

# President George Washington Lapbook

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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.

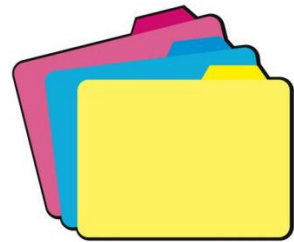
## \*\*\* Printing:

- \*Print instructions and Study Guide on white copy paper.
- \*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper, unless noted otherwise.
- \*White cardstock, where noted.



## \*\*\* Assembly:

\***Folders:** We use colored file folders, which can be found at Wal-Mart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need **2** file folders. 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. If you prefer, you can purchase the assembled lapbook bases from our website.



\***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, but 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. **Student Instruction Guide:** This section is written directly to the student, in language that he or she can understand. These instructions will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and how to cut out and assemble each booklet. Here, they will find a layout of where each booklet should be placed in the lapbook and pictures of a completed lapbook. They will also tell the student exactly what should be written inside each booklet as he or she comes to it during the study. However, depending on the age of the child, there may be some parent/teacher assistance needed.
2. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes all of the template pages and components for the booklets within this lapbook.
3. **Study Guide:** This section includes most of the information that you need to teach this subject. You may choose to teach directly from the Study Guide, or you may choose to allow your student to read the Study Guide themselves depending on the age of the child and their ability to understand the concepts. Either way, you will find all of the information here.
4. **Resource Guide:** This section lists useful web site links or books that will be beneficial to your studies, or you may choose to extend your studies using them.

## **Grade Levels**

This Lapbook may be used with a wide range of grade levels. Younger students may require assistance in creating the Lapbook booklets, but the content should be understandable for them. Older students may be required to do additional research and/or a research paper on the topic. You also have the option of adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> folder to the Lapbook for older students to create additional booklets.

**Be creative!**

**Make it your own!**

**If you would like to send pictures of your completed lapbook, please do!**

**We would love to display your lapbooks on our website and/or in our newsletter.**

**Just send your pictures, first initial & last name, and age to us at: [kim.smith@knowledgeboxcentral.com](mailto:kim.smith@knowledgeboxcentral.com) or [cyndi@knowledgeboxcentral.com](mailto:cyndi@knowledgeboxcentral.com)**

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## Layout & Pictures

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).

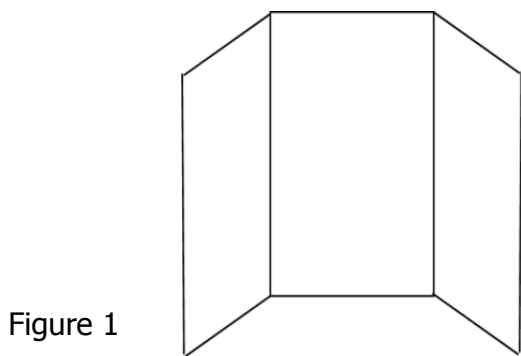


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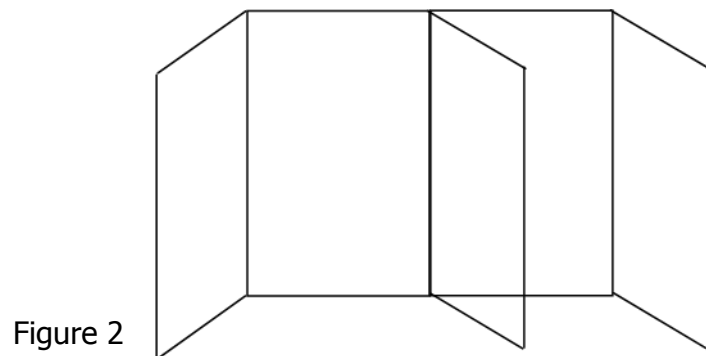
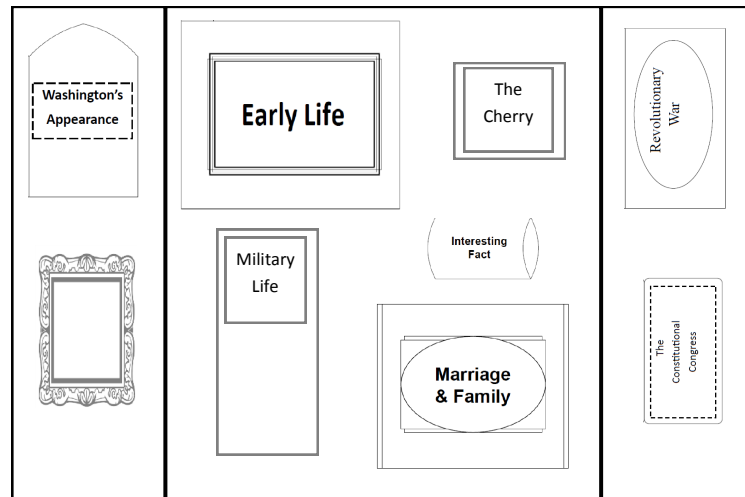


Figure 2

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:



