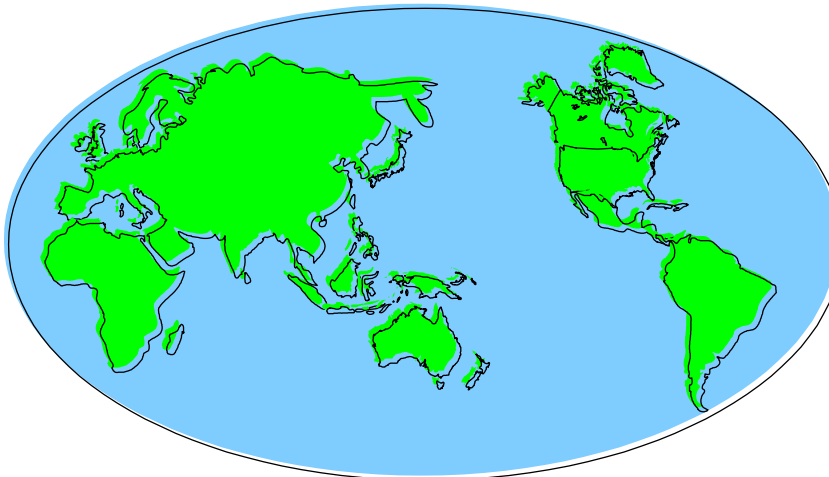


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# Country Study Lapbook



Use with ANY  
country and ANY  
age/grade level.

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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.

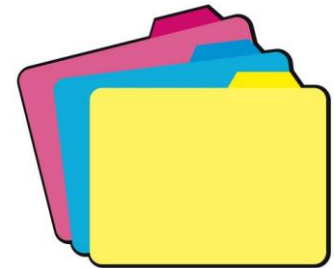
### \*\*\* Printing:

\*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!!

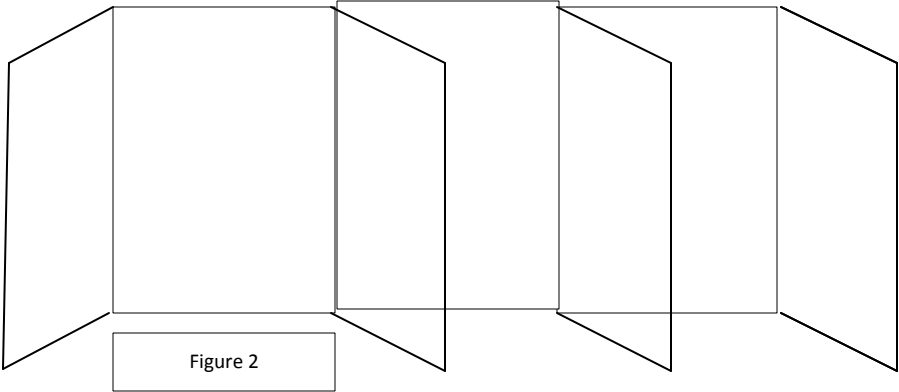
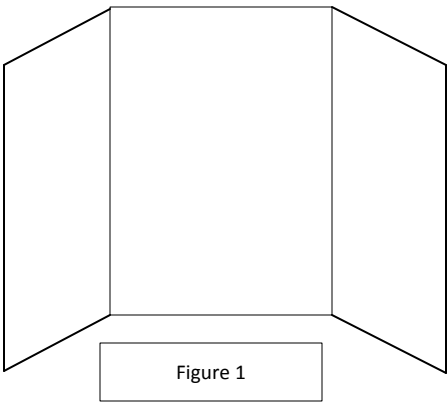


