



Grades 1-4

Exploring the Absolute Monarchs

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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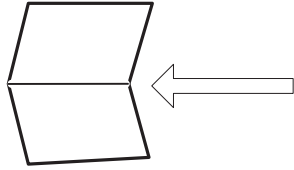
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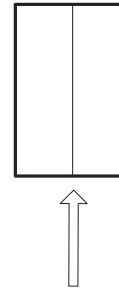
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Things to Know

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!

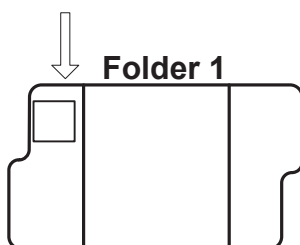
Lapbook Assembly Choices

(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!

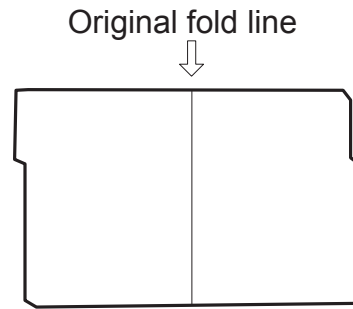
How do I know where to place each template in the folder?



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.

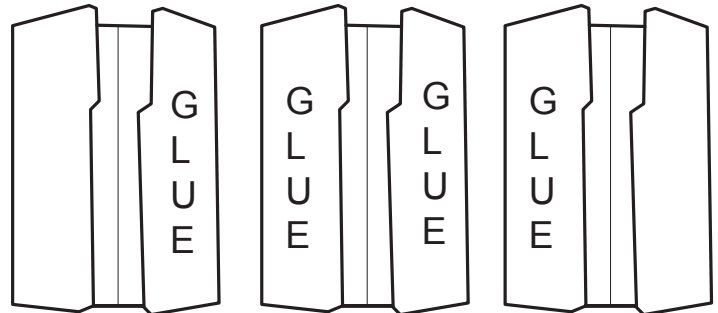
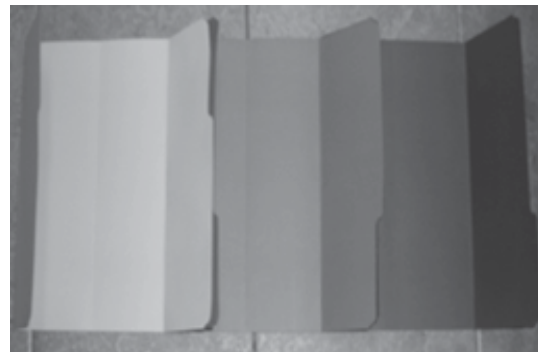
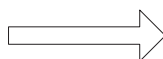


Photo of a completed lapbook base



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)

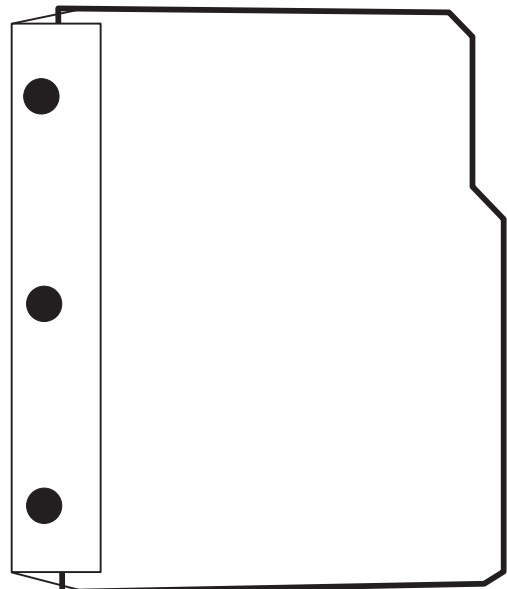
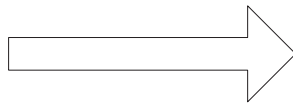
See details below about the use of a storage system.

- *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.

