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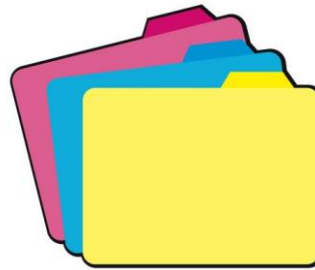
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How do I get started?

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.

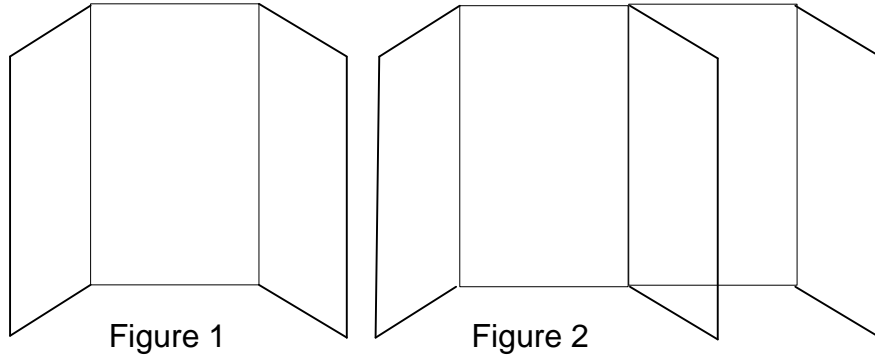
3. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes ALL of the templates for the booklets. These have been printed on colors that will help to improve retention of the information presented, according to scientific research on color psychology.

4. **Study Guide:** This section is a complete Study Guide for the teacher to teach from. Older students may use the guide independently. All of the information needed to complete the booklets are included here. There is also a list of resources for a deeper study of the topic.

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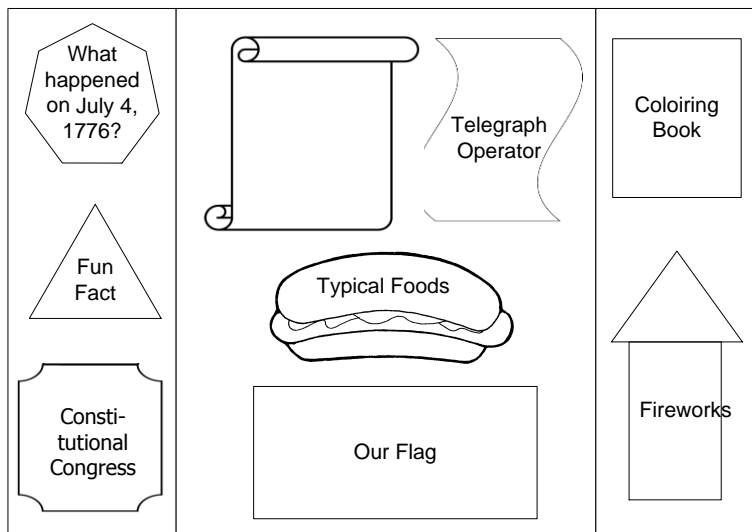
Base Assembly & Layout Guide

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).