## **Ok. I've gathered the supplies. Now how do I use this product?**

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

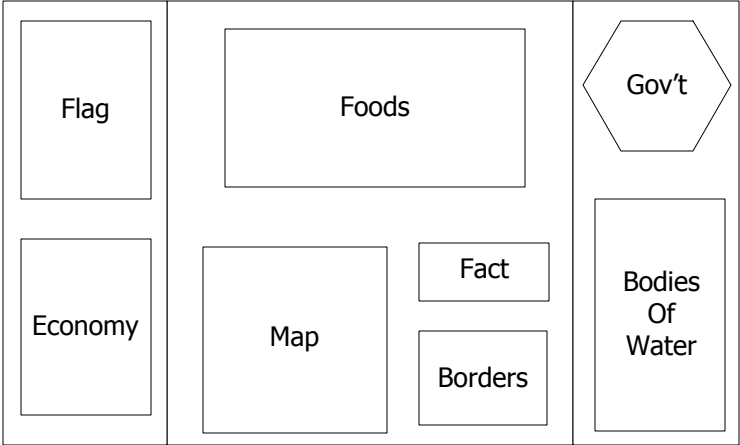
1. **Lapbook Assembly Guide:** This section gives instructions and diagrams will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and where to glue each booklet into the base. Depending on the student's age, he or she may need assistance with this process, especially if you choose to allow the 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. **Study Guide:** This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher. In this section, you will find a list of websites where you can find the information for teaching your student this topic.

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).

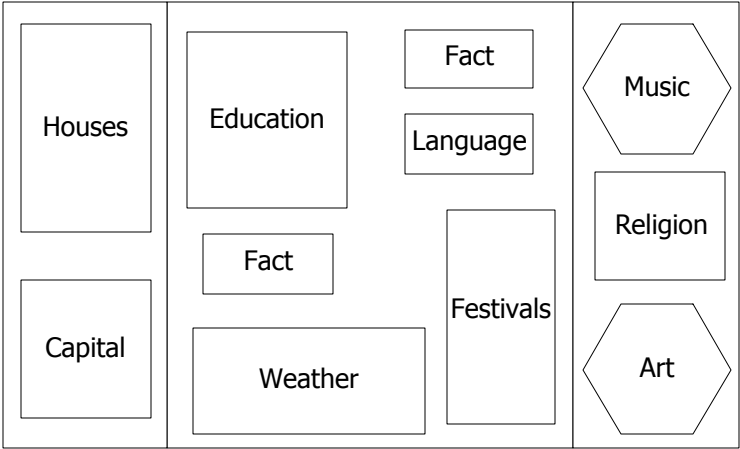


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

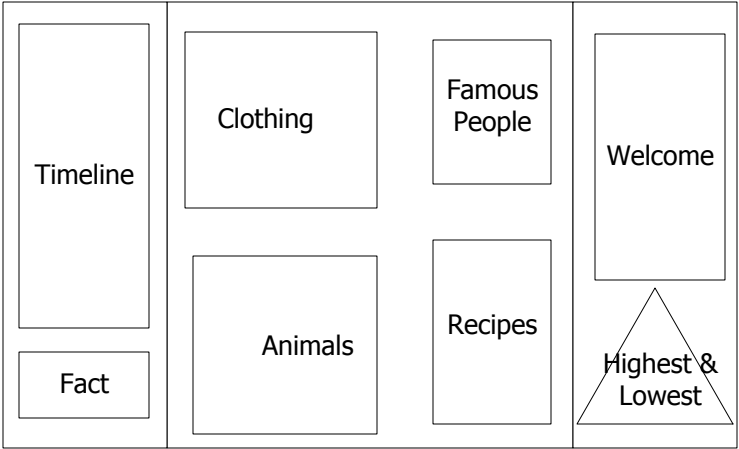
Inside of 1<sup>st</sup> Folder:



Inside of 2<sup>nd</sup> Folder:

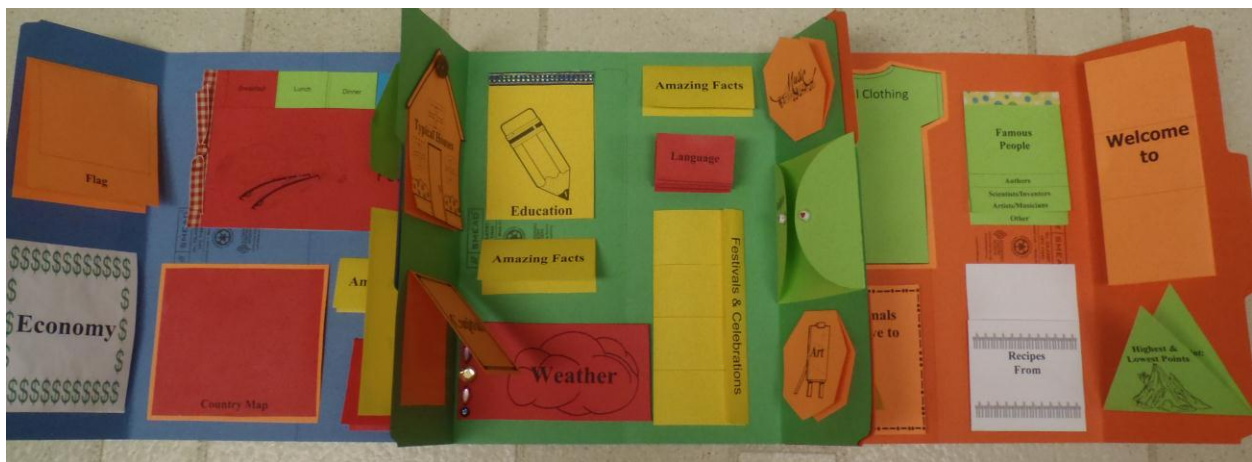


Inside of 3<sup>rd</sup> Folder:

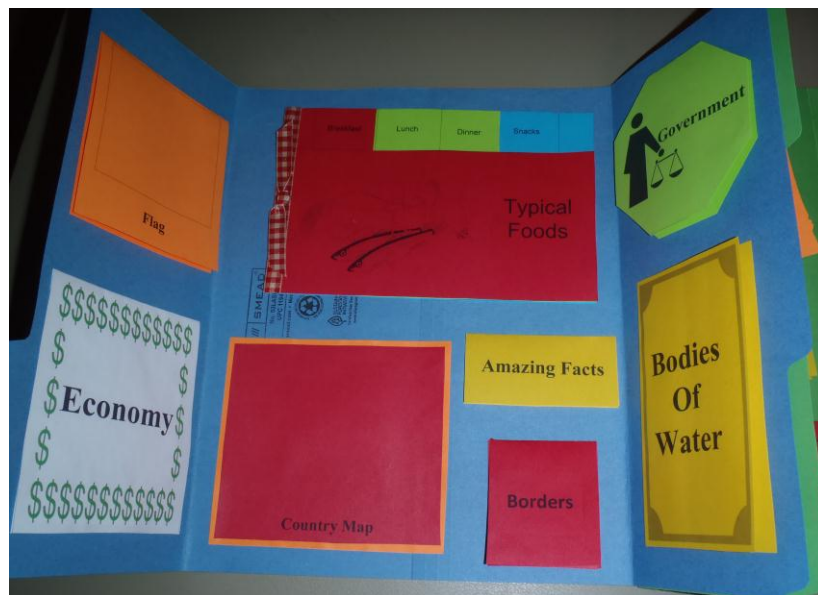


Below you will find pictures of a completed lapbook. This should help in figuring out how to assemble the booklets and then how to put it all together!

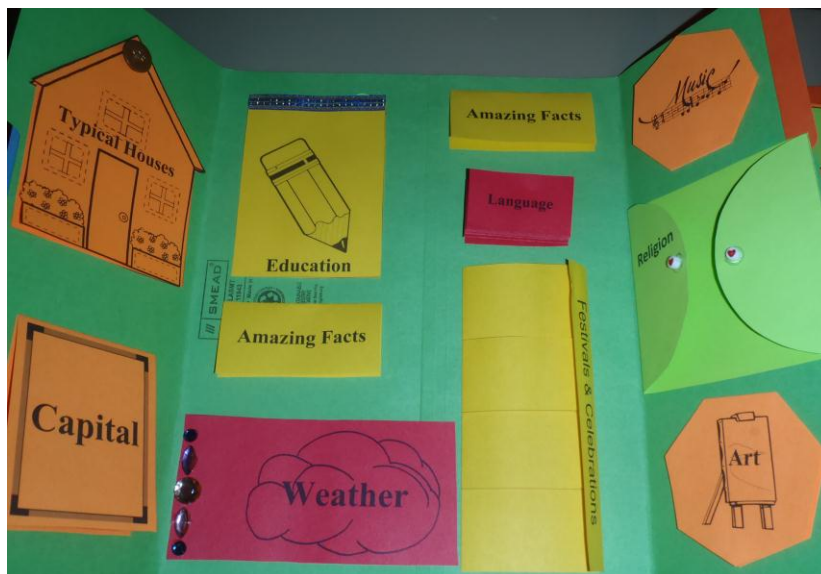
Also, there is a page of close-up pictures of some of the booklets that may be a little more confusing to assemble. These pictures should help.



