

American Girl: Meet Kirsten Lapbook



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Grade – Also can
be adjusted for
higher grades

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How do I get started?

First, you will want to gather your supplies. Depending on which format you purchased from us, you will need different supplies. So, take what applies, and skip over the rest.

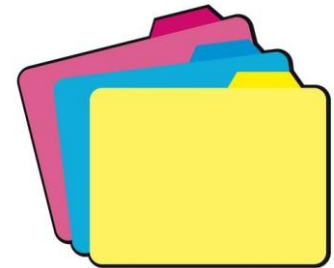
*** Printing:

*Print instructions and study guide on white copy paper.



*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper or 110# cardstock.

For some booklets, we have suggested specific colors or cardstock. You may choose to use those suggested colors, or you may choose to print on any color that you like.



*** Assembly:



***Folders:** We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need between 2 and 4 file folders, depending on which product you have purchased. You may use manilla folders if you prefer, but we have found that children respond better with the brightly colored folders. Don't worry about the tabs...they aren't important. If you prefer, you can purchase the assembled lapbook bases from our website.



***Glue:** For the folder assembly, we use hot glue. For booklet assembly, we use glue sticks and sometimes hot glue, depending on the specific booklet. We have found that bottle glue stays wet for too long, so it's not a great choice for lapbooking.



***Other Supplies:** Of course, you will need scissors. Many booklets require additional supplies. Some of these include metal brad fasteners, paper clips, ribbon, yarn, staples, hole puncher, etc. You may want to add decorations of your own, including stickers, buttons, coloring pages, cut-out clipart, etc. The most important thing is to use your imagination! Make it your own!!



Ok. I've gathered the supplies. Now how do I use this product?

Inside, you will find several sections. They are as follows:

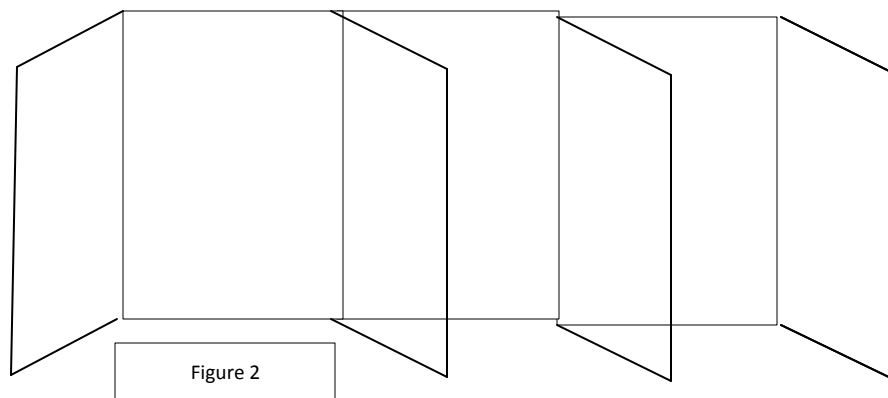
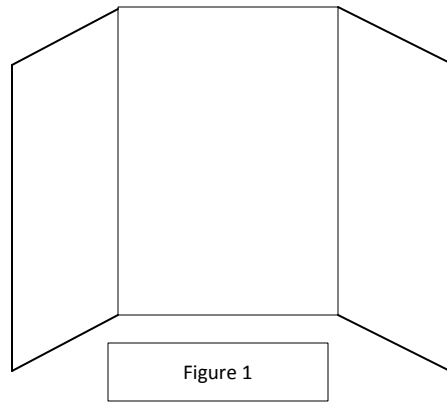
1. **Lapbook Assembly Guide:** This section gives instructions and diagrams will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and where to glue each booklet into the base. Depending on the student's age, he or she may need assistance with this process, especially if you choose to allow the student to use hot glue.

2. **Student Instruction Guide:** This section is written directly to the student, in language that he or she can understand. However, depending on the age of the child, there may be some parent/teacher assistance needed. This section will also tell the student exactly what should be written inside each booklet as he or she comes to it during the study, as well as telling the student which folder each booklet will be glued into.

4. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes ALL of the templates for the booklets. These have been printed on colors that will help to improve retention of the information presented, according to scientific research on color psychology.

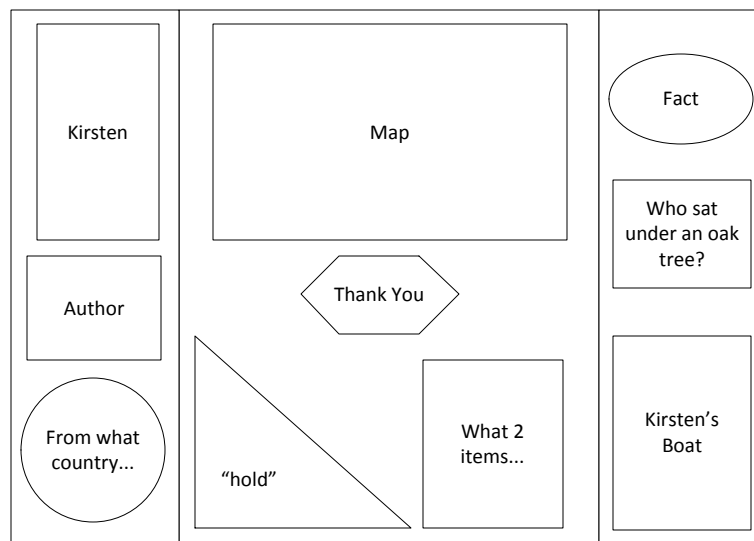
5. **Teacher/Study Guide:** This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher. In this section, you will find the page number where each answer may be found in the book. You will also find suggestions of extra activities that you may want to use with your student.

You will need 3 folders of any color. Take each one and fold both sides toward the original middle fold and make firm creases on these folds (Figure 1). Then glue (and staple if needed) the backs of the small flaps together (Figure 2).

