



Grades 1-6

Exploring France

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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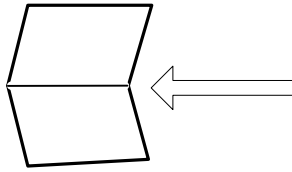
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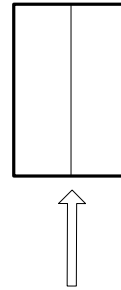
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Things to Know

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

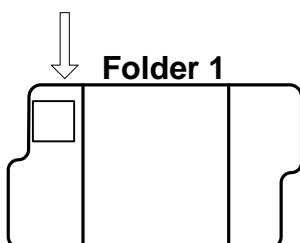
(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)

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!

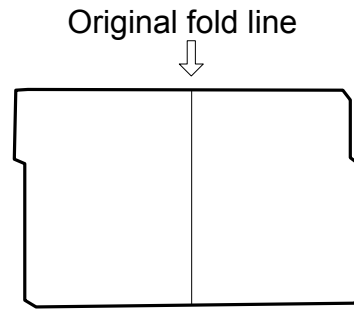
How do I know where to place each template in the folder?



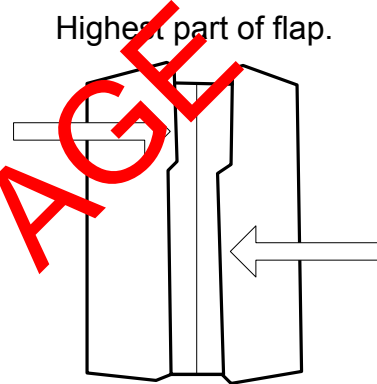
This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

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.

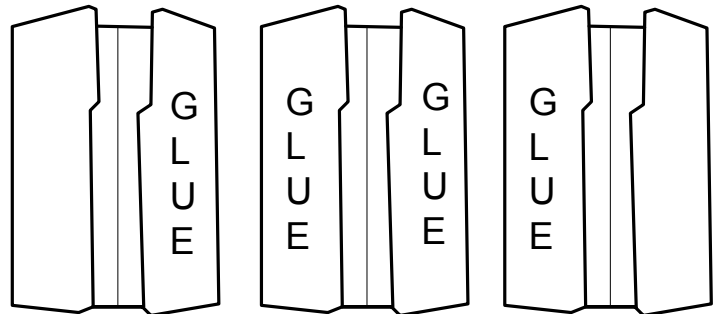
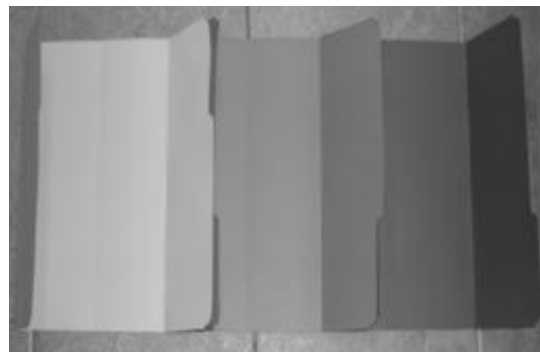
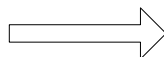


Photo of a completed lapbook base



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)

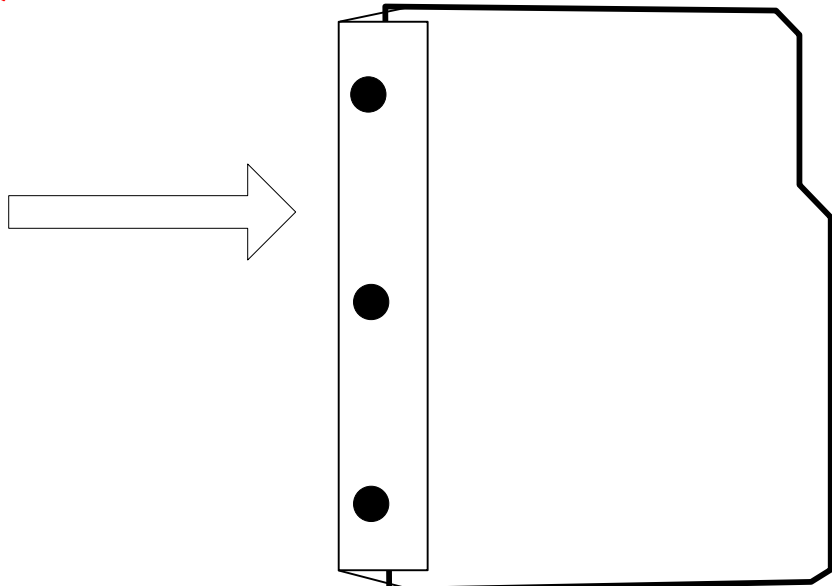
See details below about the use of a storage system.