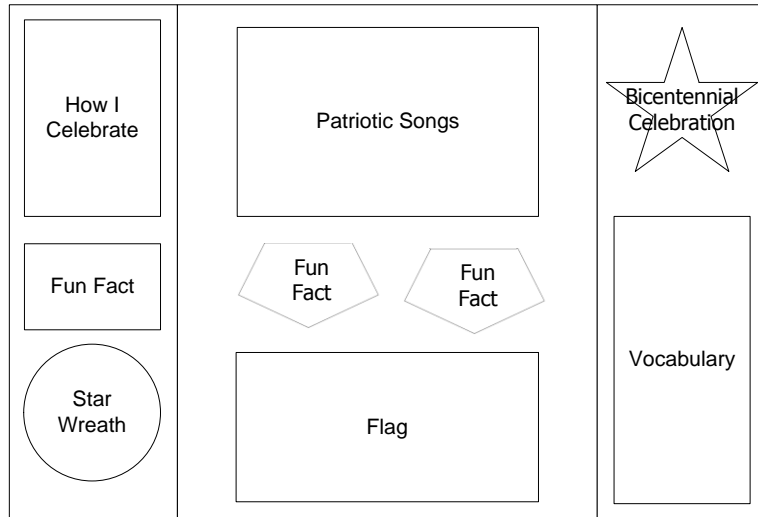


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

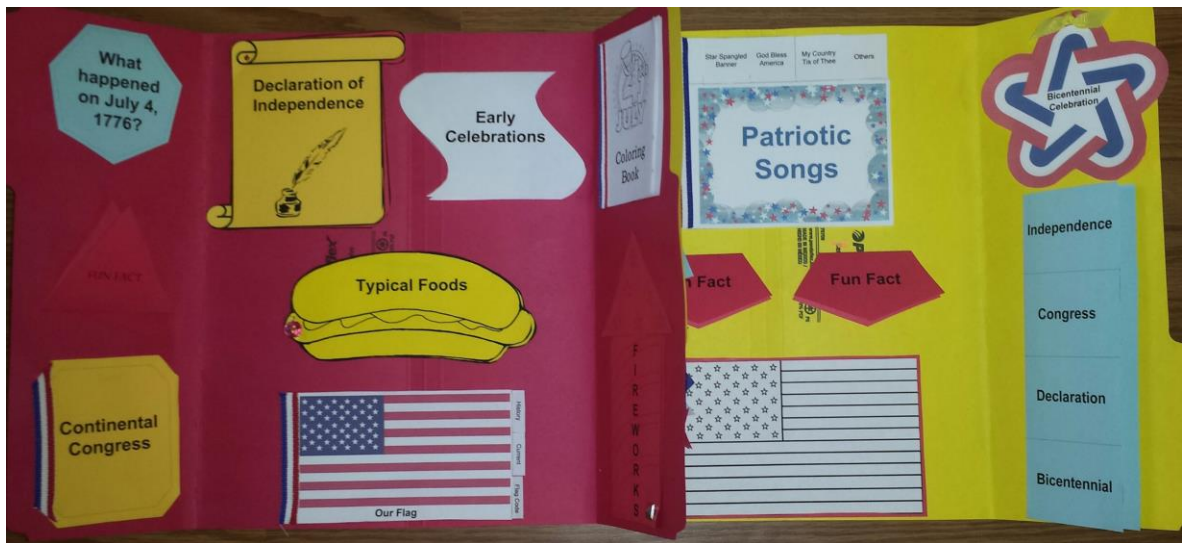
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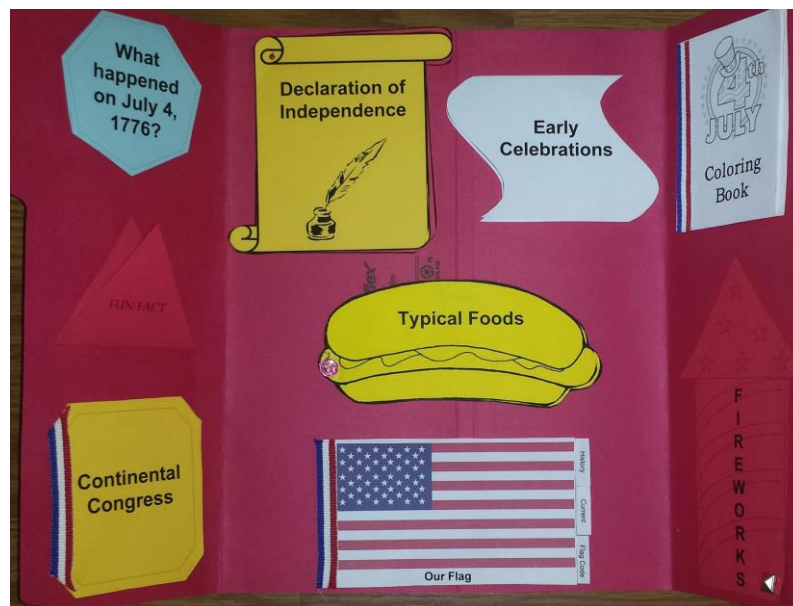
Inside of 2nd Folder:



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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Student Instruction Guide

Booklet #1: What happened on July 4 , 1776?

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

Completion Instructions: We know that July 4th is Independence Day, but what actually happened on that day in 1776?