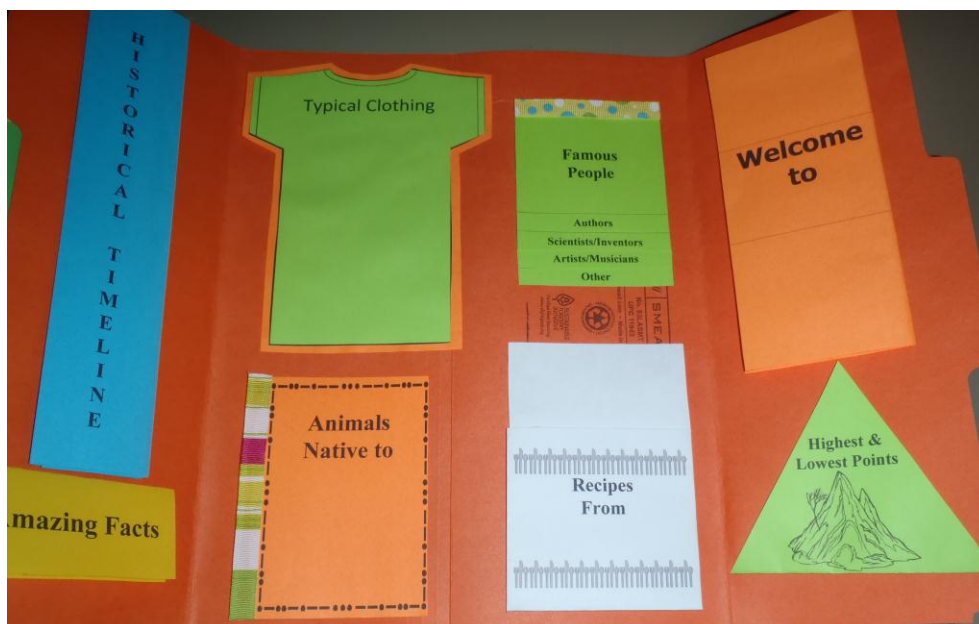
Folder #1



Folder #2

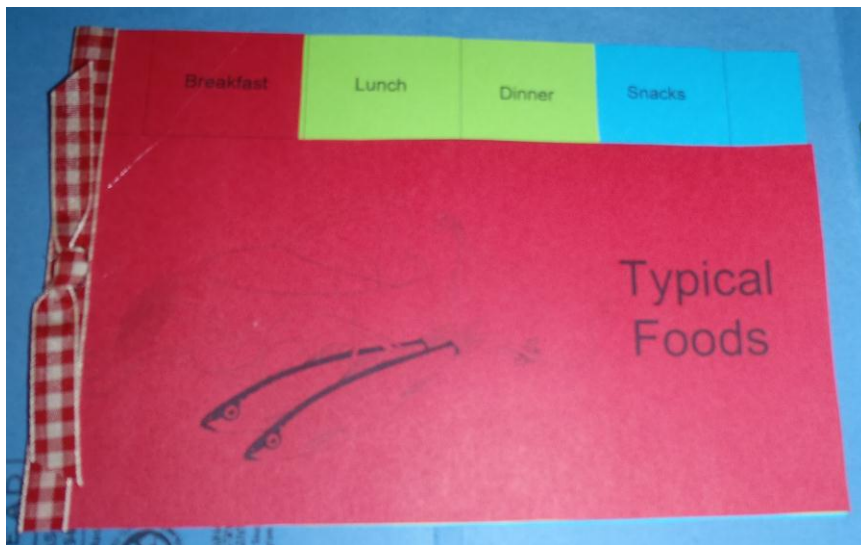
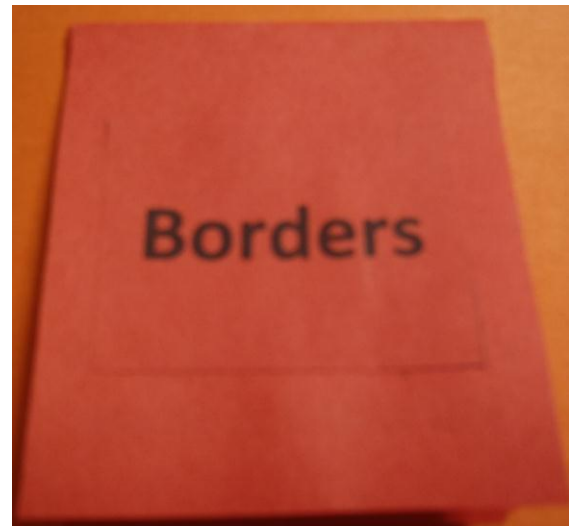


