Trail Guide U.S. Geography



Grades 2-7

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A Teacher's Manual With Daily Geography Drills

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Things to Know



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 It All Goes Together

What you need to get started

*Trail Guide to U.S. Geography book

*A printed copy of the Trail Guide to U.S. Geography lapbook by A Journey Through Learning *4 colored file folders

*Scissors

*Glue

*Hole puncher

*Brads

*Stapler

To make the storage system (optional)

*Duct tape (preferably at least two different colors but not necessary) *One 3-ring binder

Can I store all of the lapbooks I create from Trail Guides to U.S. Geography in one location?

Yes! A Journey Through Learning has come up with a ray hat for can store all of your lapbooks from your books in ONE convenient location. A 3-ring kinder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lappooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to show to dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When they are not being shown off, just place the binder on your b oke nelf! On the next page, we have given you step-by-step directions (with pictures) of how to ceate a storage binder.



Roll out enough duct tape to go across the folders lengthwise.

up. Place binded edge of lapbook on the duct tape (no more than 1/4 inch!).



Then stick duct tape to the other side again about 1/4 inch. There will need to be enough tape to hole punch.



Stick duct tape into hole puncher but be careful not to punch holes in your folders.



It will look like this.



Store folders in 3-ring binder.

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 fold... 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 make ruler down each fold to make the fold neater and flatter noo steps 3 and 4 to the remaining folders.



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



The ke two or the folders and oply a generous amount of plus to their flaps.



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



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.



This guide shows where to place the mini-booklets in each folder.



Cut out the map and glue onto the front of your lapbook. As you study the different regions of the country, color in the states. Color the New England States-blue, Mid-Atlantic States-green, Southern States-purple, Midwestern States-orange, Southwestern States-brown, Rocky Mountain States-red, Pacific Coast States-pink.



Week 1 Maine and Massachusetts



Cut out each piece on this page. Fasten together at the top with a brad (or staple). Glue into lapbook. **Directions: Maine Trail Blazing: Lobster.** Read about the

Directions: Maine Trail Blazing: Lobster. Read about the lobsters of Maine. Fill out the information on the booklet. **Massachusetts Trail Blazing:** Research the geography, climate, and natural resources of Massachusetts. Fill out the information on the booklet.



Week 2 New Hampshire and Vermont



Cut out all of the circles. Stack with title page on top. Staple at the top and glue into lap book. Glue into lapbook. **Directions: New Hampshire Trail Blazing: Granite.** Research granite. Fill out the information on the booklet. **Vermont Trail Blazing: Maple Syrup.** Research how maple syrup is collected. Fill out the information on the booklet.



Week 3 Connecticut and Rhode Island



Cut out the booklet as one piece. Hotdog fold in half. Cut out the cover label and glue onto the outside of the booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Connecticut Trail Blazing: Famous person from Connecticut. Research Ethan Allen. Inside of the booklet, write what you have learned. **Rhode Island Trail Blazing: Famous person from Rhode Island.** Research Nathanael Greene. Inside of the booklet, write what you have learned.



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Week 4 New York and New Jersey



Cut out the large booklet and hamburger fold in the middle. Cut out the two booklets. Place them inside the large booklet and staple at the top. Glue into lapbook. **Directions: New York Trail Blazing: Statue of Liberty.** Research the Statue of Liberty. Fill out the information on the booklet. **New Jersey Trail Blazing: Crops of New York**. Research the different crops grown in New York. Fill out the information in the booklet.

