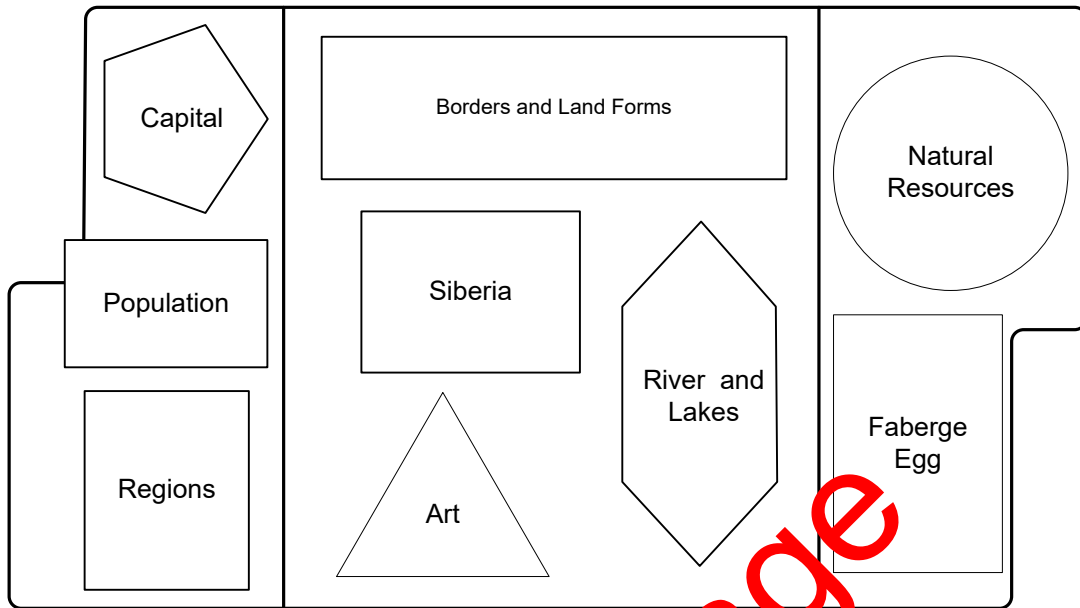


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## Folder 1



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Use photos as a guide to lapbook assembly

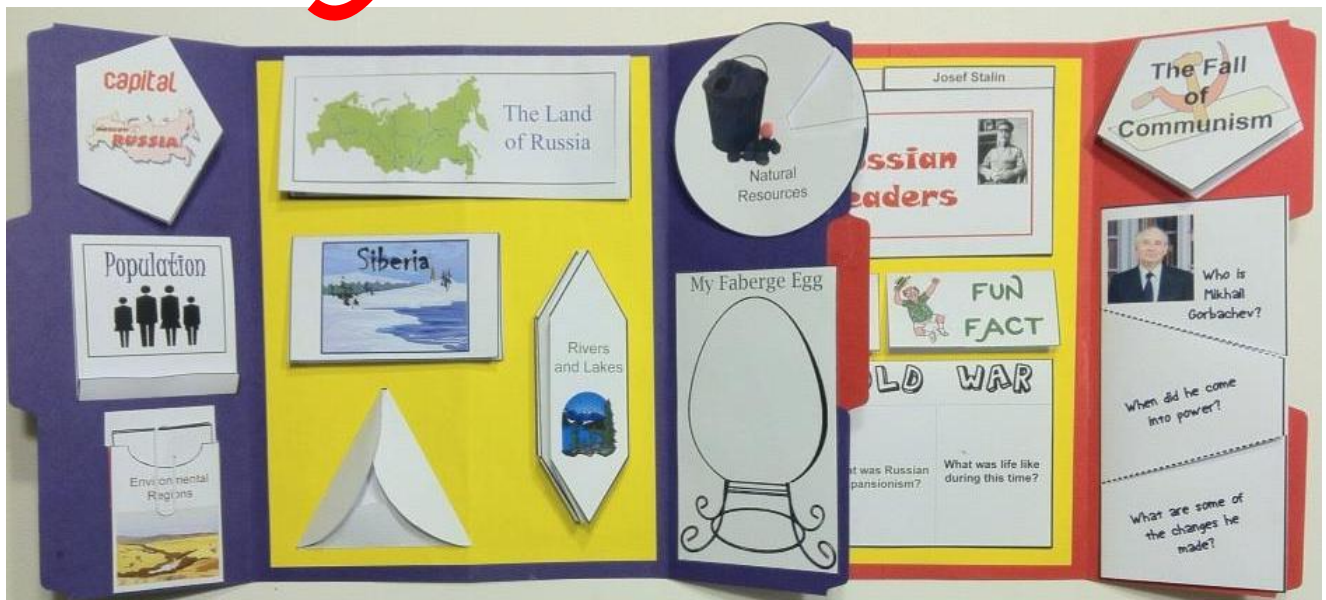
Folder 1



Folder 2



Entire Lapbook





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## Lapbook



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Glue this page to front of closed lapbook

# Introduction to Russia

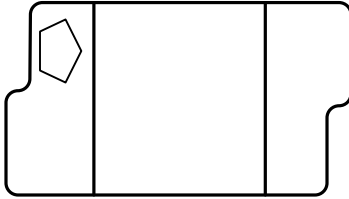
Have you ever been on a long road trip across the United States? If so, you might have thought that the trip was endless! The fact is the United States IS a big country, but it is not the largest in the world. The largest country in the world is Russia.