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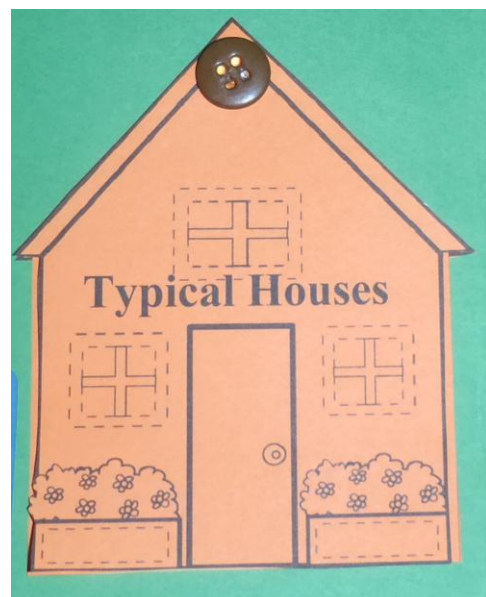


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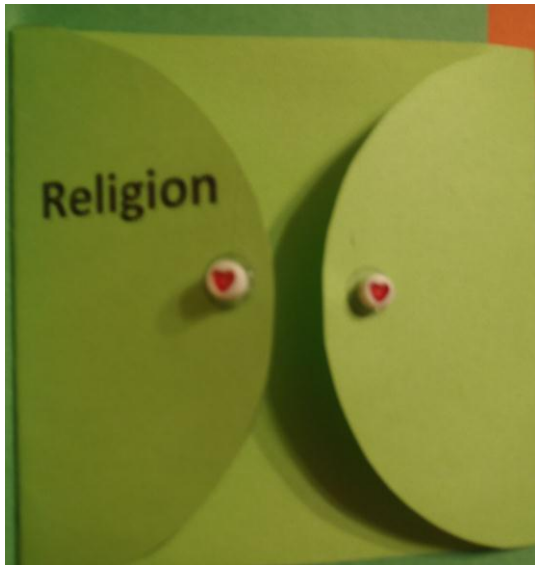


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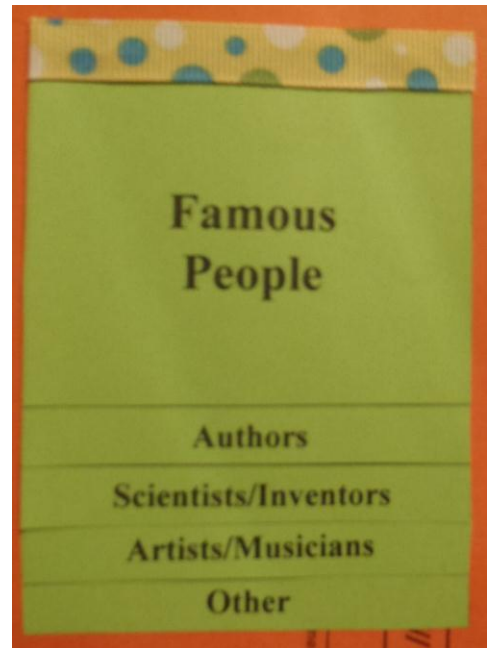
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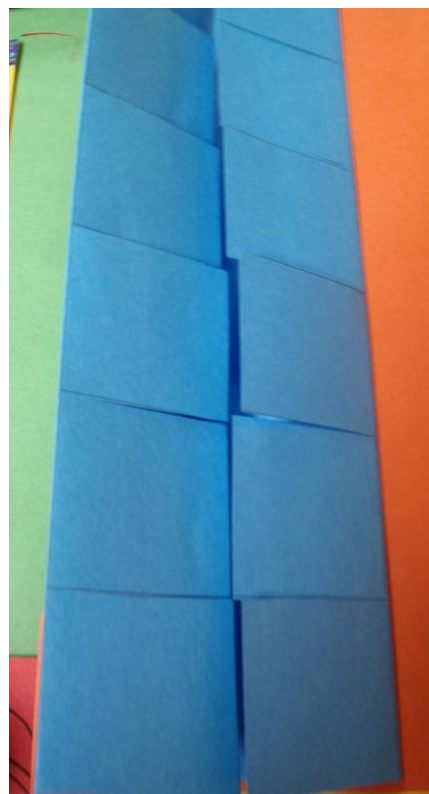
Booklet #15:



Booklet #21



Booklet #25



# *Country Study*

## *Lapbook*

### Student Instruction Guide

#### **Cover:**

The cover of your lapbook has purposely been left blank so that you may decorate it in any style you choose. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Go to [www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com), and print out pictures of famous people, flags, food, or other items of interest regarding your country
2. Draw a picture of some of the people of places you learned about during your study.
3. Use your search engine to find coloring pages or clip art that tell about your study.
4. Use stickers to decorate.
5. Go to [www.makingfriends.com](http://www.makingfriends.com), and print out a paper doll.
6. Go to <http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/index.htm> and print out coloring sheets or crafts to use on the cover or various places within your lapbook.
7. Write to or call the Chamber of Commerce of Department of Tourism, and request brochures and pictures or postcards.

There are many web sites listed within this Instruction Packet. You may use those or use your own search engine to find information to fill your lapbook booklets.

Two web sites which are very helpful are [www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com) and [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com).

The Internet Public Library Kids Space section also has a lot of useful information: <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/browse/owd0000/>

Two other great sites are: <http://www.countryreports.org> and <http://homeschooling.about.com/cs/unitssubjgeog/a/susindex.htm>.

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**Student Instruction Guide**

## **Booklet #1**

**\*Booklet Title:** Map Booklet

**\*Student Instructions:** On this booklet, you can either draw or glue a map of the country that you are studying. You may also want to mark major cities, bodies of water, and landmarks.

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

**\*\*Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges. Glue to another piece of paper of another color. Cut out around the edges to create a border.

## **Booklet #2**

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**PICTURE on page 9**  
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**\*Booklet Title:** Borders Booklet

**\*Student Instructions:** In this booklet, you will write down what is found on the borders of the country that you are studying. It may be another state, or it may be a body water.

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

**\*\*Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges of the booklet and the title label. Fold each side in along the lines. Each “flap” will fold over the next so that the booklet ends up being a small square with all of the words on the inside. Glue the title label to the outside.

## **Booklet #3**

**\*Booklet Title:** Flag Booklet

**\*Student Instructions:** Find a picture of the flag from the country that you are studying. Either draw a picture or glue one on the front of this booklet. Inside the booklet, answer the questions about the flag.



