



Any Age

The Mayas

Express Lapbook



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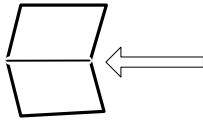
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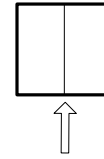
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically

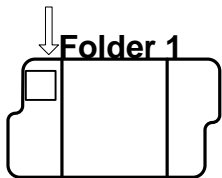


Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines.

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.”

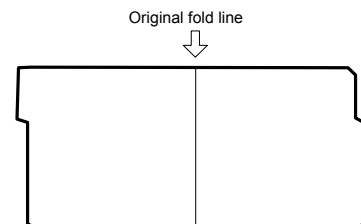
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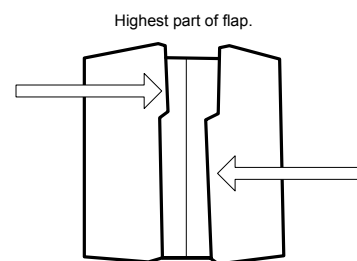
This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

Folding a Lapbook Base

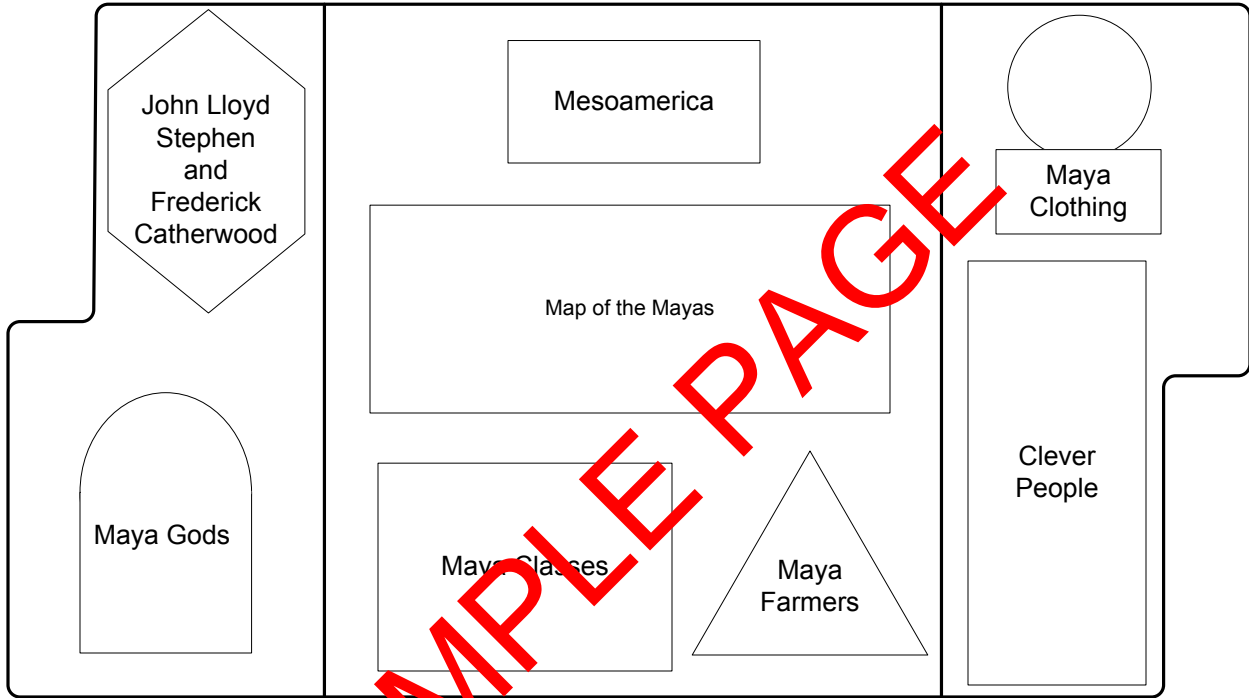
Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.