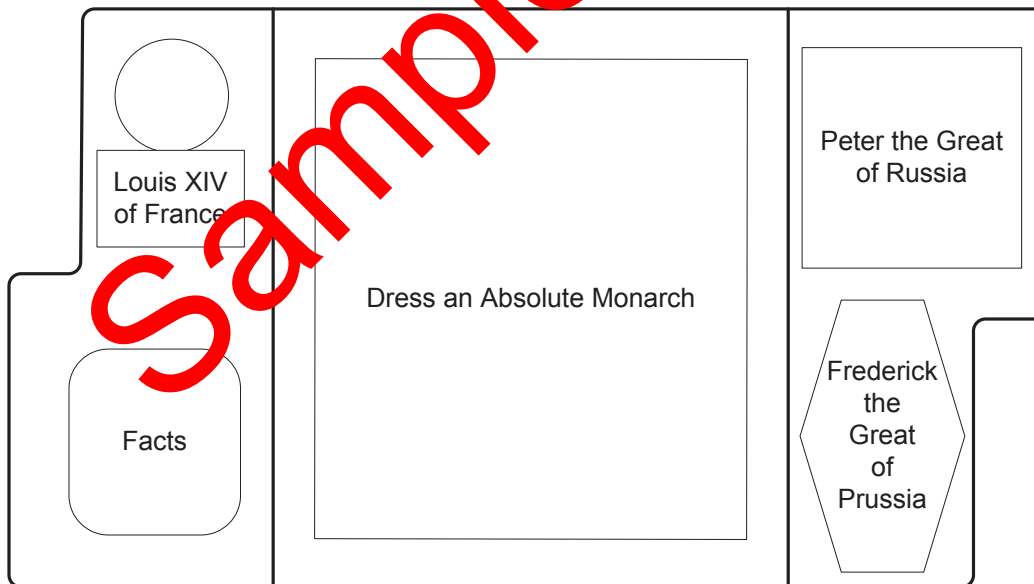
Close the lapbook. Measure a piece of duct tape that is as long as the lapbook. Place the edge of the duct tape on the top edge of the lapbook. Then fold the duct tape over so that it can be placed on the bottom edge. Make sure to leave enough duct tape sticking out from the edges to punch three holes.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



The next page is a cover for your lapbook. Glue it to the front of your lapbook after it is closed.

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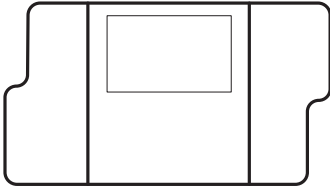
Absolute Monarchs

At the time of the Middle Ages, the power of a king was limited. He shared the power with the lords and with the church. By the end of the Middle Ages, several monarchs in Western and Eastern Europe had increased their power. These monarchs had become absolute monarchs. An absolute monarch is a king or queen with unlimited power and total control of his or her country. Absolute monarchs thought that their power was given to them by God. They thought they had a divine right to rule.

In some countries in Europe, it seemed that an absolute monarch was the only solution to the problems they faced. Some countries, like France, had been torn apart by religious wars between Catholics and Protestants. Others had been involved in wars for land. In both cases, these countries had created huge armies that needed to be paid. Taxes were levied. People revolted. There was chaos. A strong hand was needed, or so the monarchs thought.

