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Creatures of the African Savannah Lapbook



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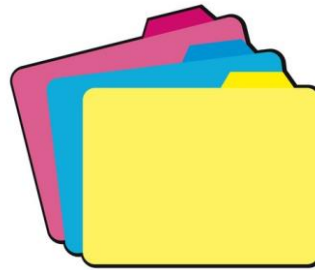
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How do I get started?

First, you will want to gather your supplies.



*** Assembly:

***Folders:** We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need between 1 and 4 file folders, depending on which product you have purchased. You may use manila 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. Within this product, you will be given easy, step-by-step instructions for how to fold and assemble these folders. *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. For gluing the folders together, we suggest using hot glue, but **ONLY** with adult supervision. These things get **SUPER** hot, and can cause **SEVERE** burns within seconds.



***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. Sometimes, we even use scrapbooking supplies. 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?

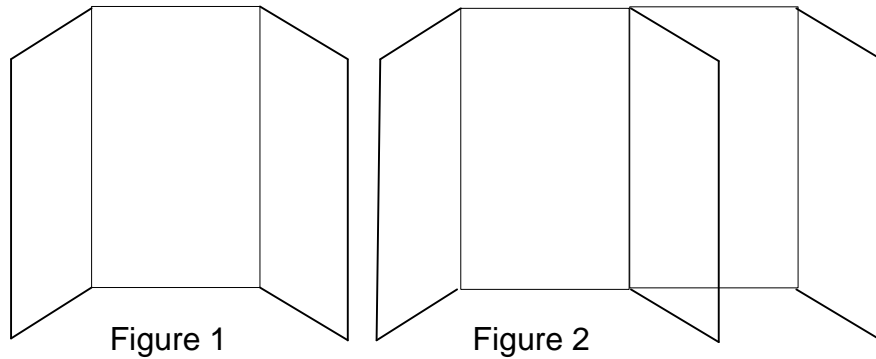
Inside, you will find several sections. They are as follows:

- 1. Layout and Pictures:** This section gives instructions and diagrams that 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Study Guide:** This section includes information about the topic. You may choose to teach from this section OR let your child read it for himself. EVERYTHING needed for answering the questions within this product is included in this Study Guide. There are also links to suggested resources for optional further study.

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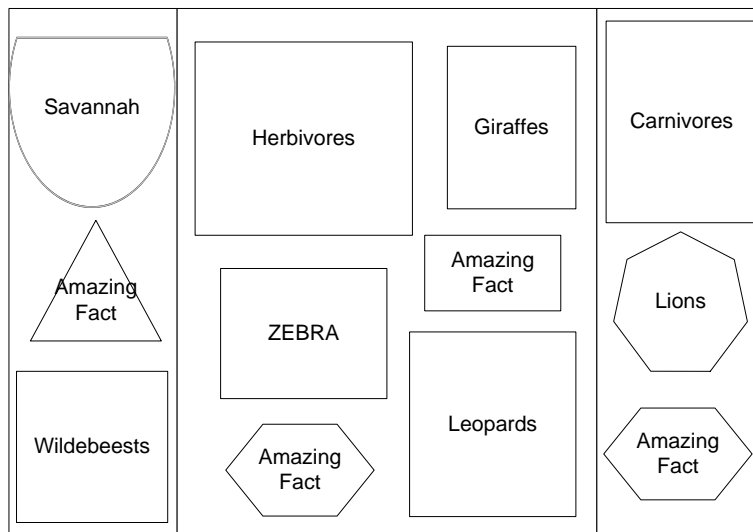
Base Assembly & Layout Guide

You will need 2 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).

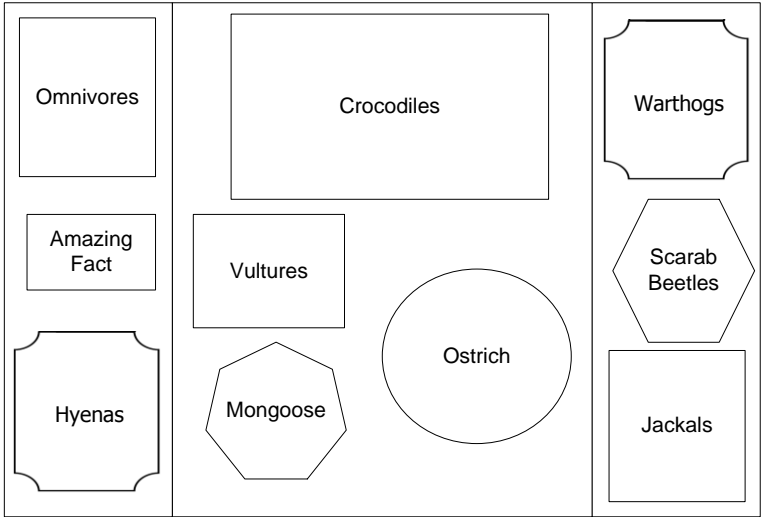


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

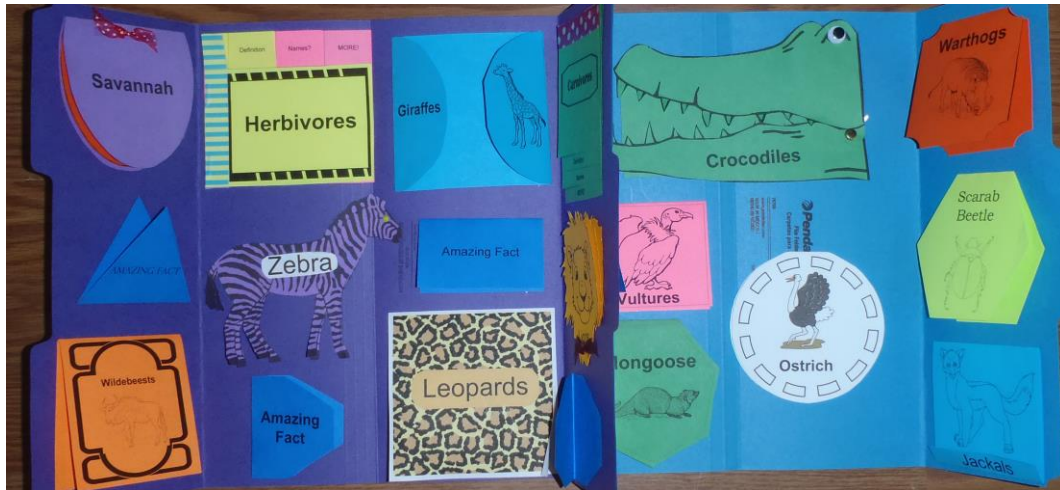
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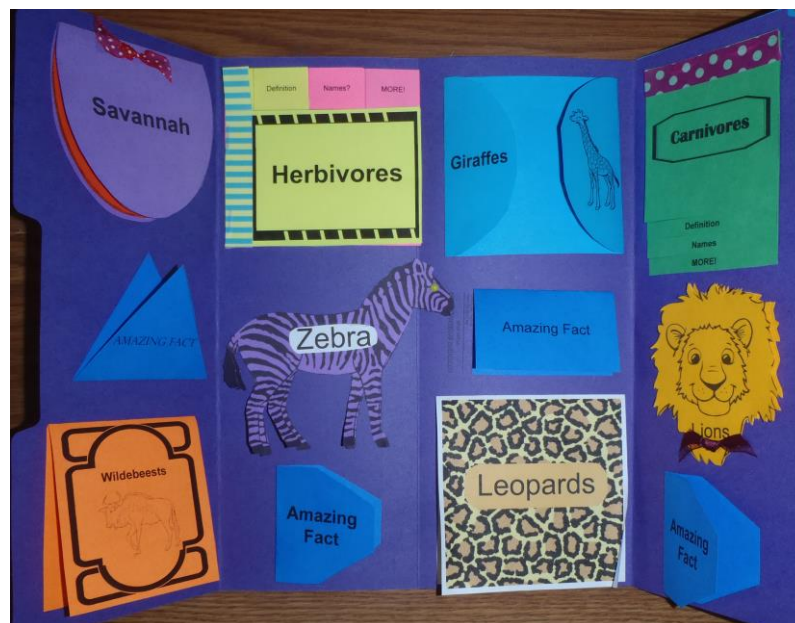
Inside of 2nd Folder:



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

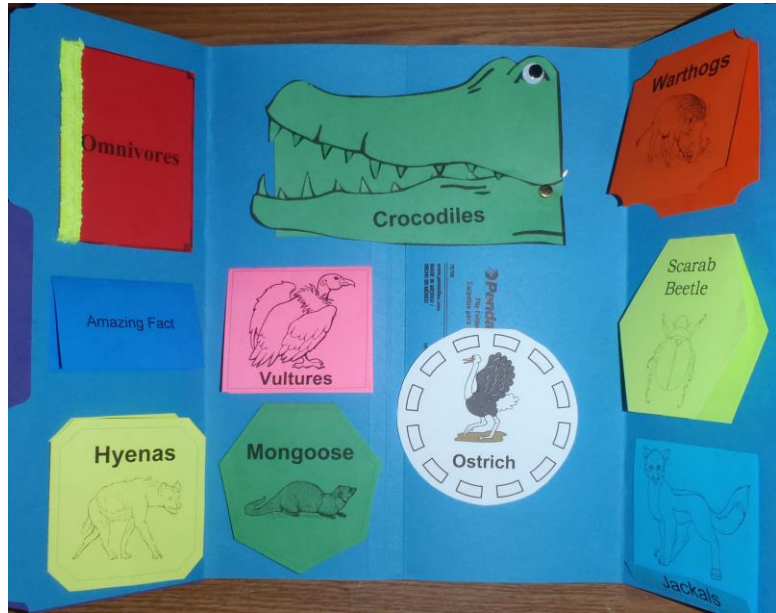


Completed Lapbook



1st Folder

2nd Folder



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Lapbook

Student Instruction Guide

Booklet #1: Savannah

Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of the booklet and the extra pages. Fold the booklet along the center lines so that the title is on the front. Place the extra pages inside. Secure at the top with a staple. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Inside this booklet, tell what you have learned about a savannah. Describe it and its location.

Booklet #2: Herbivores

Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack the pages so that the title is on the front and the tabs get longer toward the back. Secure along the left side with staples. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Some of the creatures found on the African savannah are called herbivores. How many can you name? You may also choose to draw or glue pictures inside the booklet.

Booklet #3: Giraffes


Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of the booklet. Fold along each line so that the title is on the front and the rounded edges almost meet. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Giraffes are very interesting creatures. Inside this booklet, tell what you have learned about them.





What is a Savannah?



Where is it located?



MORE!



	Definition

		Names?

			MORE!

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Study Guide by Melissa Boucher



What is a Savannah?

The tropical grasslands or savannah are the grasslands located closest to the equator, between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer. A savannah is broad and flat grassland terrain. It is hot there all year round. Although it is dry in the savannah for a good part of the year, there are times of torrential rain as well. These are called the dry season and the rainy season.

Many different grasses grow on the savannah. There are also a scattering of shrubs, trees and various cacti. Most plants of the grasslands are deep rooted and amazingly adapt themselves to fires, grazing and drought.

Use Your Knowledge: *In your own words, describe the tropical grasslands (savannah). Describe the climate and plants. What part of the world would you find a tropical savannah? On a world map or globe, locate the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. Which continents have tropical grasslands?*

What Type of Creatures Are Found On the African Savannah?

The African savannah is abundant with herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Creatures that eat only plants are called *herbivores*. Those that eat meat are *carnivores*. The creatures that eat both plants and meat are called *omnivores*. Among these three categories, living on the savannah, are found a variety of insects; burrowing animals; species that graze on various plants, trees and grasses; predatory carnivores that hunt or trap their food; and scavengers that clean up after the carnivores.

Use Your Knowledge: *In a few sentences, define herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. Which of these creatures are you likely to find on the African savannah?*

Who Are the Herbivores?

In the tropical grasslands, grass is the most common plant; however, on the African savannah, there are many types of shrubs and low-growing trees as well. This is all perfect food for the herbivore, the most abundant creature on the African savannah. These herbivores all eat different parts of the grass, so the savannah grasslands are able to feed many creatures.

Giraffes:



Giraffes are very interesting creatures that dine on tree leaves and shrubs, more than grass. Their long legs and necks allow them to reach leaves that may be close to 20 feet off the ground. Their height also allows them to spot predators sneaking up on them, giving them time to escape to safety. The giraffe also has strong lips for grasping tough branches. An 18-inch tongue allows the giraffe to pull off juicy leaves from their favorite, low-growing acacia tree, all while avoiding the sharp thorns. Even the ants, that live inside the thorns of the acacia tree and attack intruders with an irritable spray, do not deter the giraffes, as they are immune to the effects.