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.*



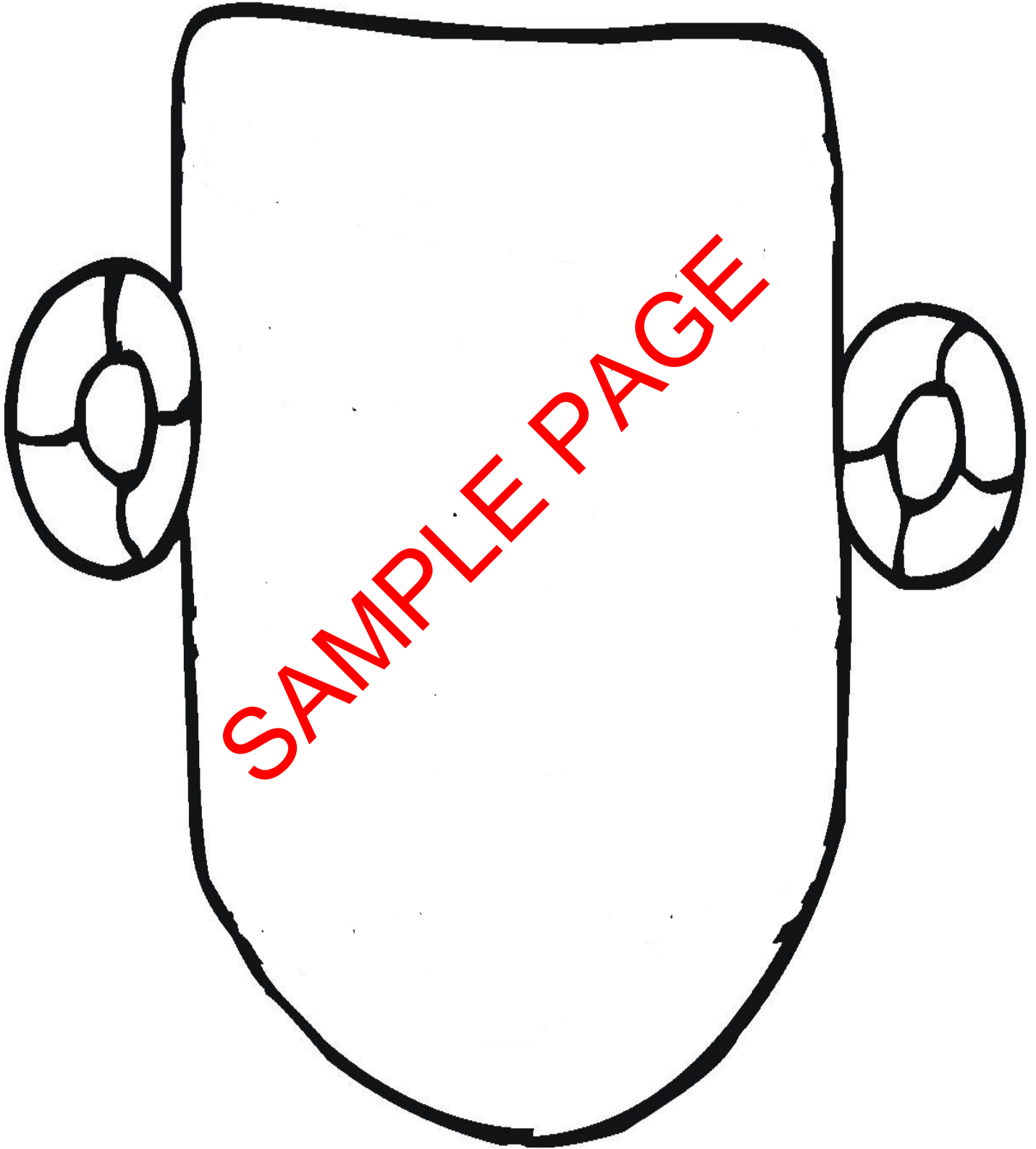
Booklet Placement Key



Complete the Scene

Design a Mayan mask. Cut out the scene on the dotted line. Glue on to the front of your lapbook.

The Mayas



Mesoamerica

The part of the American continent between the land of central Mexico down to parts of Honduras is known as Mesoamerica. “Meso” is a word that means middle. The land of Mesoamerica is in the middle of the American continent.

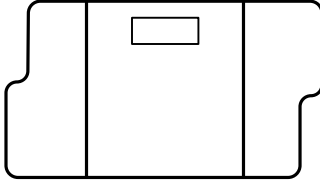
In this land, a series of civilizations flourished in ancient times. Around 1500 BC the people who populated this area started to abandon the wandering life and began to settle down in permanent settlements or villages. These people discovered how to farm. Their main crops consisted of corn, chili peppers, squash, beans and cotton. They learned to weave cloth and make pottery. Their villages were small and they seemed to have kept to themselves without much contact between villages.

Around the year 1200 BC a big change seems to have taken place. Around this time, pyramid-like structures were built and villages became more like towns with buildings and a large concentration of people. This seems to indicate the presence of a more complex society. This civilization, which lived and ruled in this period, is known as the Olmec.