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

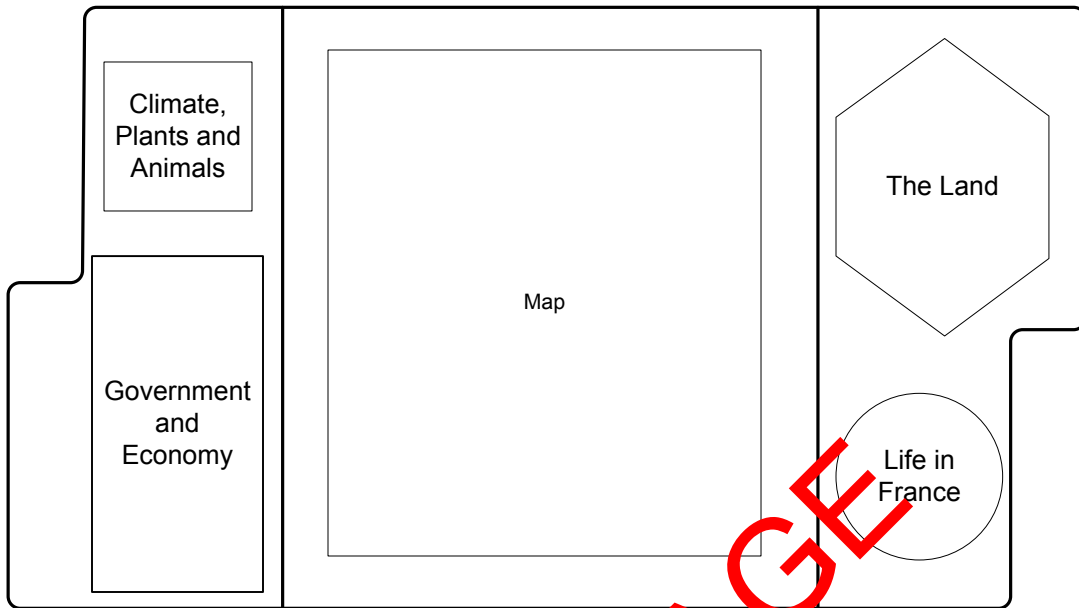
My child has made several lapbooks. Can I store all of the lapbooks together in one place?

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.

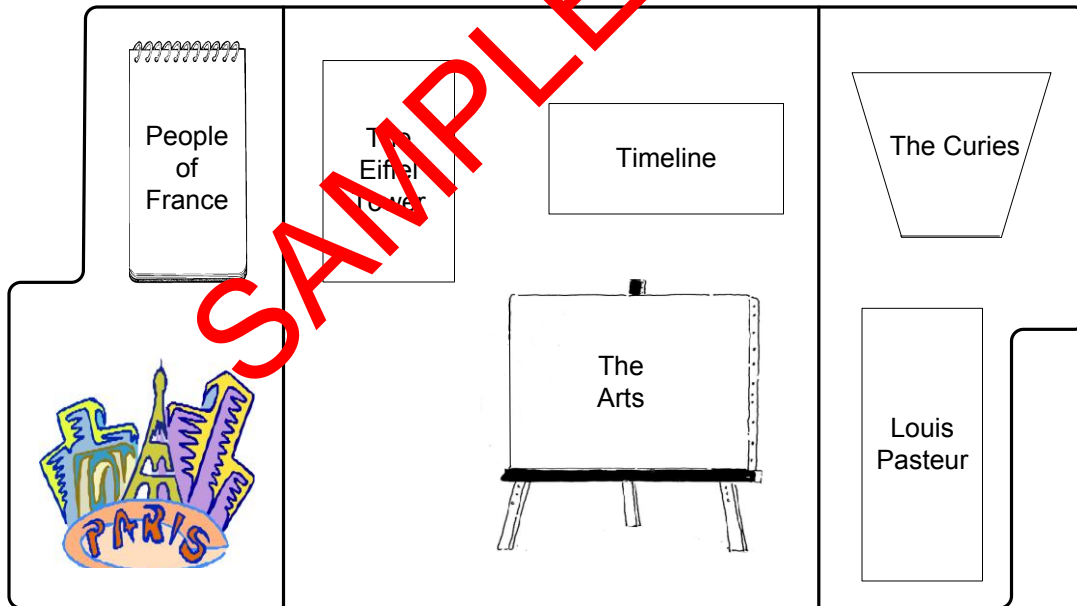
Close the lapbook. Measure a piece of duct tape that is as long as the lapbook. Place the edge of the duct tape on the top edge of the lapbook. Then fold the duct tape over so that it can be placed on the bottom edge. Make sure to leave enough duct tape sticking out from the edges to punch three holes. 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.



