



Grades 2-7

My State

Learning Lapbook



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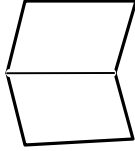
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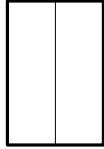
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold- Fold vertically



Folds- Labeled with a small line to show where the fold is and the words hamburger fold or hotdog fold.

Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines

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 labeled "covered page" or "cover label."

So where do the mini-booklets go?

A shape-coded and labeled KEY is included. This key shows you where all of the mini-booklets go in each folder. Keep this page handy! You'll also see at the top of the mini-booklet pages another graphic that shows once again where to place the booklet in each folder. So there are TWO ways to see where to place the booklet. We made it easy!! You won't get lost.

How do I use the study guide (if included) and mini-booklets?

Read the study guide page to your child or if your child is reading, let him/her read it to you. After each study guide page, you will find the mini-booklet pattern that goes with that study guide page (Occasionally, a study guide page might have more than one mini-booklet). Cut out, construct and glue the mini-booklet into the lapbook (The directions for cut out, assembly and placement will be found on the same page as the mini-book pattern). Then fill in the answers. Most of the answers for the mini-booklets can be found within the study guide. Further research on the study guide topic can be done if desired.

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!

Study Guide Choices (if included)

Choice #1- Read the first page of the study guide. Then use the internet and fun children's books to learn more about the topic that is covered in that study guide. For instance-our American Indians lapbook has a study guide page about Geronimo. Dig into Geronimo. There are probably lots of interesting things to learn about him that the study guide does not cover. Spend a day on Geronimo or spend a week! The pace you take for the lapbook is completely up to you. When your child has completed studying that particular topic, it will be time to do the mini-booklet for that topic. The mini-booklet patterns are found right after the study guide page that it goes with. Or, your child might want to do the mini-booklet before he/she delves deeper into the subject. Once again, the order is completely up to you and your child.

Choice #2- Read only the study guide page and do the mini-booklet that goes with it. The mini-booklet patterns are found right after the study guide page that it goes with. You may choose to do one study guide/mini-booklet per day, two per day, two per week, three per week, etc. It doesn't matter. The pace is completely up to you. At one per day, it will take about a month to complete a 3 folder lapbook.

Lapbook Assembly Choices

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. You can keep the waiting folders in your binder that we will be mentioning later.

Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as it is being done. Plus, 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!

Tips and tricks to go the extra mile!

Supplies Need:

½ inch three-ring binder

5 tabs (if you are using our copywork and/or notebooking pages, you will need to have 7 tabs. Label with copywork and notebooking)

Quart size baggies

Duct tape

Your study guide and mini-booklets pages

Office supplies-glue, scissors, brads, stapler, pencils, crayons, and ribbon (if needed)

1. Label your tabs: Study Guide (if included), Book Log, NICK, Biography Reports, Outlines (Copywork and Notebooking if using these).
2. Make copies of NICK notes and outline forms and put them behind the tabs. Your child can use either the NICK notes form (easier) or the outline form (a bit harder) after any of the study guides. These serve as a good review of the material in the study guide.
3. Hole punch your study guide and mini-booklets sheets and place behind the Study Guide tab. You will need a page of a study guide. Behind the study guide are all of the booklets that go with that study guide.
4. Keeping your office supplies handy-Measure the bottom of a quart size zip-lock bag. Then measure out a strip of duct tape that length. Lay the zip-lock bag on the lower edge of the tape. Fold the other end of the tape down on the zip-lock bag. Your duct tape should be sticking out from the bag. Now, you can hole punch the duct tape strip. **DO NOT HOLE PUNCH INTO THE BAG!** Then put it into your 3-ring binder. Use this bag to store items you will be using for your lapbook. Glue, scissors, hole puncher, stapler and extra staples, crayons, pencils, brads, ribbon, and any unfinished work. Doing this one step keeps you from having to constantly gather supplies every time you want to work on your lapbook!

How to fold and connect the folders for your lapbook,



1. Gather the number of folders required for your particular lapbook.



2. Open up each folder and flatten it out.



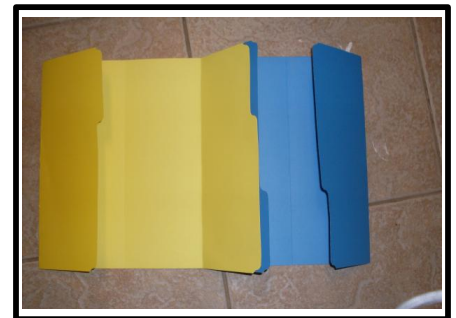
3. Take the right side and fold it all the way over until the tab is just before the middle crease in the folder. Do not overlap this crease with the tab.



