



Grades 2-5

Government and the Election Process

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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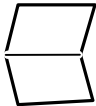
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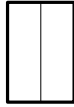
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Keep in mind that children of the same age can have very different academic and motor skills. Some children may have trouble writing in some of the smaller spaces of this lapbook. If this describes your child, we encourage you to let your child dictate the answers and you write for him. A lapbook is to be a fun project, not stressful.

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

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 labeled “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.

Lapbook Assembly Choices

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

We recommend using Zip Dry Glue.

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 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!

How It All Goes Together

What you need to get started

- *A printed copy of the lapbook by A Journey Through Learning
- *Colored file folders-We used blue and red to be patriotic!
- *Scissors
- *Glue (We recommend Zip Dry Glue or Elmers Xtreme)
- *Stapler
- *Letter Size Envelope
- *Brads (optional)
- *Hole puncher (if using brads)

To make the storage system (optional-see directions)

- *Duct tape
- One 3-ring binder

Study Choices

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.

Tips and tricks to go the extra mile! (optional)

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 and copies of the enrichment pages at the end

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

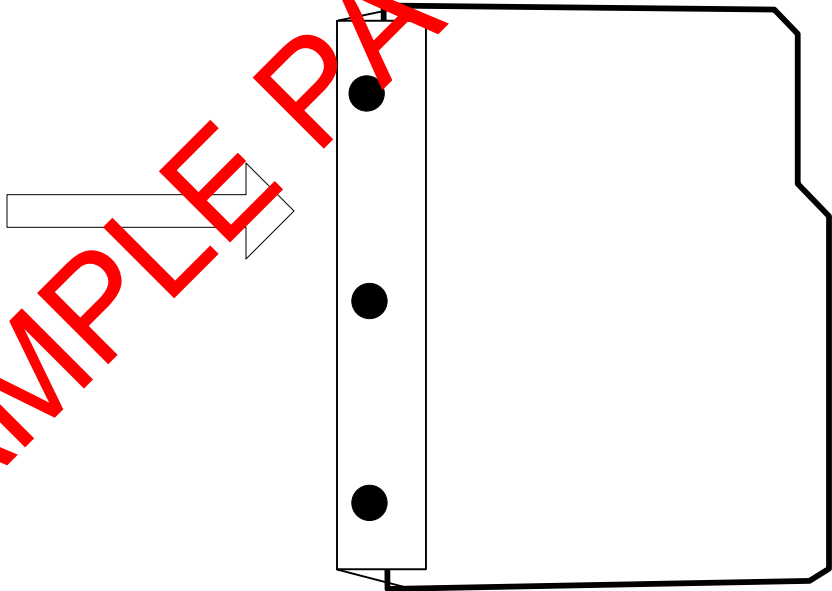
1. Label your tabs: 1). Study Guide/Mini Booklets, 2). Book Log, 3). NICK Notes(easier) or Outline Form (harder), 4). Biography Reports, 5).What I Learned Pages (Copywork and Notebooking, if using those).
2. You will find a master copy of all of these special pages at the back of the lapbook packet. Make copies of the NICK Notes or Outline Form, Biography Report (if included), and What I Learned Pages and put them behind the tabs. Make more copied of the Book Log if your child reads a lot and needs more room to log books. We will explain how your child can use all of these enrichment pages later.
3. Hole punch your study guide and mini-booklets sheets and place behind the Study Guide tab. You will read a page of a study guide. Behind the study guide is the booklet(s) that goes 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!

Storage Idea If You Have Many Lapbooks

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

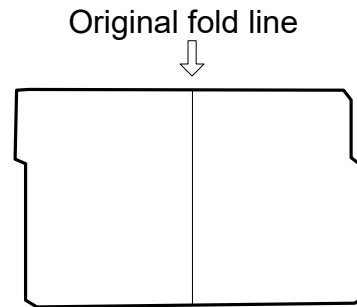
Yes! A three-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to share with dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When you are through sharing your lapbooks, just place the three-ring 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.

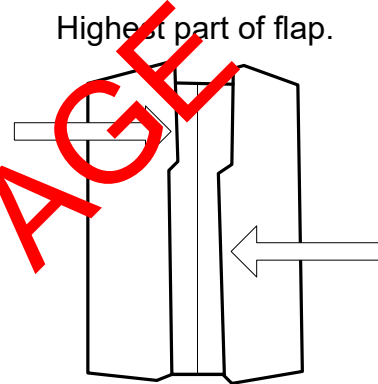


Folding a Lapbook Base

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.

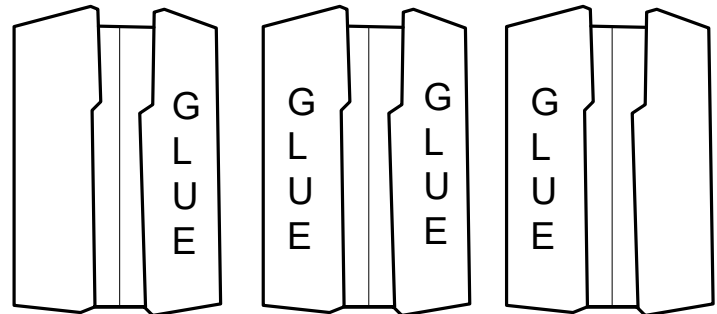
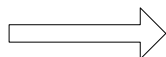
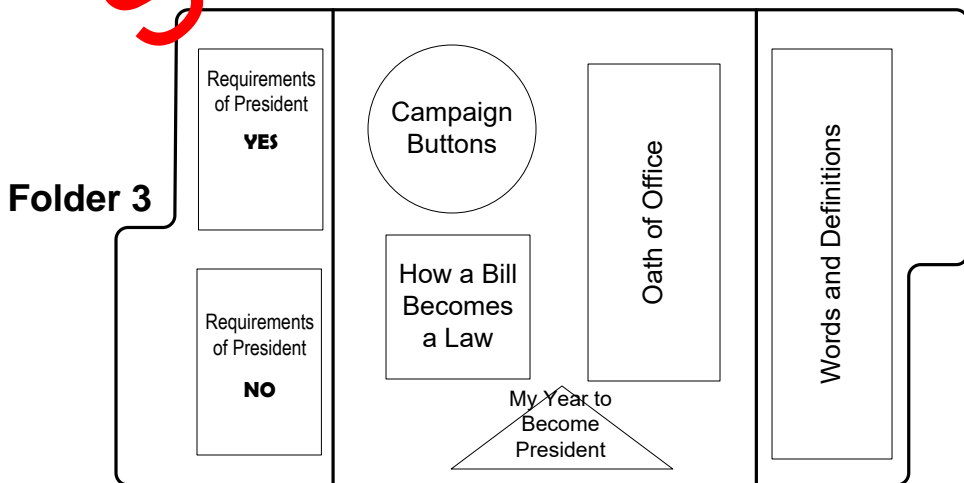
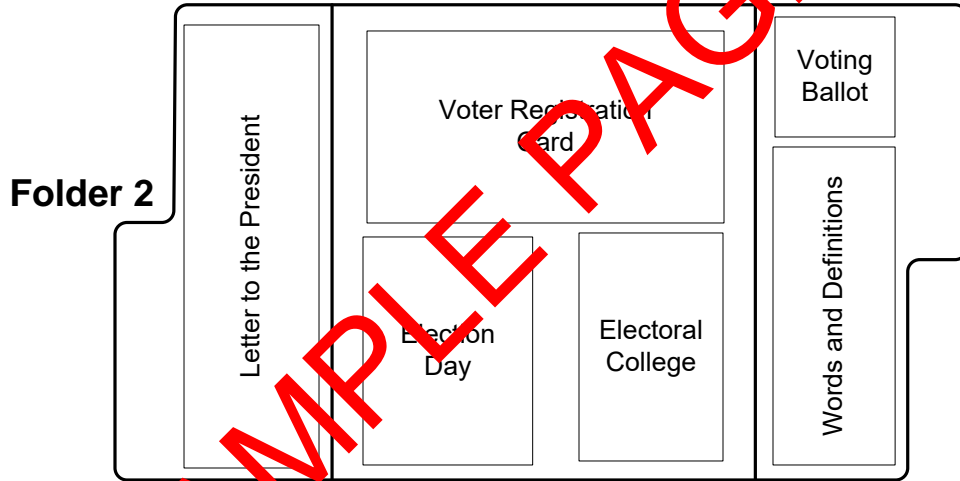
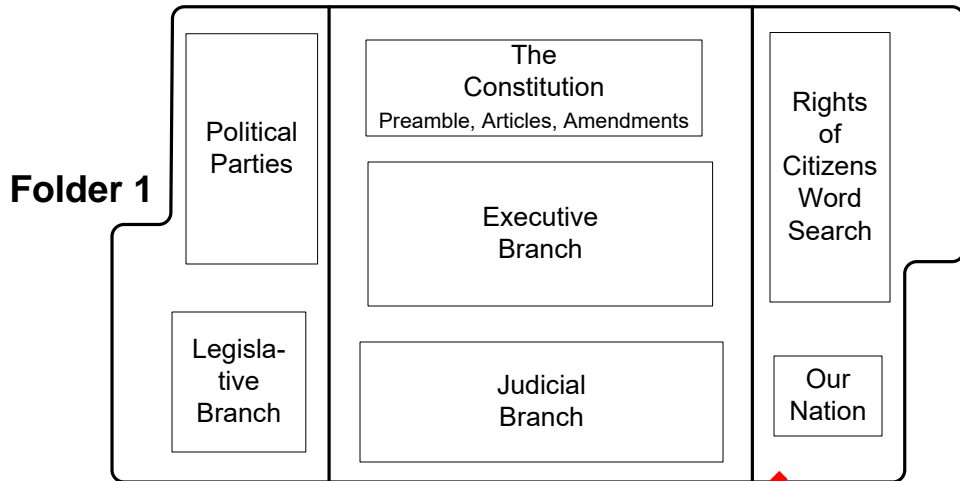


Photo of a completed lapbook base



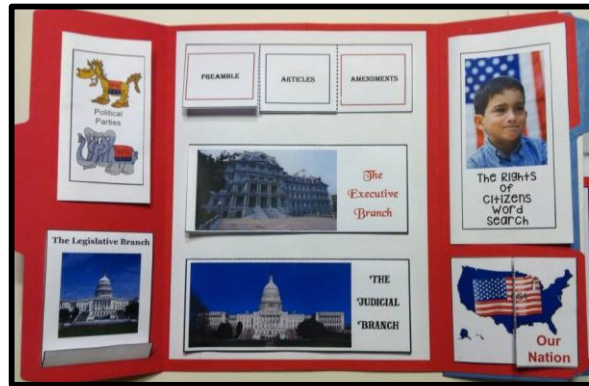
Layout of booklets in each folder



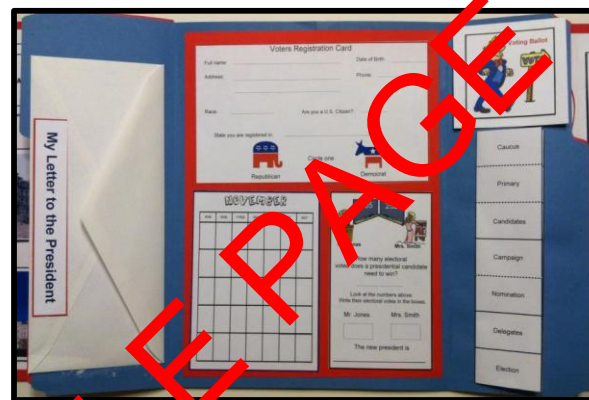
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Use photos to help with lapbook assembly

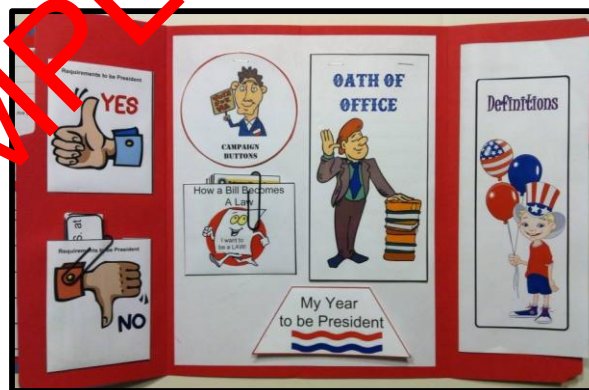
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Folder 2



Folder 3



Entire Lapbook



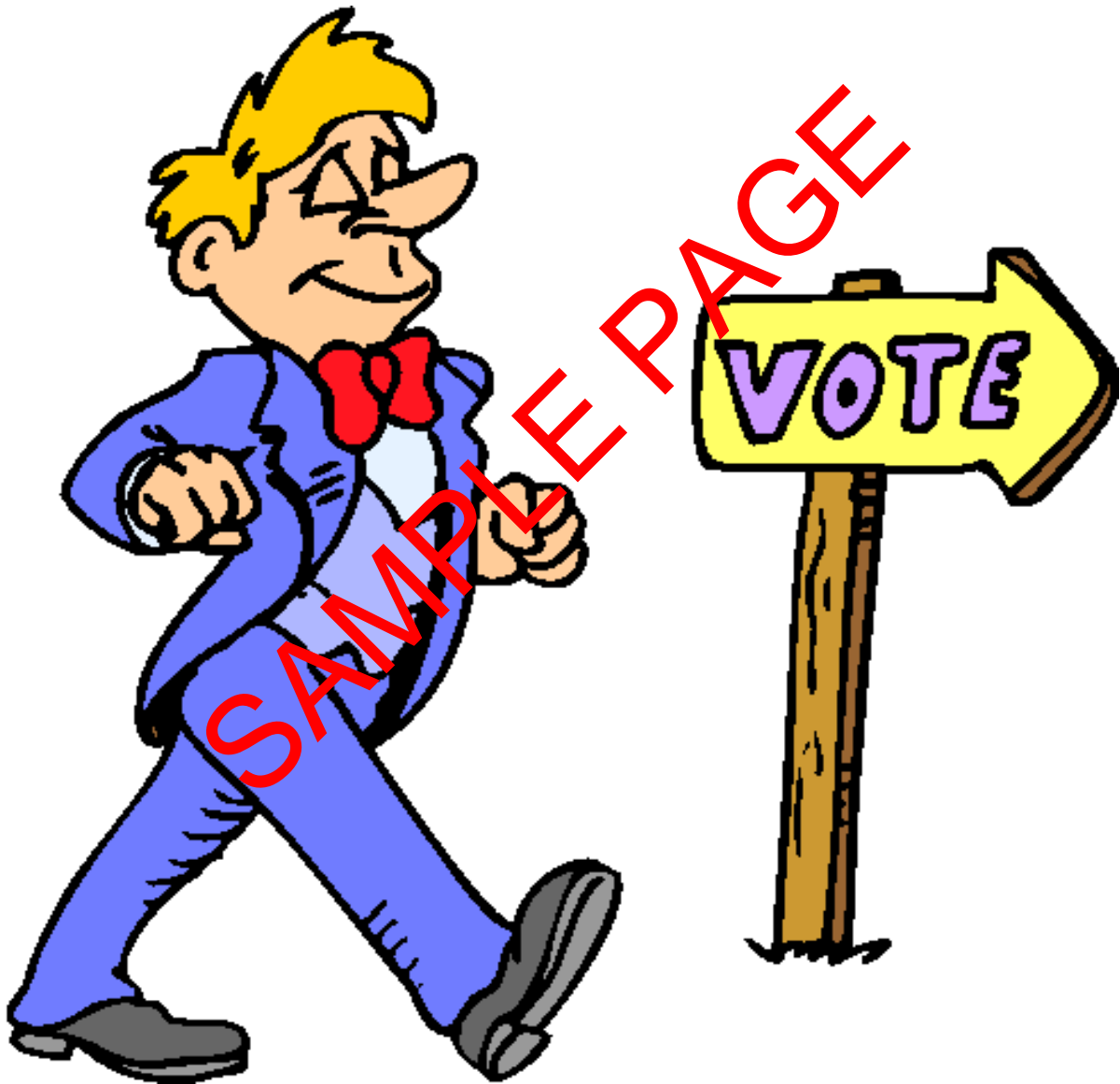


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Grades 2-5 Lapbook



Name _____

Glue this page to front of closed lapbook

Requirements to be President

The president has two roles. One role is **Chief Executive of the Federal Government**. The other role is **Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces**. These roles are assigned to the President by the Constitution of the United States. So, what is the President's job as Commander in Chief? First, the President can make the decision as to when our soldiers will go to war. The other is regarding the use of nuclear weapons.

As Chief Executive of the Federal Government, the President makes sure that treaties with other countries are followed properly. He makes sure that our country's laws are followed. He deals with the national budget. He can let people out of prison. The President works alongside Congress, meets with heads of foreign nations, has parties and dinners at the White House with foreign guests, and develops agreements with other countries. A President can only serve two terms in office.

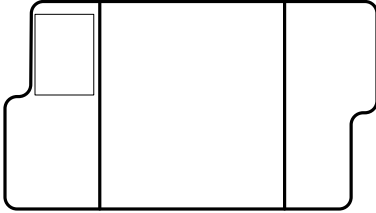
When someone first becomes President, he gives a speech to let everyone know the condition of the nation. This is called The State of the Union Address. Next time there is a Presidential election, watch the State of the Union Address to hear the President's opinion of how good or bad our country is doing and what he plans to do for the next year. Don't want to wait that long? Well, the President gives this speech once a year around the beginning of the new year when Congress meets. So catch it then!