Folder 1



Folder 2



Cut out around the dotted lines. Glue to the front of your closed lapbook. Pretend that you are leaving on a trip to France. Plan your itinerary.

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Dates of travel: _____

Day One: _____

Day Two: _____

Day Three: _____

Day Four: _____

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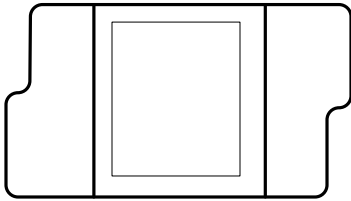
A Country in Europe

France is a country in Europe. If you look at a map, you might notice that France is shaped a little like a hexagon, a six-sided shape. In fact, French people sometimes refer to their country as L'Hexagone. This hexagon covers an area of 212,918 square miles. It includes the island of Corsica located off the southeastern coast. To give you an idea of the size of France, the area covered by the hexagon is almost as big as the state of Texas. It is the largest country in western Europe.

France is bordered by Spain on the south; Switzerland, Italy and Monaco on the east; Germany, Luxembourg, and Belgium on the northeast. The west border is formed by the Atlantic Ocean, the English Channel, and the North Sea. The Mediterranean Sea bathes the southeastern coast of France. This Mediterranean coast of France is a famous tourist place known as the Riviera. Thousands of people visit it every year to bathe in the beautiful beaches of the Mediterranean.

France also administers several territories outside the European continent. These are known as French Overseas Departments and Territories. These departments and territories are what remains of France once vast empire. These include some islands in the Caribbean, the Pacific and the Indian Ocean, as well as French Guiana in South America. More than 2 million French citizens live in these overseas French lands.