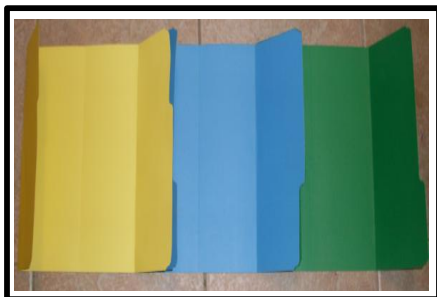
4. Fold the left hand-side over just to the crease but not overlapping it. Your folder now has two flaps. We like to use a ruler down each fold to make the folders neater and flatter. Do steps 3 and 4 to the remaining folders.



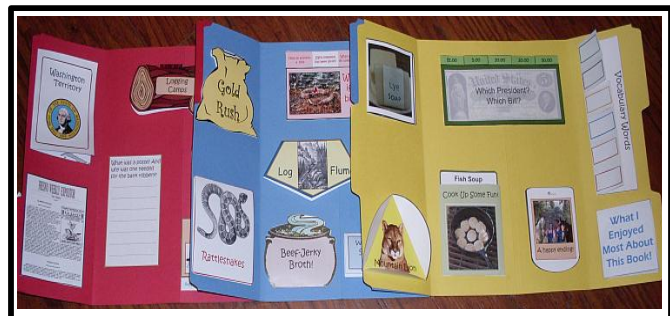
5. Take two of the folders and apply a generous amount of glue to their flaps. We recommend using Zip Dry Paper Glue.



6. Bring the flaps together and press so they stick together.



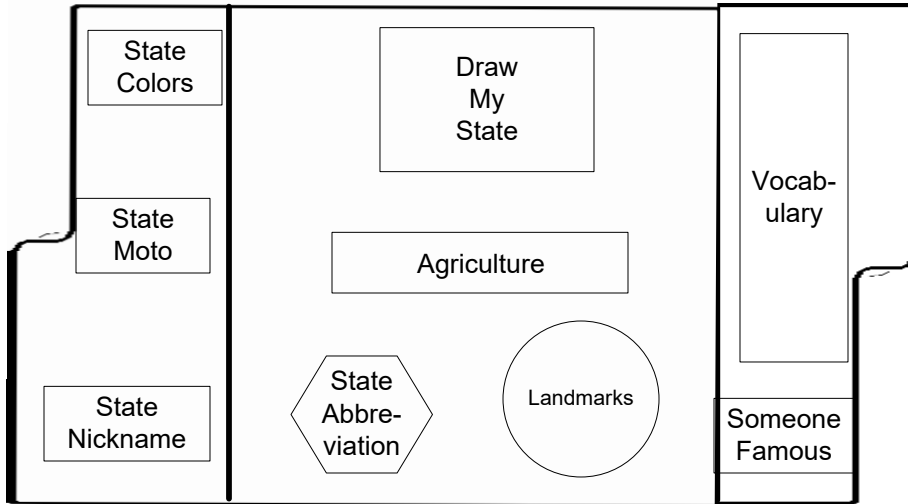
7. Do steps 5 and 6 to your remaining folders (if any).



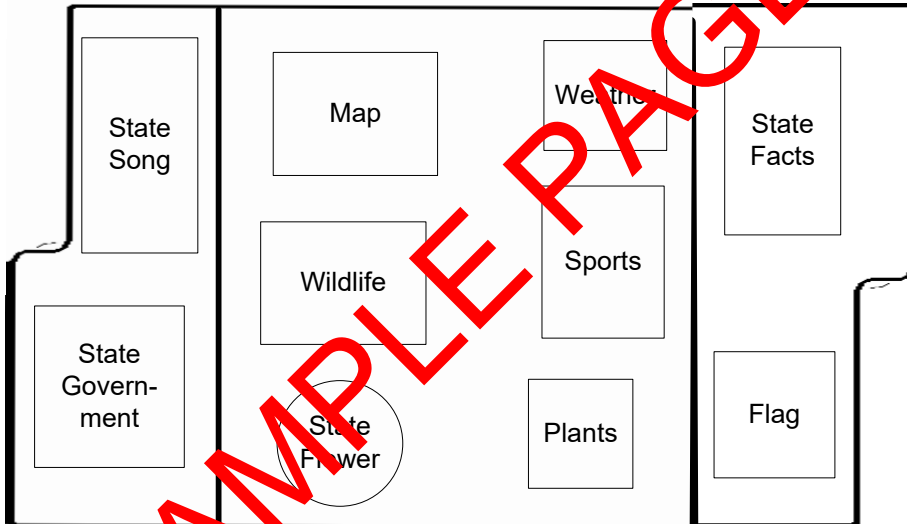
8. The patterns for all the mini-booklets are provided. Just cut out, construct, and glue them into your lapbook. Refer to the color-coded placement page or the actual mini-booklet page for placement of each mini-booklet.