Booklet #2: Continental Congress

Assembly Instructions: Cut along the outer black line edges of the booklet and the extra pages. Fold the booklet along the center line so that the title is on the front. Stack the pages inside. Along the left side, secure with staples. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Inside this booklet, tell about the two Continental Congresses

Booklet #3: Declaration of Independence

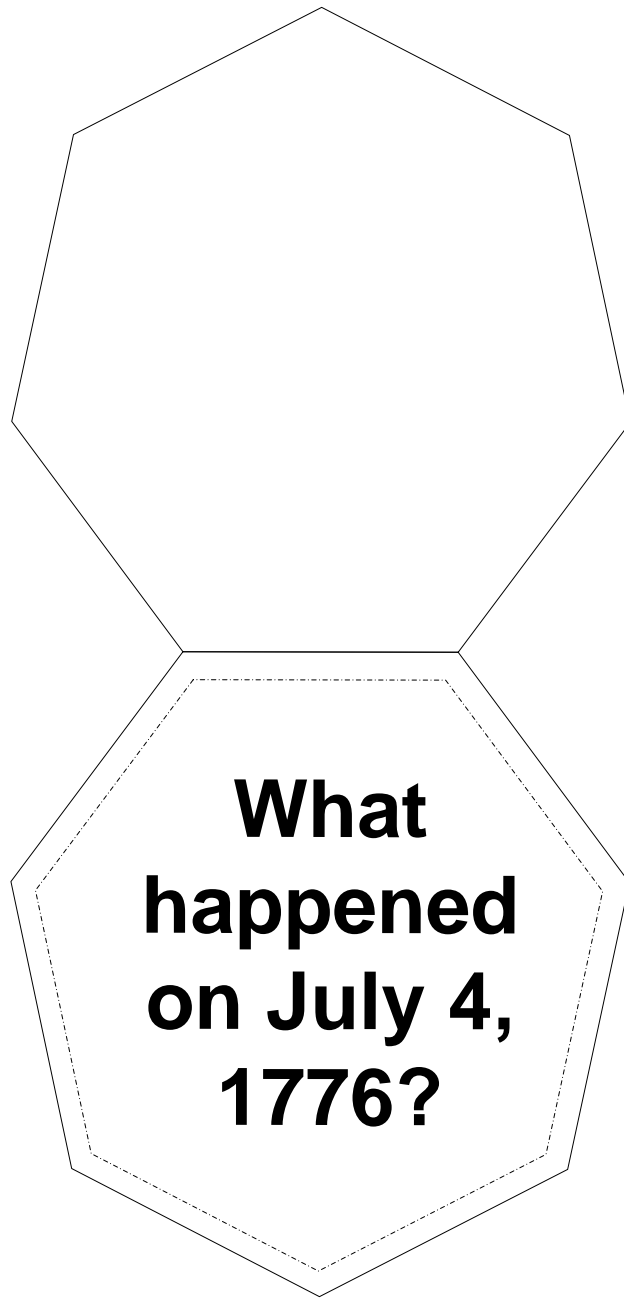
Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page. Stack so that the title is on the top. Secure in the upper left corner with a metal brad fastener or staple. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

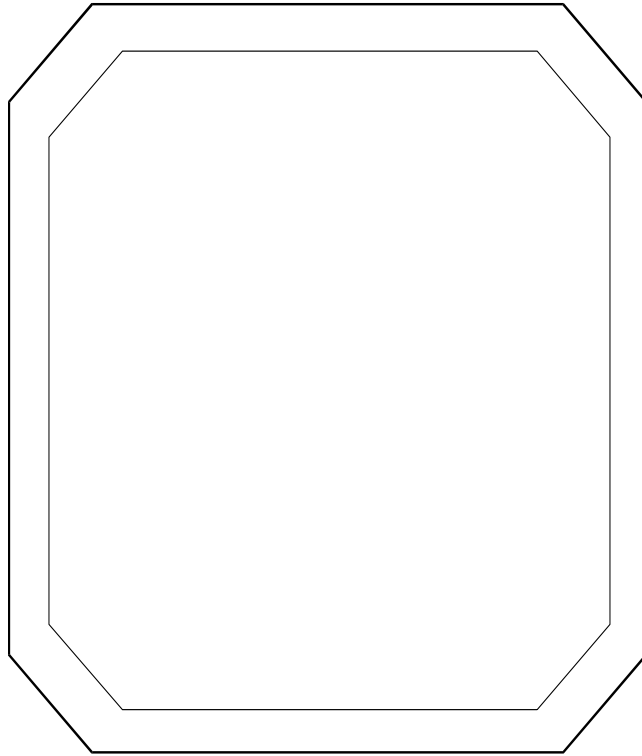
Completion Instructions: The Declaration of Independence was a very important document. Tell about it here.

Booklet #4: Fireworks

Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of both parts of the booklet. Stack them so that the title is on top. Secure along one of the bottom corners with a metal brad fastener or staple. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Inside this booklet, tell what you have learned about fireworks.