Folder 1

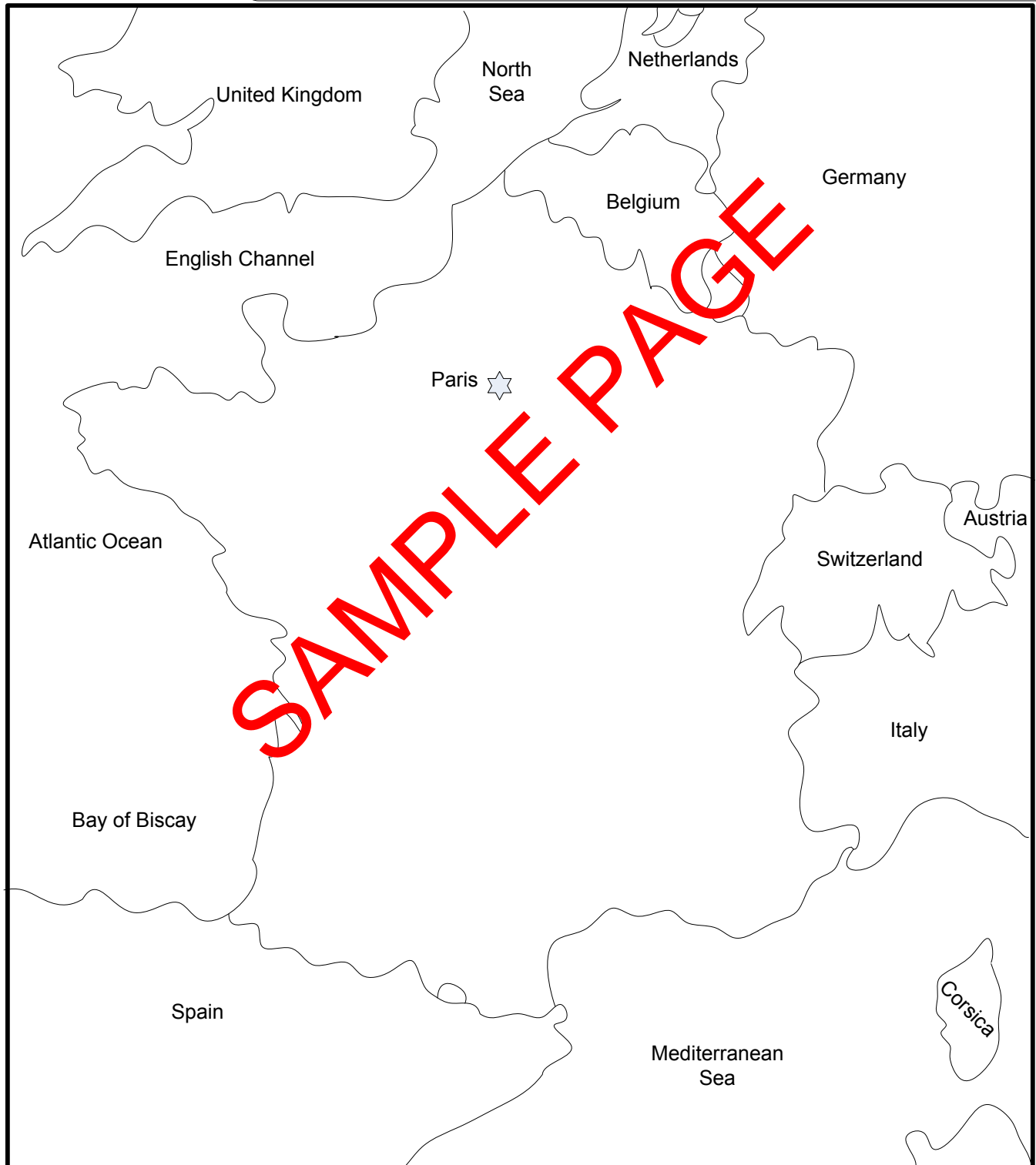


Read A Country in Europe.

Cut out the booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Color Corsica red.

Color Spain purple. Color Italy green. Color Germany brown.
Color Switzerland pink. Shade in the Mediterranean Sea light blue. Shade in the English Channel royal blue. Shade in the North Sea dark blue.



Climate, Plants, and Animals

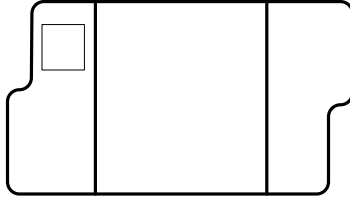
France has a rich variety of landscapes. Each landscape form has its unique climate. Most of the southern region has a typical Mediterranean climate where the summers are hot and dry and the winters mild. The regions bathed by the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel also have a moderate climate with no extreme temperature changes throughout the year. In this region, rain is abundant. In the mountainous areas, the temperatures are more variable with the winters much colder and the summers hotter. The Alps are covered with snow all year.

As we can expect, the variety of landscapes is home to a diverse flora (plants) and fauna (animals). Scientists have identified about 100 species of mammals, 50 species of reptiles and amphibians, and more than 300 types of birds. The flora counts with thousands of species of trees, bushes, vines and other plants.

Large areas of France are still covered with forests. In the lowlands, most of the soil is used to cultivate crops such as wheat, corn, and grapevines. Some areas used to be forest, but were cleared over the years as more and more people settled there. Some of these areas have slowly become grassy plains.

The most common animals are the domestic livestock. Domestic livestock includes chicken, cattle, sheep and goats. Most of the species of plants and animals that we find in France are not exclusively French, but are found in many other parts of Europe.