Booklet Placement

Folder 1



Folder 2



Folder 3

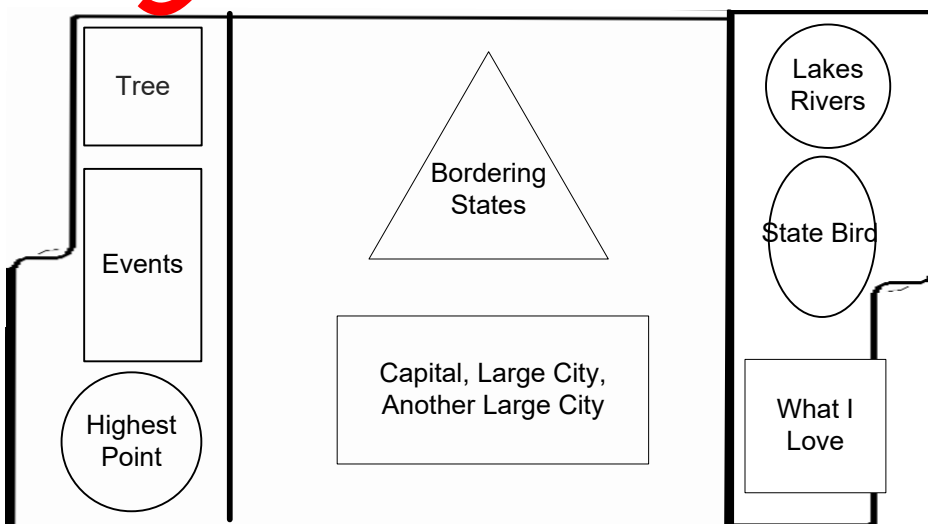




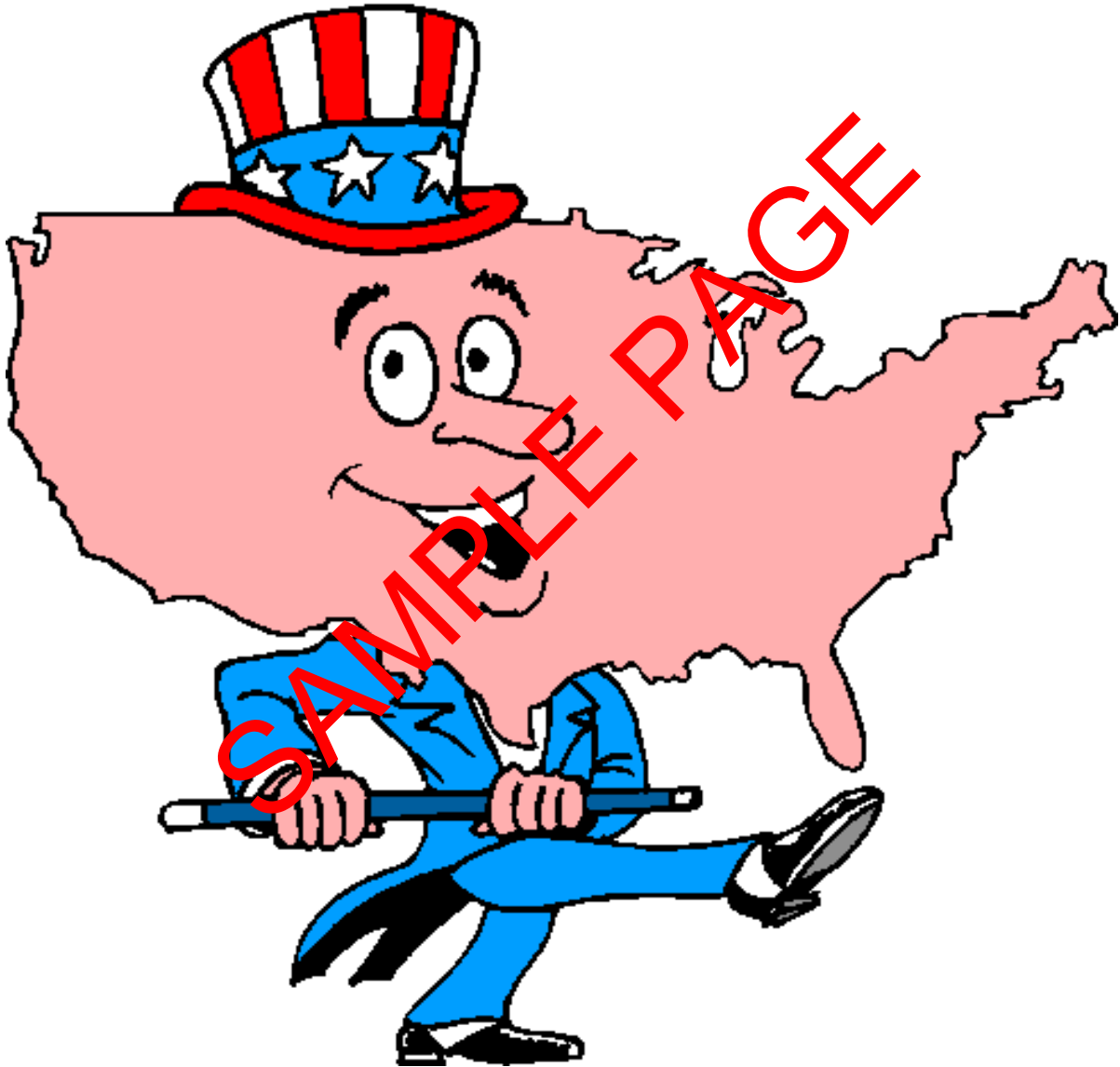
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SAMPLE PAGE