After the Olmec civilization crumbled, the Mayas arose. The Mayas had much in common with the Olmecs but were more advanced in their intellectual endeavors. They developed a writing system, a complex calendar, and were very good at mathematics. At the time the Spanish conquistadors arrived, the ruling people were the Aztecs. The Aztecs managed to build an impressive empire.

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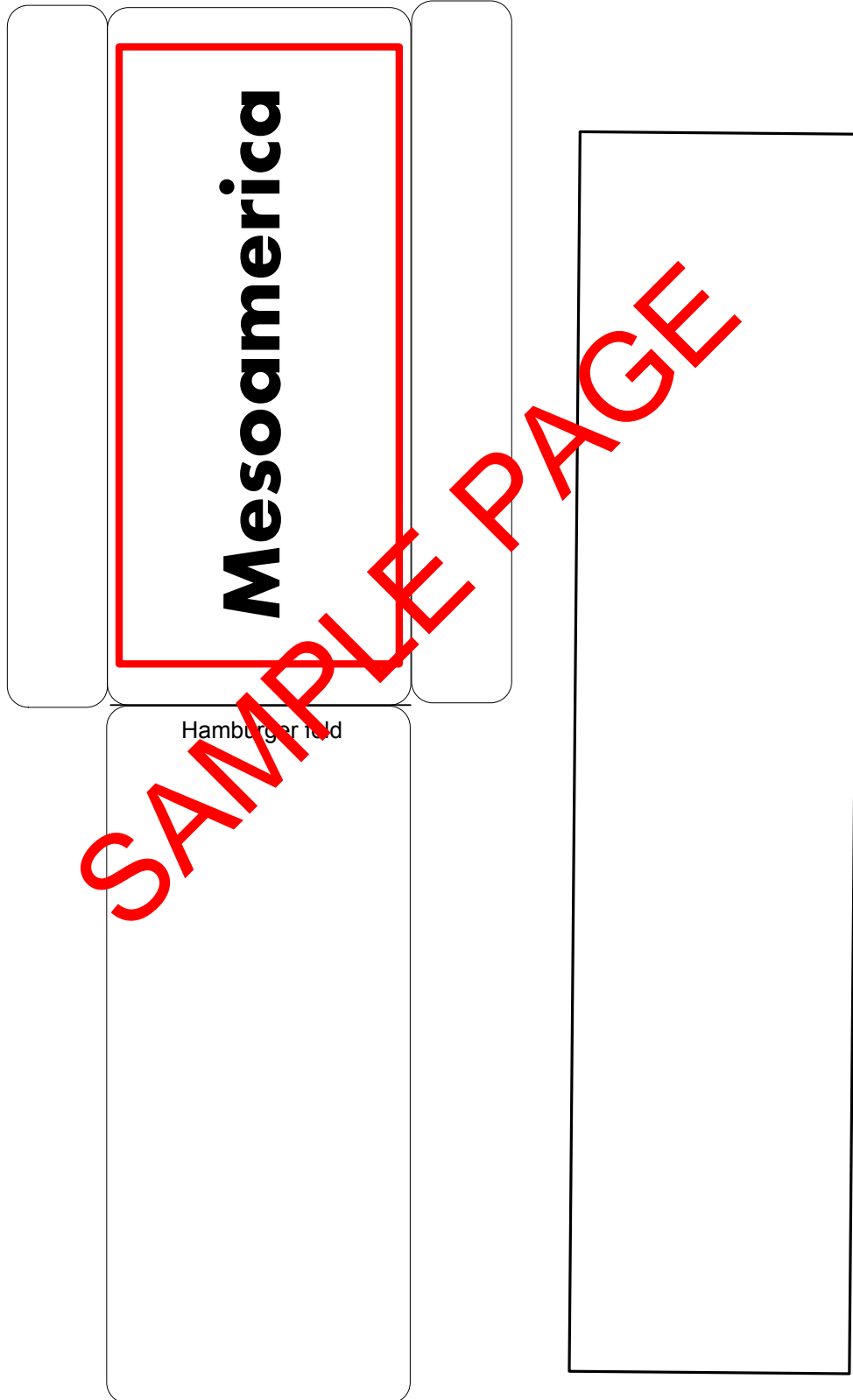
Folder 1



Read Mesoamerica.

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 strip.

Directions: Write what you have learned about Mesoamerica. Store the strip in the pocket.



The Maya Civilization is Uncovered

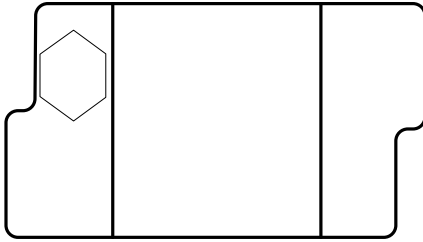
The Maya lived mainly in the Yucatan peninsula, in what is today the southern part of Mexico and Belize. They also inhabited the rainforest and highlands of what is now Guatemala and part of Honduras.