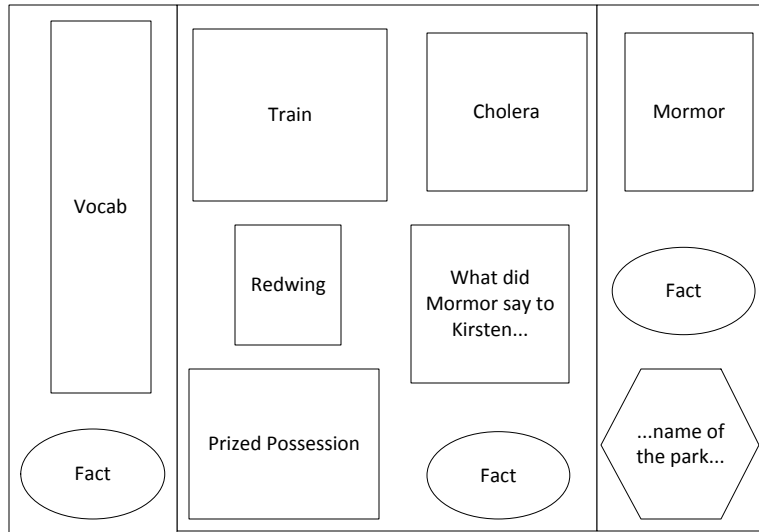


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

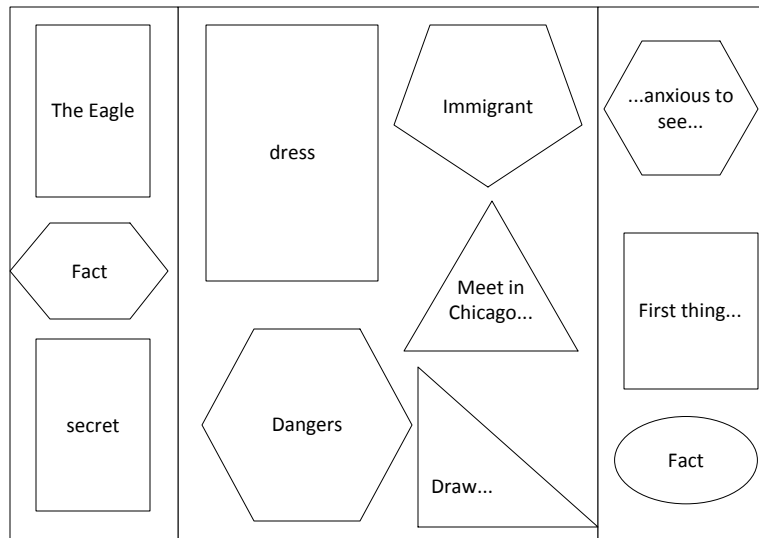
Inside of 1st Folder:



Inside of 2nd Folder:



Inside of 3rd Folder:

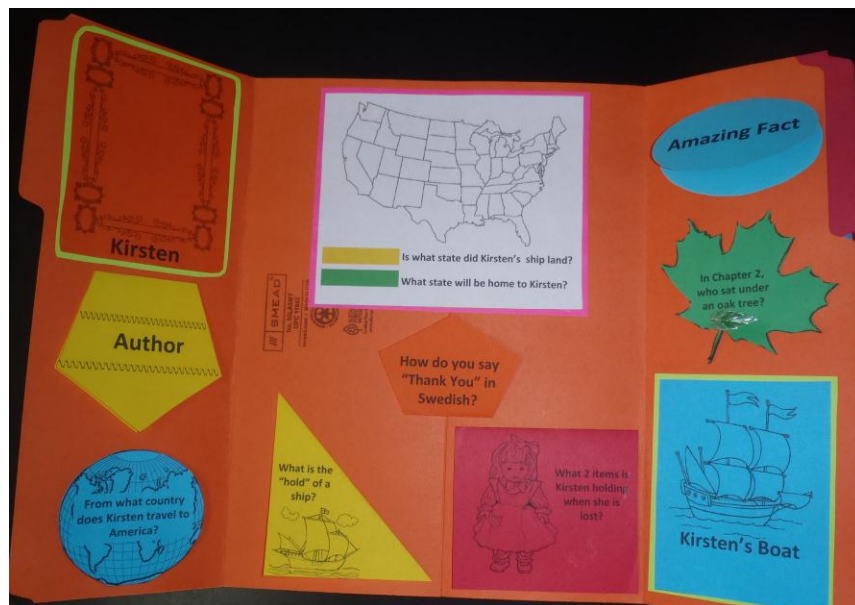


Below you will find pictures of a completed lapbook. This should help in figuring out how to assemble the booklets and then how to put it all together!

Also, there is a page of close-up pictures of some of the booklets that may be a little more confusing to assemble. These pictures should help.