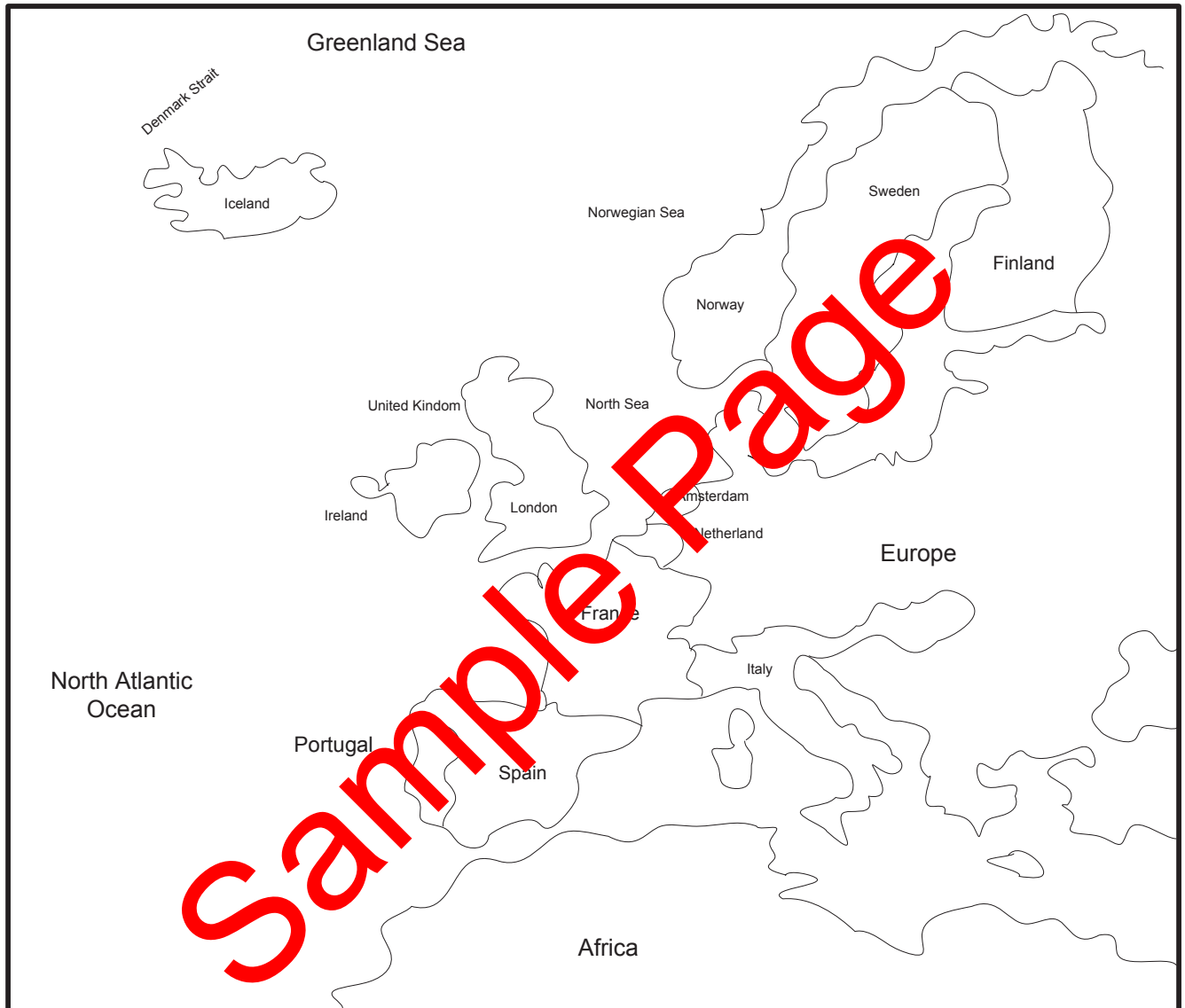
The monarchs sought the support of the aristocrats by offering them titles and positions of power in the government. To appear more powerful, these rulers increased the size of their courts. The new emergent middle class also gave their support to the monarchs because they thought that a strong ruler would guarantee a peaceful climate where business could thrive. Absolute monarchs wanted to be rid of any limit to their powers.

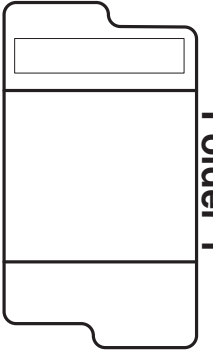
Folder 1



Cut out the booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Use the map to locate the countries that each Absolute Monarch ruled over.





Read Absolute Monarchs.

Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. Cut on dotted lines to form three flaps. Glue booklet into lapbook.

Directions: Under each flap, write what you have learned.

What is an Absolute Monarch?

What was their job?

Who supported them?

CUT

CUT

GLUE

Sample Page