The job of the President is a very big job. Not just anyone can become President. There are a few requirements that have to be met before you can even think about running for President.

They are:

- *must be at least 35 years old**
- *must be a natural born U.S. citizen**
- *must have lived in the U.S. for 14 years**


Folder 3



Read **Requirements To Be President.**

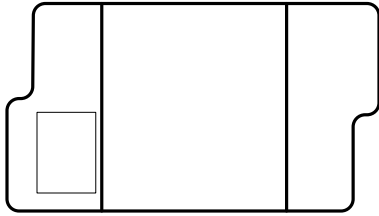
Cut out each piece on this page and the next two pages. Set slips aside. To make pockets- Fold bottom part back and then fold side parts back. Glue sides down. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Take your slips and read each one. If it is a requirement to be President, put the slip in the YES pocket. If not, put it in the NO pocket.

	<p>Requirements to be President</p> 	

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Folder 3



Requirements to be President



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Must be at least 35 years old

Must be married

Must be a natural
born U.S. citizen

Must never have been to
another country

Must be a man

Must have served in the
Armed Forces.

Must not have children

Must have lived in the U.S. at
least 14 years

Campaign Buttons

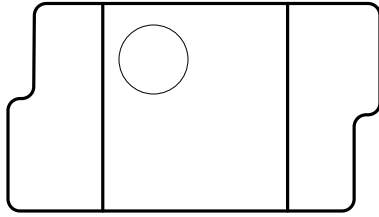
Campaign buttons are really fun! The first campaign button was worn by George Washington in 1789. Washington's campaign button read "G.W.- Long Live the President." This motto was modeled after the phrase "Long live the King."