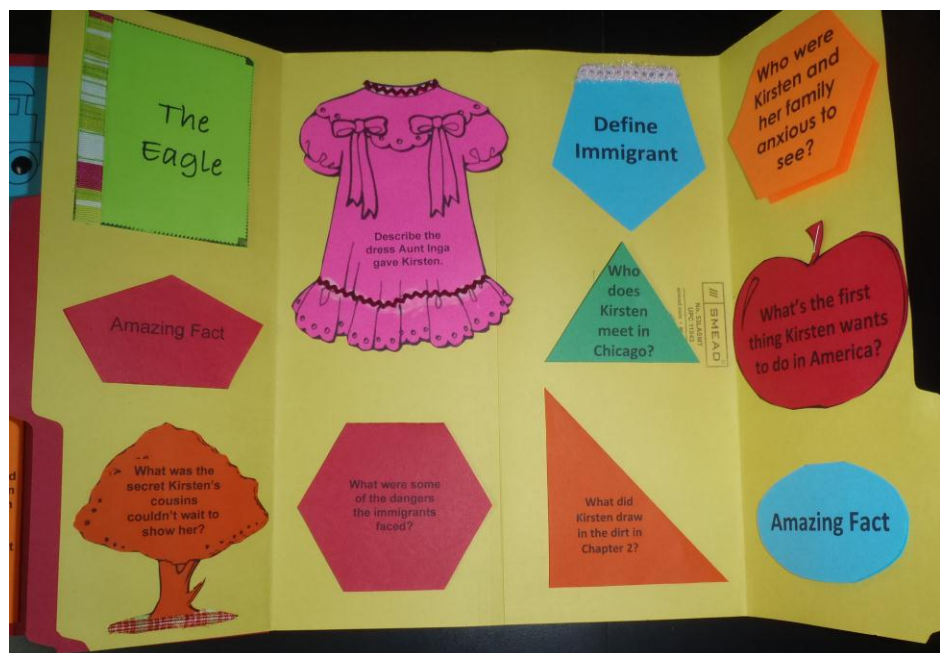
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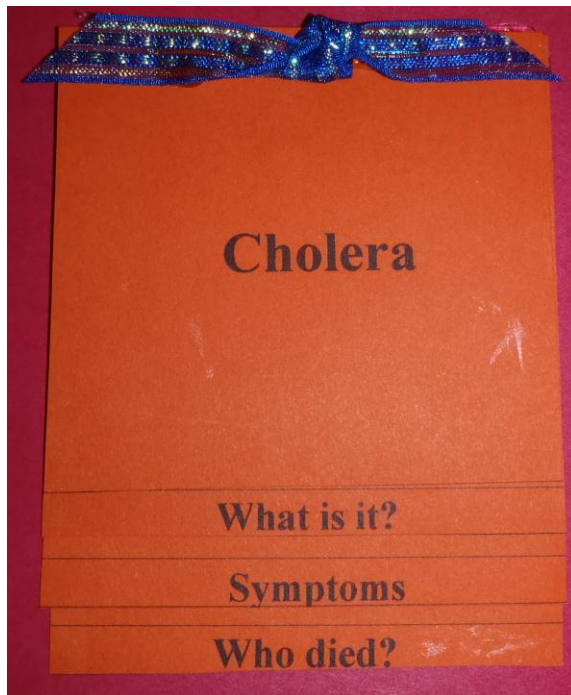
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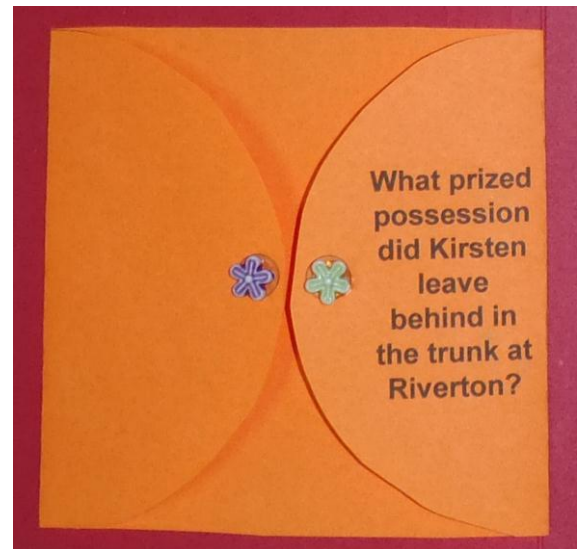
Folder #3



Booklet #18



Booklet #20



Booklet #26
Outside



Booklet #26
Inside



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Student Instruction Guide

INTRODUCTION:

Booklet #1

***Booklet Title:** Kirsten Frame Booklet

***Student Instructions:** Inside this frame, draw a picture of Kirsten.

***Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1** (See Layout)

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges. Then glue to a larger piece of paper of a different color. Trim around the edges, creating a small border.

Booklet #2

***Booklet Title:** Author Booklet

***Student Instructions:** Do you know the name of the author of this book? Tell what you have learned about this author.

***Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1** (See Layout)

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges. Fold so that the title is on the front.

CHAPTER 1:

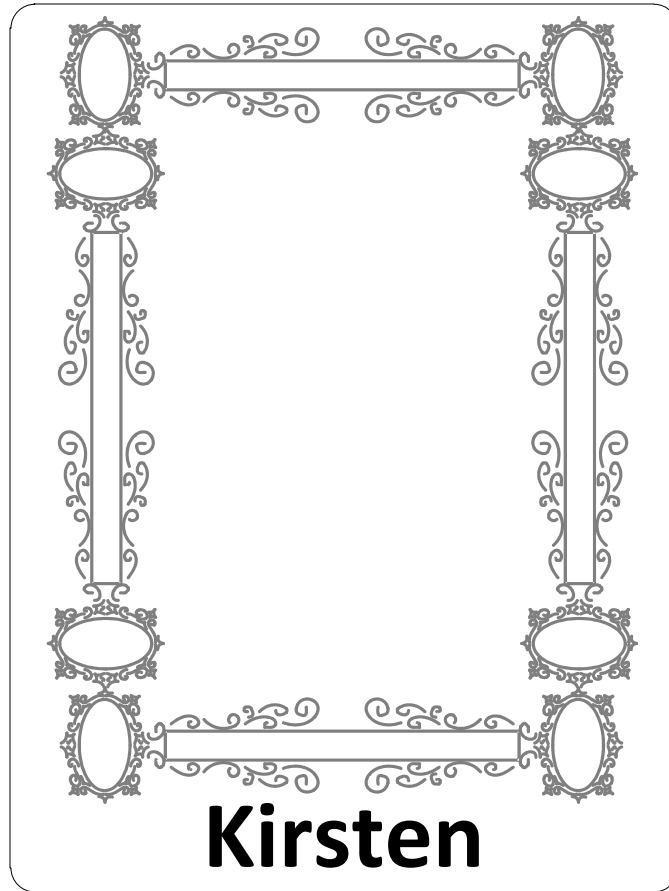
Booklet #3

***Booklet Title:** Kirsten's Booklet

***Student Instructions:** Color the boat any way you would like. Then write the name of Kirsten's boat underneath the boat.