My State

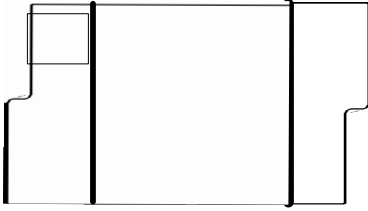
Lapbook



Name _____

Glue this page to front of closed lapbook

Folder 1



Cut out the booklet. Hamburger fold in the middle.
Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Inside, list your state's colors.

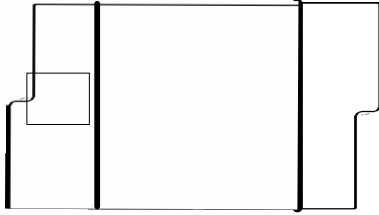
SAMPLE PAGE

Hamburger fold

State
Colors

A large rectangular box divided horizontally by a line, representing a hamburger fold. The bottom half contains the handwritten text "State Colors" in blue ink. A large red watermark "SAMPLE PAGE" is overlaid diagonally across the box. To the right of the horizontal line, the text "Hamburger fold" is written.

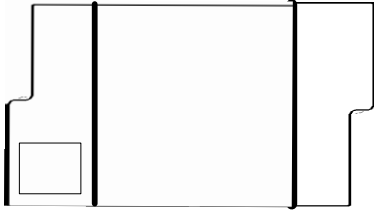
Folder 1



Cut out the booklet. Hamburger fold in the middle.
Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Inside, write your state motto.



Folder 1



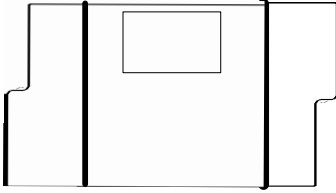
Cut out the booklet. Hamburger fold in the middle.
Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Inside, write your state nickname.



Hamburger fold

Folder 1

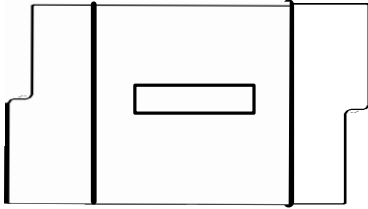


Cut out the booklet. Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Draw your state on the booklet.

My State Drawing


SAMPLE PAGE

Folder 1

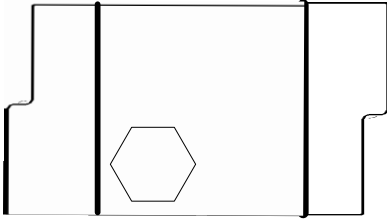


Cut out the booklet on the outside lines. Next, accordion fold the booklet on the lines. Glue into lapbook.
Directions: On each section of the booklet, list the different agricultural products in your state.

SAMPLE PAGE

 Agriculture in my State

Folder 1



Hamburger fold on the middle line. Cut out around shape but do not cut the fold at the top. Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Write the abbreviation of your state inside the booklet.

