



Grades 1-4

Exploring American Indians

Learning Lapbook with Study Guide



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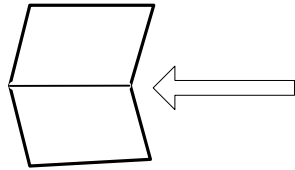
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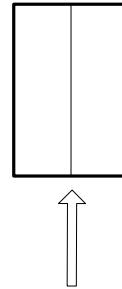
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Keep in mind that children of the same age can have very different academic and motor skills. Some children may have trouble writing in some of the smaller spaces of this lapbook. If this describes your child, we encourage you to let your child dictate 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



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 2-folder lapbook takes 2- 3 weeks 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

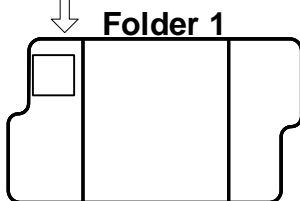
(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)

We recommend using Zip Dry Glue or Elmer's Extreme.

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished both folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice #2 -Glue both 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?

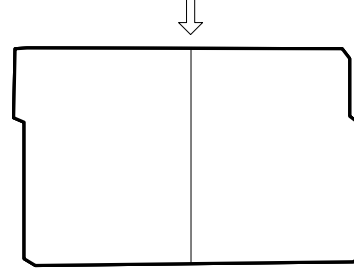


This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

Folding a Lapbook Base

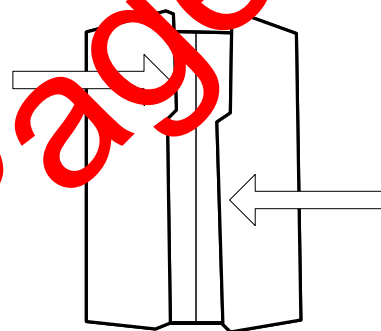
Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.

Original fold line



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.*

Highest part of flap.



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.

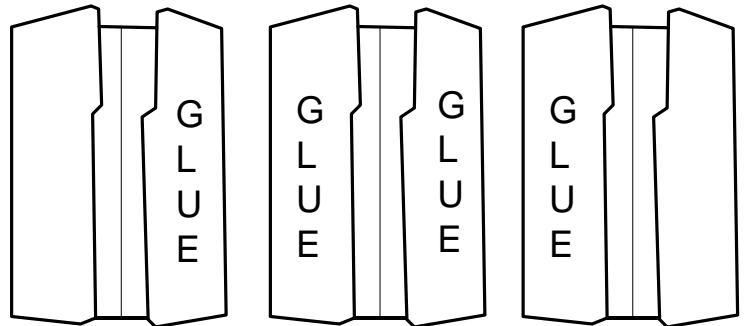
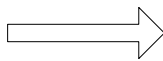
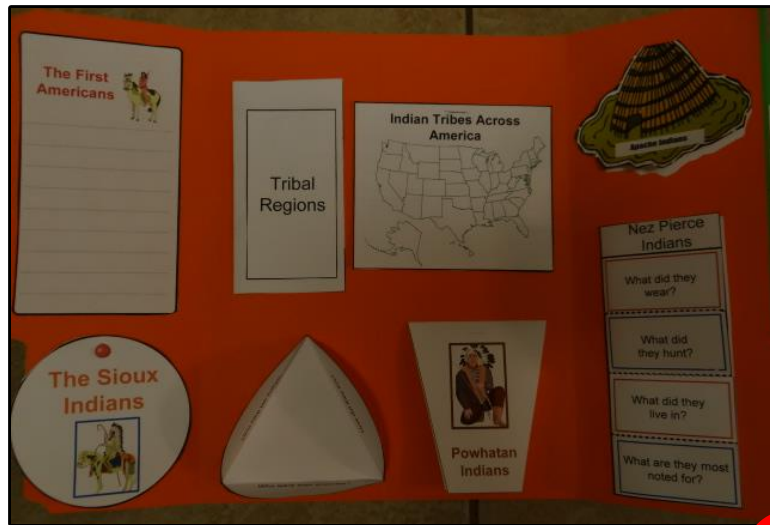