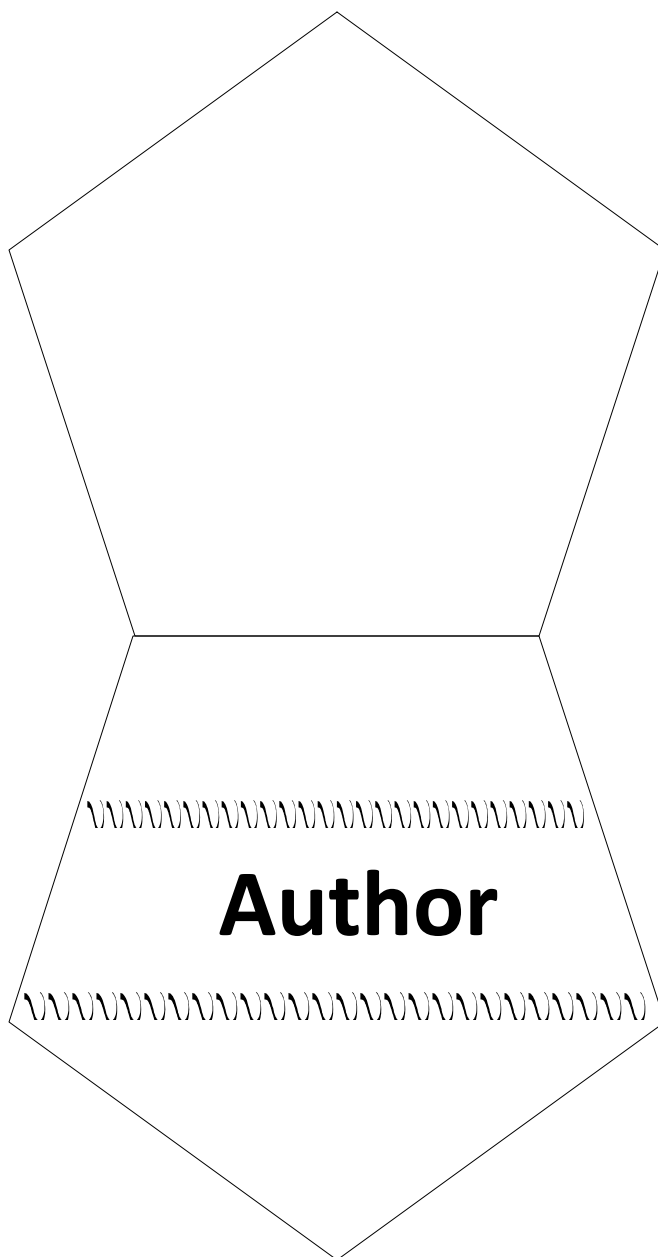
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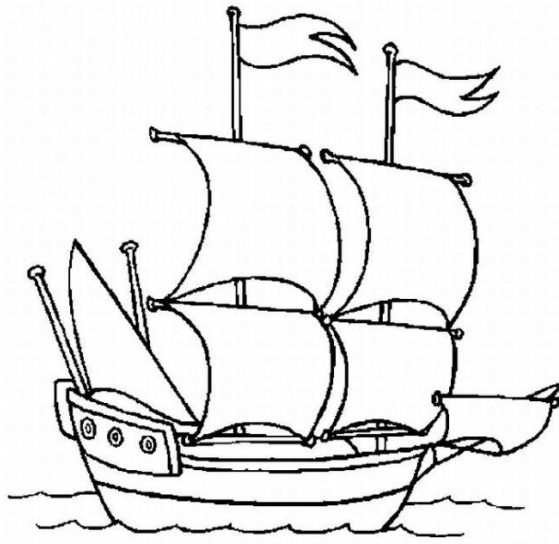
****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges. Then glue to a larger piece of paper of a different color. Trim around the edges, creating a small border.



Booklet #1

Suggestion: Print booklet on a light color of paper.





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Teacher's Guide

Answers to booklet questions follow. They are divided up by chapter. In some sections, I've included links that may be helpful as well.

INTRODUCTION:

Booklet #1

***Booklet Title:** Kirsten Frame Booklet

***Allow student to draw a picture of Kirsten. Here are some links if you want to provide them with something to look at. Also, you may choose to print out one of these pictures and allow them to glue them into the frame.**

http://andswedding.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/kirsten_american_girl.gif?w=227&h=220

<http://flareandglare.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/300px-kirstendollface1.jpg>

http://images1.wikia.nocookie.net/__cb20090331021520/americangirl/images/thumb/e/e8/Meetkirsten.jpg/300px-Meetkirsten.jpg

Booklet #2

***Booklet Title:** Author Booklet

***The author of this book is Janet Beeler Shaw. Here is a link with more information about her:**

<http://www.amazon.com/Janet-Beeler-Shaw/e/B001K8CX0G>

CHAPTER 1:

Booklet #3

***Booklet Title:** Kirsten's Boat Booklet

***Allow the student to write the name of the boat under the picture. The boat was called The Eagle.**

Booklet #4

***Booklet Title:** "What's the first thing Kirsten wants to do in America" Booklet

***Answer: pick and apple and cherries, get fresh bread**

Booklet #5

***Booklet Title:** "Hold" of the ship Booklet

***Answer: under the deck**

Here is a link to more information: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hold_\(ship\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hold_(ship))

Booklet #6

***Booklet Title:** USA Map Booklet

***Answer: They landed in New York. Home would be Minnesota.**

Booklet #7

***Booklet Title:** "From what country..." Booklet

***Answer: Sweden**

Here is a link to more information about Sweden: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweden>