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# Davy Crockett



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# Introduction

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Davy Crockett was every kid's hero when I was a child—after all, he was “King of the Wild Frontier.” These days, history is skipping over quite a few of our heroes, and they are slowly fading away. However, Davy Crockett is one of those patriots that we need to remember and share with our children. He was a brave pioneer, a husband and father, a patriot, a man of integrity, and a congressman. He loved to take a stand for the “common man.” Children can learn some valuable lessons from his life.

While there are many tall tales about this legendary hero, he shared many truths and had some amazing adventures during his life. From being an expert bear hunter to knowing how to find his way across the frontier of this new country, Davy Crockett has plenty of interesting stories for this new generation of children, and this unit study/lapbook will help them enjoy the learning adventure.

Children can learn so much from people in history, and Davy Crockett is an excellent example. One of the themes of the Download N Go™ series focuses on biographies of people who played key roles in history. Davy Crockett is the next title in the biography theme of Download N Go™, following right behind Davy Crockett, and we are excited to introduce this new title.

As you begin Davy Crockett, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about a great American patriot and leader. Your child will investigate who he was and how he spent his life helping America expand its borders, as well as representing the state of Tennessee in Congress. Each day your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his Davy Crockett lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With the new Download N Go™ unit studies, you are beginning a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Come along and join the adventure as we explore the life and lessons of Davy Crockett!!



**Notes to parents:** Remember that Internet site content can change overnight – please check the sites that you plan to use before your child uses them in the study. Some of the videos in this study are hosted by YouTube and include Google ads that cannot be completely avoided. These ads can be hidden by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner of the ad banner.



To conserve printer ink, please note that most printers have a variety of printing options (draft mode, economy mode, grayscale, black and white, etc.) which may reduce your ink usage. Refer to [this guide](#) for assistance in exploring your printer's options.

# Daily Objectives

## Day 1: Who Was Davy Crockett?

1. What do you know about Davy Crockett?
2. Where was he born and raised?
3. Legends of Davy Crockett—truth or tall tale?
4. What kind of education did Davy Crockett have?

## Day 2: People and Places in Davy Crockett's Life

1. What do we know about his time in Tennessee?
2. Why did he go to Washington, D.C.?
3. What do we know about his family?
4. Why did his last adventure take him to Texas?

## Day 3: Science Secrets of the Frontier

1. Why was salt so important to frontier settlers?
2. What kind of weapon did Davy depend on in his travels?
3. How did Davy Crockett find his way through the countryside?
4. What kind of clothes and gear did he need for survival?

## Day 4: Lessons to Learn From Davy Crockett

1. What are some good character traits of Davy Crockett?
2. Did he stand up for what he believed in?
3. What saying did Davy Crockett make memorable?
4. Would you say that he was a patriot?

## Day 5: Remembering Davy Crockett

1. Where did he take his last stand?
2. What did he do to help his country?
3. Did he lead by example?
4. Do you think that he lived his life in such a way that we would remember his service and courage?

# Day 3

## Science Secrets of the Frontier

It is fun to be able to see places that Davy Crockett lived and hear about some of the things that happened there. Today, take a few minutes to watch this video about a celebration at one of Davy's home places.

Video: [Davy Crockett Days](#)



Davy Crockett and his family lived on the frontier of the new country called the United States. They had to make do with what they could find on the land, and hunted and grew crops to feed their family.

Life on the frontier was not easy, but the pioneers loved the freedom and the open spaces. They had to do things differently than we do these days. While we cook on a stove or in the microwave, where do you think pioneers did their cooking? *Write your answer below.*

[Pioneer Cooking](#)

Draw a picture of where they cooked:



What types of food did pioneers eat? *Let's add those to the [lapbook](#).*

Salt is easy for you to find these days, isn't it? There are salt shakers on the table in most kitchens. However, back in the days of Davy Crockett and early pioneers, salt was hard to find, and it was very important to the pioneers for one special reason. Why did they need salt? *Write your answer below.*

[Pioneer Food](#)

[How Food Preservation Works](#)