For many centuries, the Mayan civilization was lost. In 1839, John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood, two American explorers, braved the thick jungle looking for what they knew was lost in it. Buried under layers of lush jungle vegetation, they found the remnants of the great Mayan civilization: carved stone pillars (stelae), temples, stairways, terraces- all ready to tell a story.

After the discovery of the first ruins, Stephens and Catherwood heard that approximately sixty ruins were located in the area. As it turned out, these brave explorers barely scratched the surface of the mystery of the Maya. Following their lead, many other scientists began to study and unlock the mysteries of this ancient civilization.

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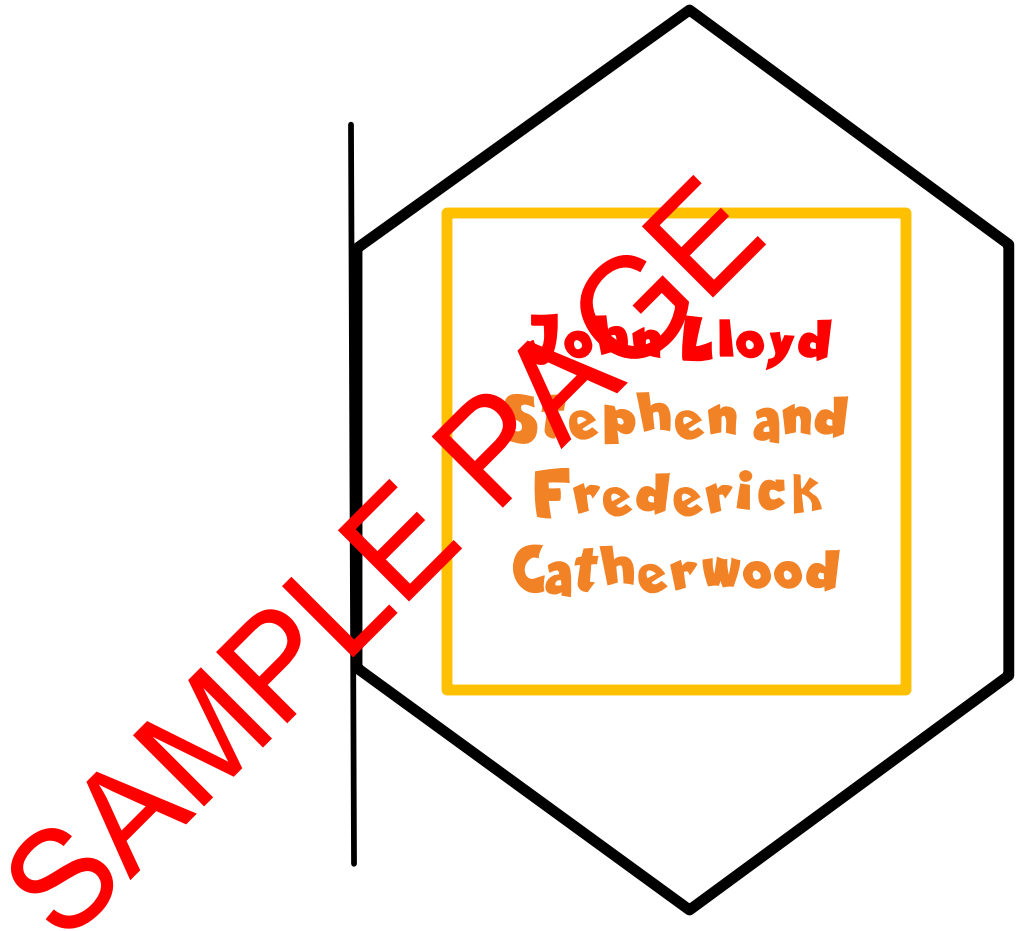
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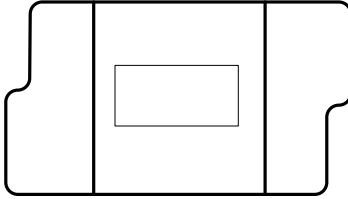
Read *The Maya Civilization is Uncovered*.

Fold your paper in half. Cut around the booklet. DO NOT CUT ON THE FOLD. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Inside of the booklet, tell what you have learned.



Folder 1



Read The Maya Civilization is Uncovered.

Cut out the booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Shade the area inhabited by the Mayas green.