Photo of a completed lapbook base

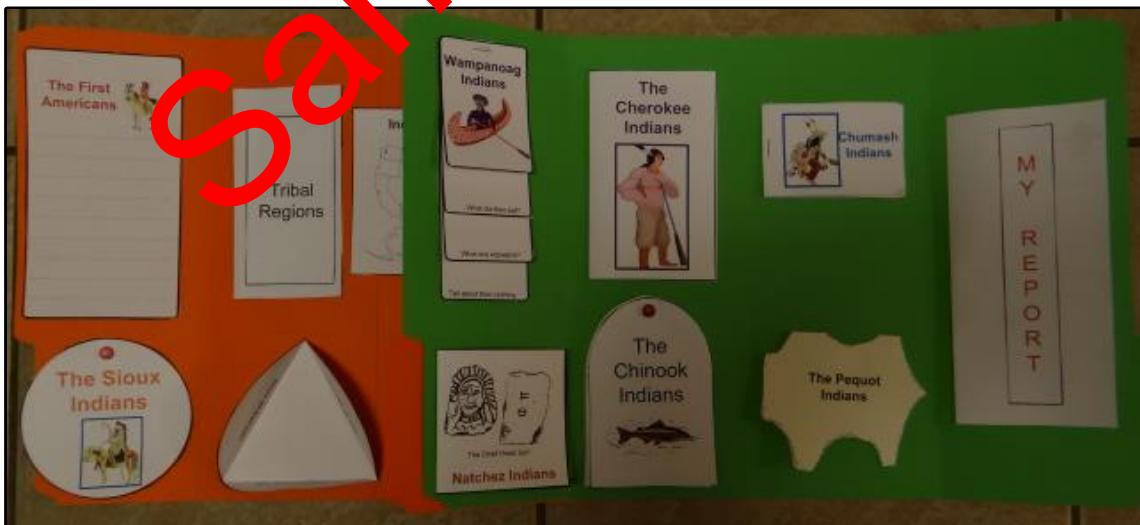
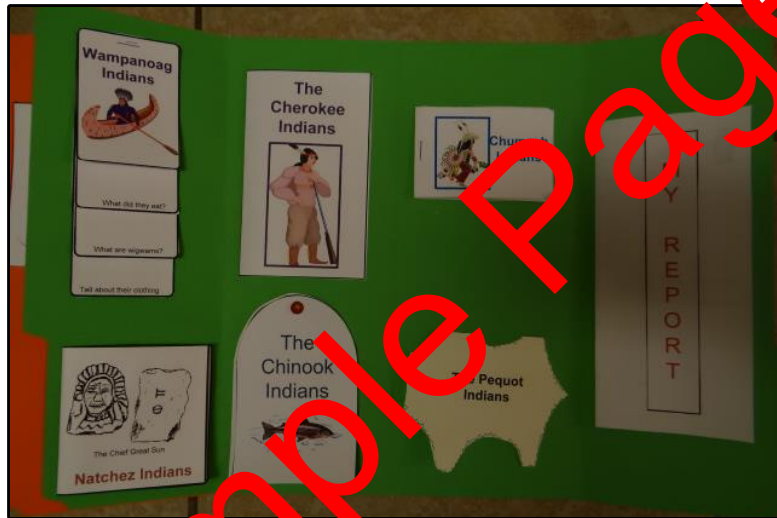


Exploring American Indians Lapbook

Folder 1

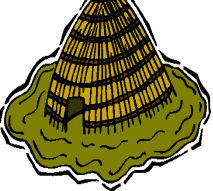


Folder 2



Entire Lapbook

Folder 1

First Americans	Tribal Regions	Tribes Across America	Apache 
Sioux	Caddo	Powhatan	Nez Percé

Folder 2

Wampanoag	Cherokee	Chumash	My Report
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Sample Page

Exploring American Indians

Lapbook



Name _____

Glue this page to front of closed lapbook

The First Americans

Many people claim that Christopher Columbus “discovered” America. The Native American Indians were around long before any of the explorers landed on the North American continent. American Indians varied considerably from region to region, as did their reactions to European settlements. Indian families lived in tribes. Each family was dependent on the other for survival. They lived by the customs and practices of their ancestors and used the land only as they needed it, believing it was sacred.

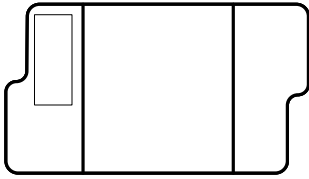
Around the 1500's, European explorers began to explore inland of the new found continent. They often were peaceful toward the Indians, but many times they were fearful and killed them. The new white man brought many new things to the Indians, such as cooper, iron, metal for weapons, and new foods and plants. They also brought new diseases and war.

In 1776, the United States became a country. The Europeans no longer felt like a visitor to this land. They wanted to own all of it. There were more and more people coming over and more land was needed for their expansion. The military began taking what it wanted and began forcing the Indian tribes into extinction. Out of fear of the Indians, the Europeans tried to force the Indians to be like them, to be Christians, and to speak English.

Most Indians were forced from their homeland onto reservations. Often they were forced to walk hundreds of miles and were given very little food or clothing for the journey. Many Indians died while on the way to their new homes. The United States government began dividing the country during its expansion. Indians on reservations were given small plots of land. The rest of their land was taken over by settlers. This is why few tribes are left today.



Folder 1



Read **The First Americans**.

Cut out the booklet and glue into lapbook.

Directions: On the booklet, write what you have learned.

The First Americans



Sample Page

Tribal Regions of North America

The Indians of North America were scattered all over the North American continent. To help identify the different Native American tribes, symbols were assigned to seven different regions of the United States. The symbols are used as guides to help people understand where the tribes are located.

All little bit about each region

The Northwest is warm, wet, and cool. California and the Southwest are very hot and dry all year round. The basin has hot deserts and bitter cold winters in some parts. Warm summers and a good rainfall are found in the Northeast. Heavy snow and dry summers abound in the Plains. The Southeast has mild winters, hot summers, and an abundance of rain.

Place a star in the region that you live in