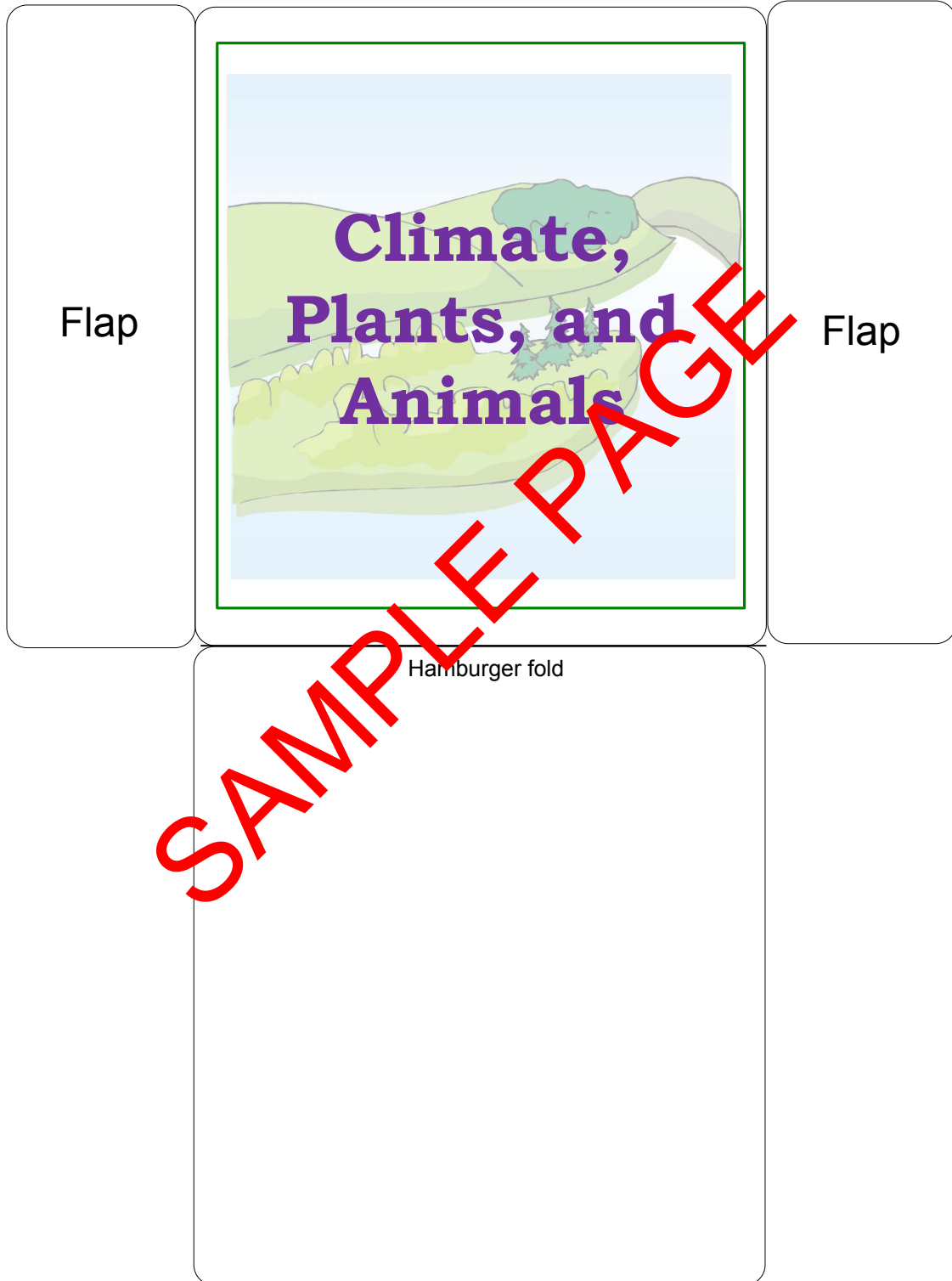
Folder 1



Read Climate, Plants, and Animals.

Cut out booklet as one piece. Fold the back bottom section up in back, and then fold the flaps back and glue to make a pocket. Cut out the cards on the next page.

Directions: On each card, write about something you have learned.



Climate

Plants

Animals

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