The country of Russia is located across two continents, Europe and Asia. Russia occupies about 1/10 of the world's surface. It is almost twice as big as the United States! If you were to ride a car from the Russian capital of Moscow in the west to the city of Vladivostok in the east, you would travel across nine time zones. The landscape will change dramatically from tundra to steppe to mountains, lakes and rivers. The diversity of this huge country is truly amazing!

Even though Russia is the largest country in the world, it is not the most populated. Russia has the 9<sup>th</sup> largest population in the world. Its population is mostly Russians, but there are many ethnic groups represented including Tartars, Ukrainians, and Bashkir, among others that also call Russia home. Of the more than 140 million people who live in this country, about three quarters live in city areas. The largest cities in the country are Moscow (the capital) and St. Petersburg.

Russia is a federation. A federation is a country formed by regions and republics under a central government. Russia's official name is the Russian Federation.

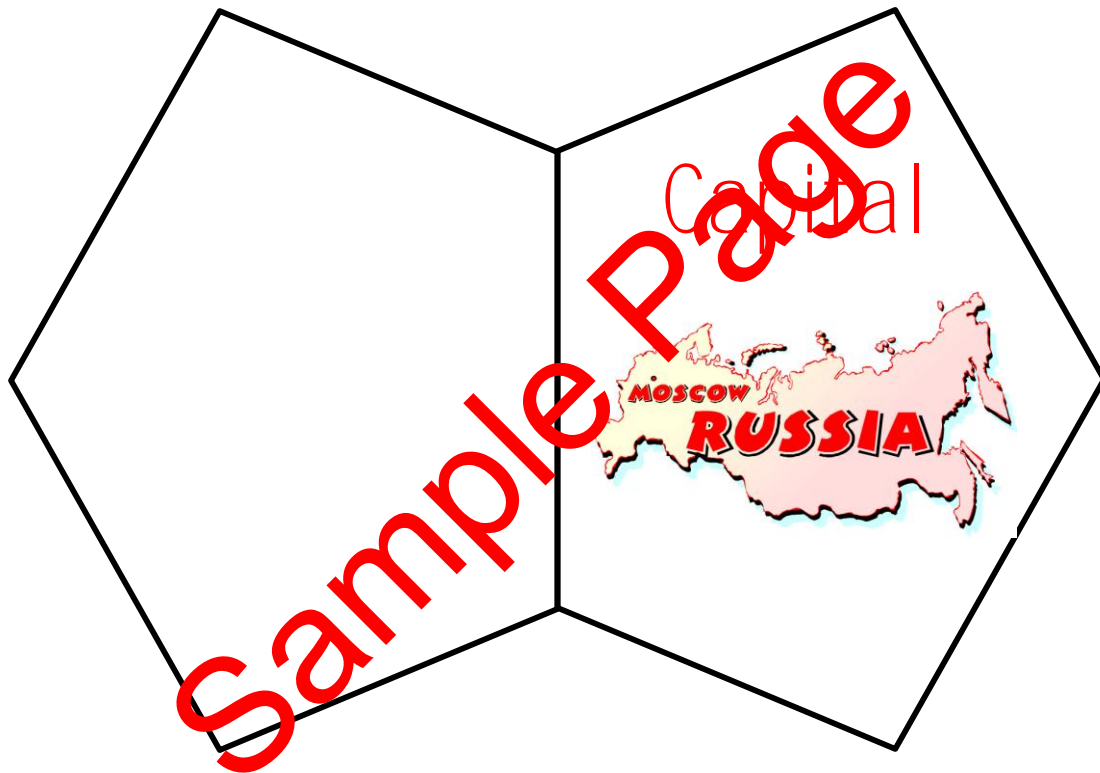
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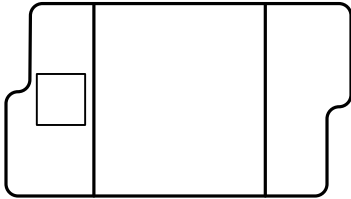
#### Read Introduction to Russia.

Hotdog fold in the middle. Cut out around shape. **Do not cut on the fold.** Glue booklet into lapbook.

**Directions:** What is the capital of Russia? Write the answer in the booklet.



### Folder 1



### Read Introduction to Russia.

Cut out this piece and hamburger fold on middle line. There will be a tab sticking out. Do not cut off. Fold tab up and over to keep booklet closed. (Like a match book) Glue into folder.

**Directions:** What is the population of Russia? Write it in the booklet.

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Hamburger fold

Population