**Continental
Congress**

First

Second

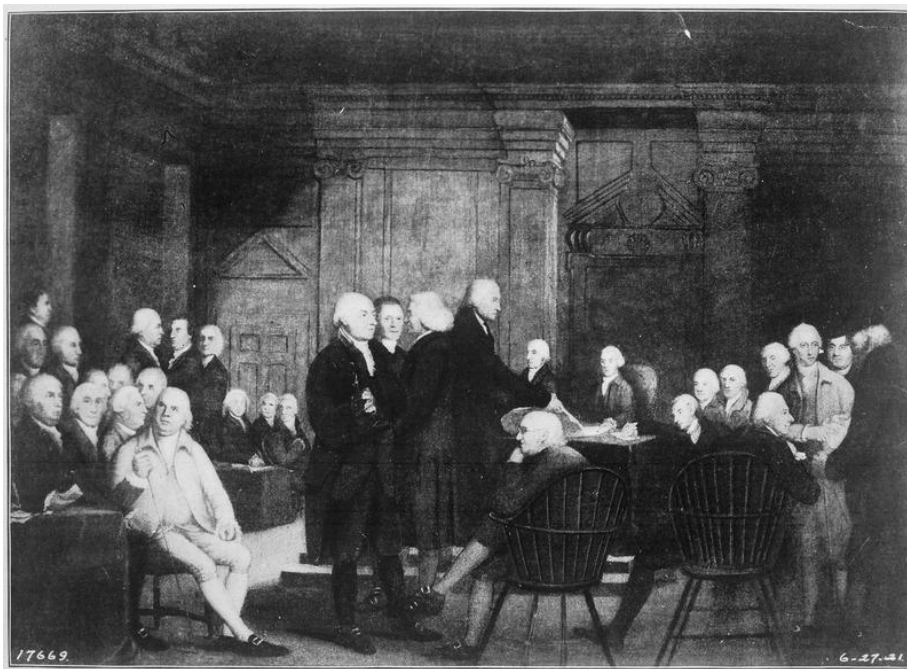
Declaration of Independence



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Study Guide

In modern day times July 4th means cookouts, time off from work, pool parties, and fireworks. In 1776 and every year immediately following, it meant freedom. July 4th is actually the day the United States became free and its own country in 1776. On this monumental day in history the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. Some of you may not be familiar with the terms *Continental Congress* and *Declaration of Independence*. Let's back up a bit and explain what those historical terms really mean.



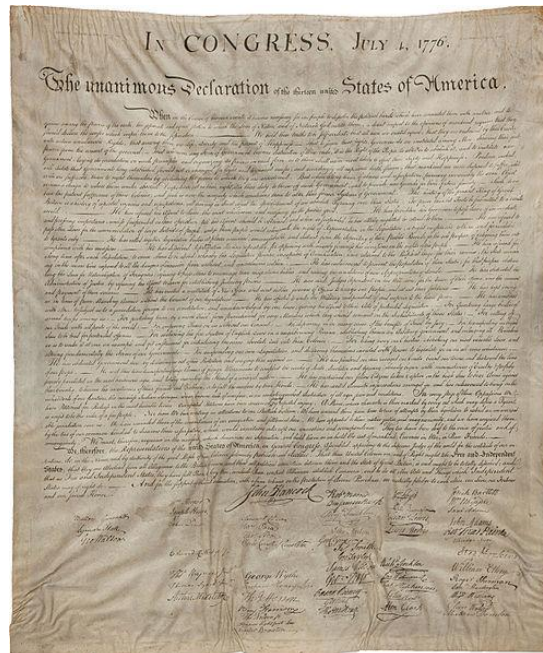
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Continental Congress

There were two Continental Congresses. The first Continental Congress was only in effect for a short time. Twelve of the thirteen colonies were represented, and their main purpose was to communicate better with each other and to draft in the Articles of Association. The articles were

simply an agreement to boycott goods brought in to sell from Britain. This was successful, and the first Congress stayed together until fighting broke out with the Revolutionary War.

The second Continental Congress did several things, including creating an army to fight the British and placing George Washington in charge. The most important endeavor the second Continental Congress took on was the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.



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Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is basically summed up in its name. Americans wanted their independence from King George and Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was like a letter written to the King to let him know how unhappy the colonists were and what they wanted to change. The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson. It was signed by the members of the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There were 56 signatures on the Declaration, with John Hancock's being the largest. It is written that he signed his name so large that King George would be able to see it and read it without his glasses.