# Country Map

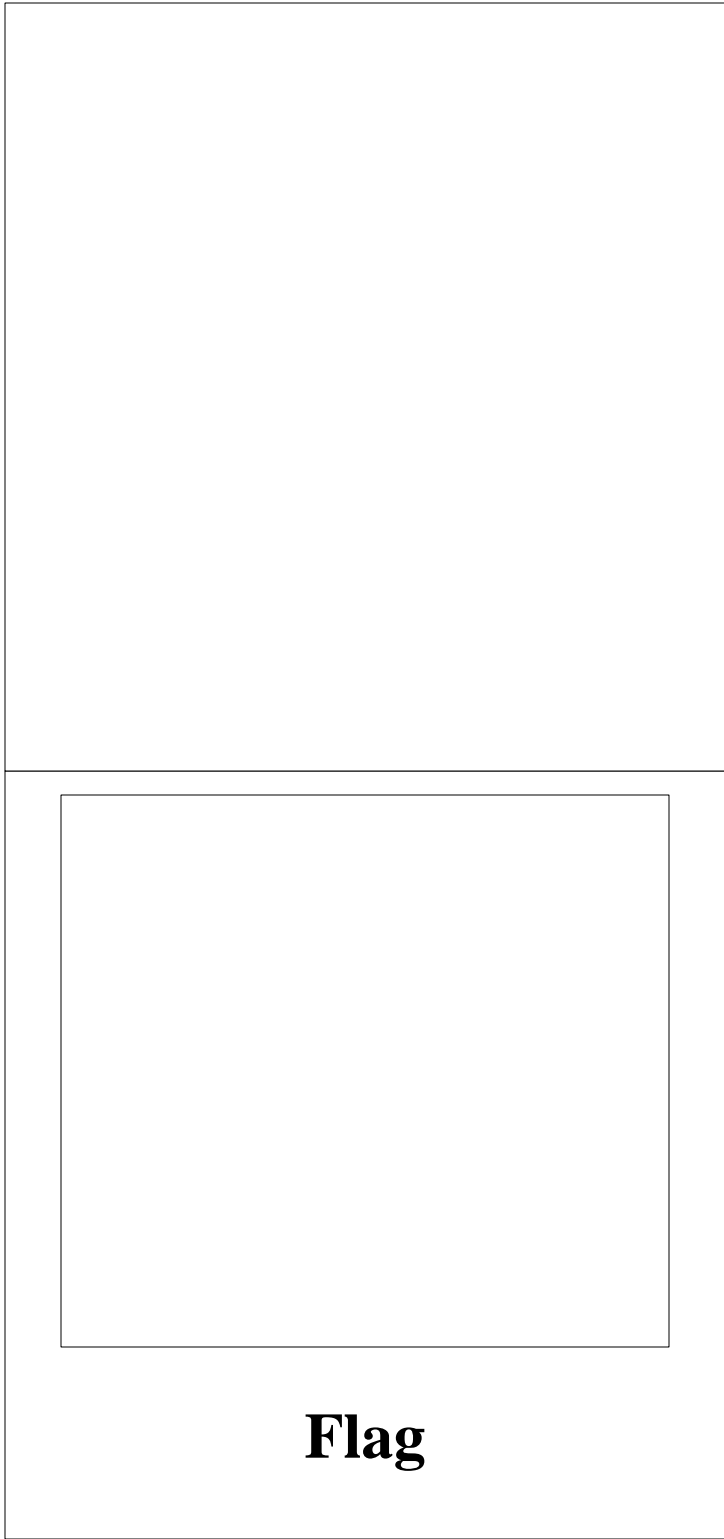
**What borders the  
country to the  
North?**

## **Borders**

**What borders the  
country to the  
West?**

**What borders the  
country to the East?**

**What borders the  
country to the  
South?**



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**Booklet #1: Map Booklet**

**Booklet #2: Borders Booklet**

For printing a country map, use one of these links:

<http://kids.yahoo.com/reference/world-factbook>

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/online-atlas.htm>

<http://www.maps4kids.com/Countries.htm>

**Booklet #3: Flag Booklet**

You will find flags of each country at these links:

<http://kids.yahoo.com/reference/world-factbook>

<http://www.maps4kids.com/Countries.htm>

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/flags\\_of\\_the\\_world.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/flags_of_the_world.htm)

**Booklet #4: Bodies of Water Booklet**

Use the map links for Booklet 1 to find this information.

**Booklet #5: Government Booklet**

**Booklet #6: Economy Booklet**

You can find this information in many places. Here are a few websites:

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/>

<http://www.factmonster.com/countries.html>

<http://www.infoplease.com/countries.html>