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln placed his picture on a button stating that he was running for president. For the first time, people hundreds of miles away could see what a candidate looked like. The "buttons" were not what we think of as a button today. These buttons were a small round ring with a tintype picture and a hole for a ribbon to hang.

Look through the newspaper or online (with a parent's permission) about an upcoming election. Who do you want to win the election? When you have decided, you will create a campaign button to show your support. This will be the next booklet in your lapbook.



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Read **Campaign Buttons**.

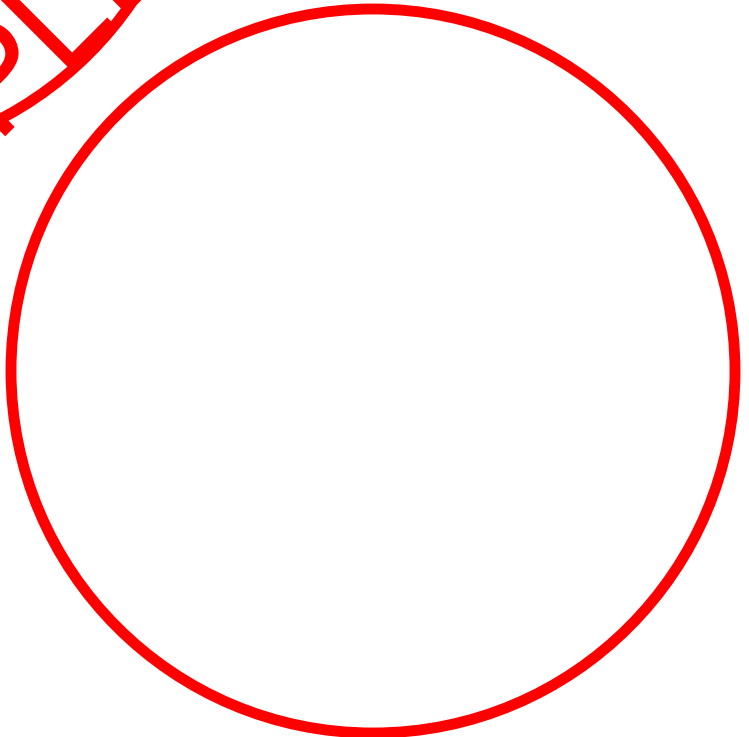
Cut out the circles. Stack with title on top. Staple at the top. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Design a campaign button in the circle.

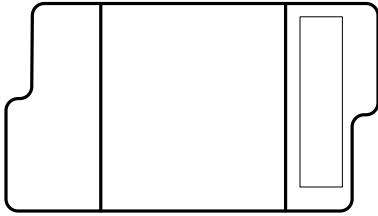


**CAMPAIGN
BUTTONS**

SAMPLER PAGE



Folder 3



Cut out the booklet on the next page. Hotdog fold in half. Cut out the cover label below and glue it on to the front of the closed booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: See if you can do the matches! Answer key in back.

Definitions

SAMPLE PAGE

cover



DEFINITIONS MATCHING

Bill	_____	A). A system of government where people elect others to make laws and to lead the country
U.S. Capital	_____	B). Located in Washington D.C., it is the location of the leaders of government
Citizen	_____	C). Ideas for new laws and changes to old laws.
White House	_____	D). Rules that the U.S. Congress makes and the president agrees to
United States Constitution	_____	E). The leader of the executive branch of the government, the commander and chief of the army, navy and air force
President	_____	F). The building in which the president and his family live
Laws	_____	G). Is made up of the rules that create the U.S. government
Democracy	_____	H). Someone who lives in a city or town and has the right to be protected by the government of that city or town.

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