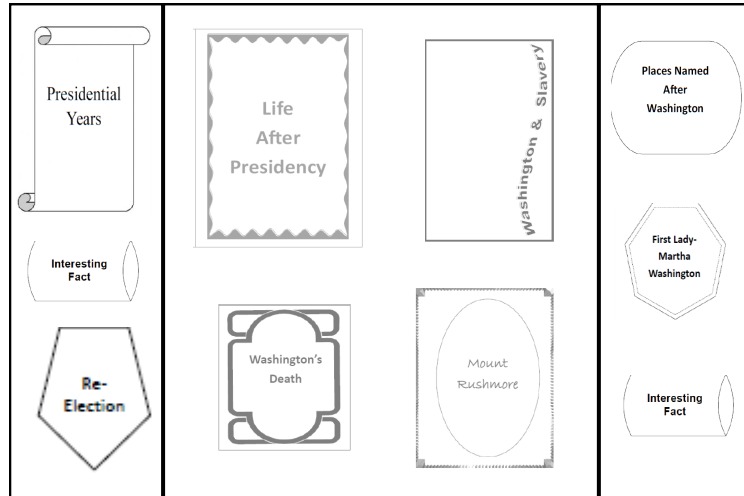
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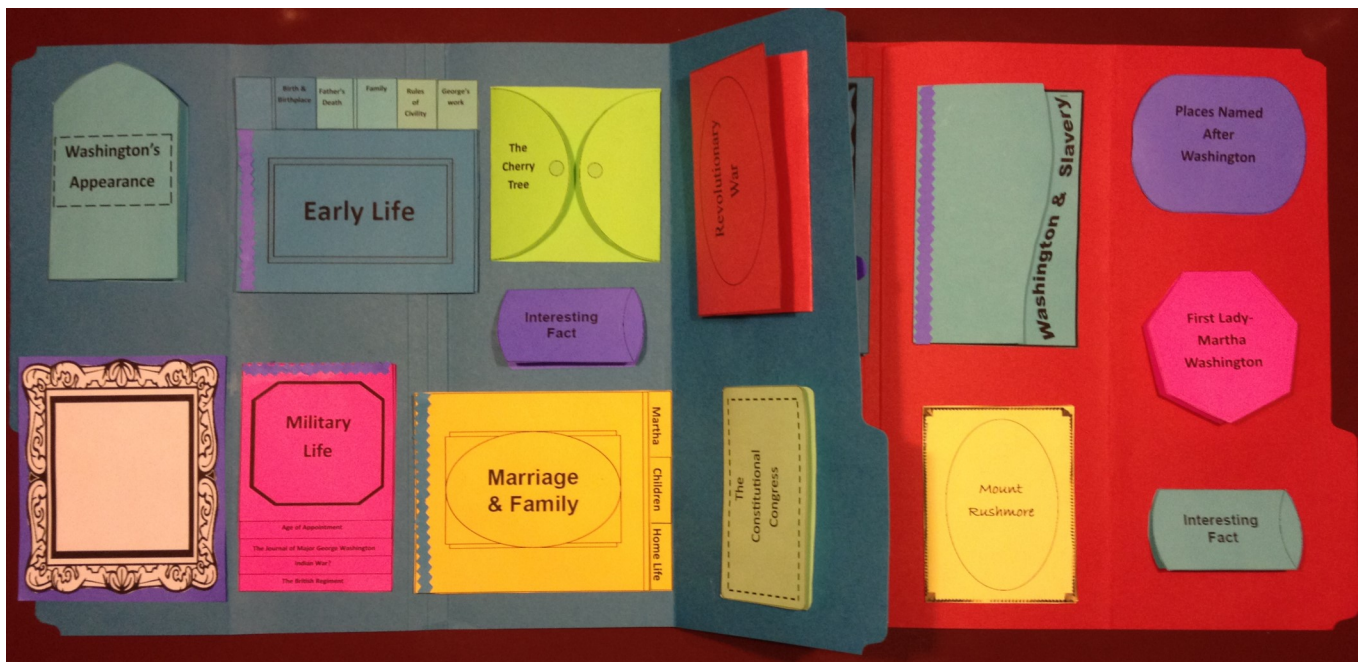
## Layout & Pictures

Inside of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

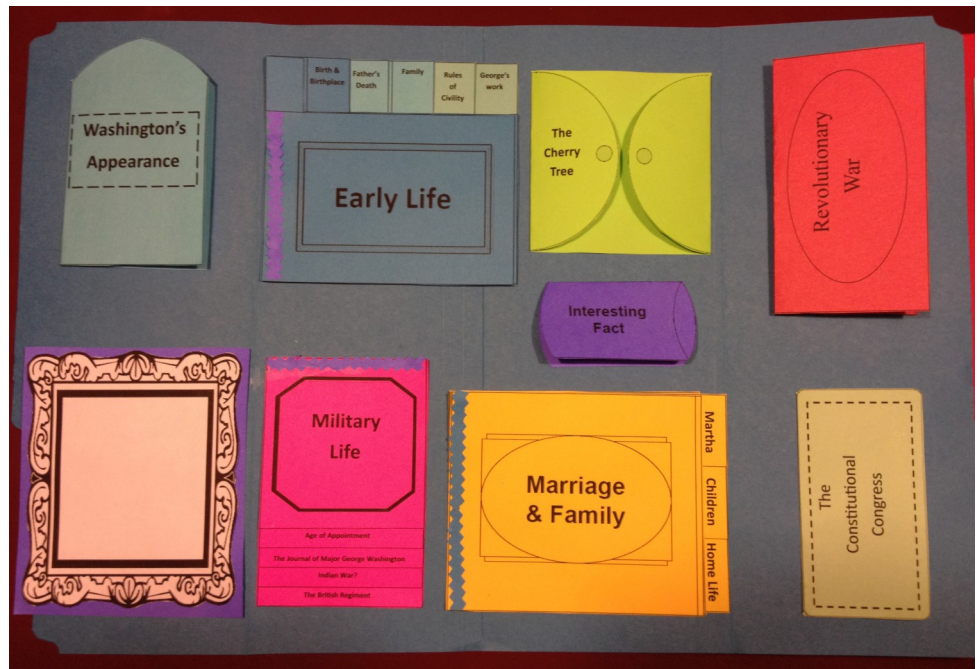


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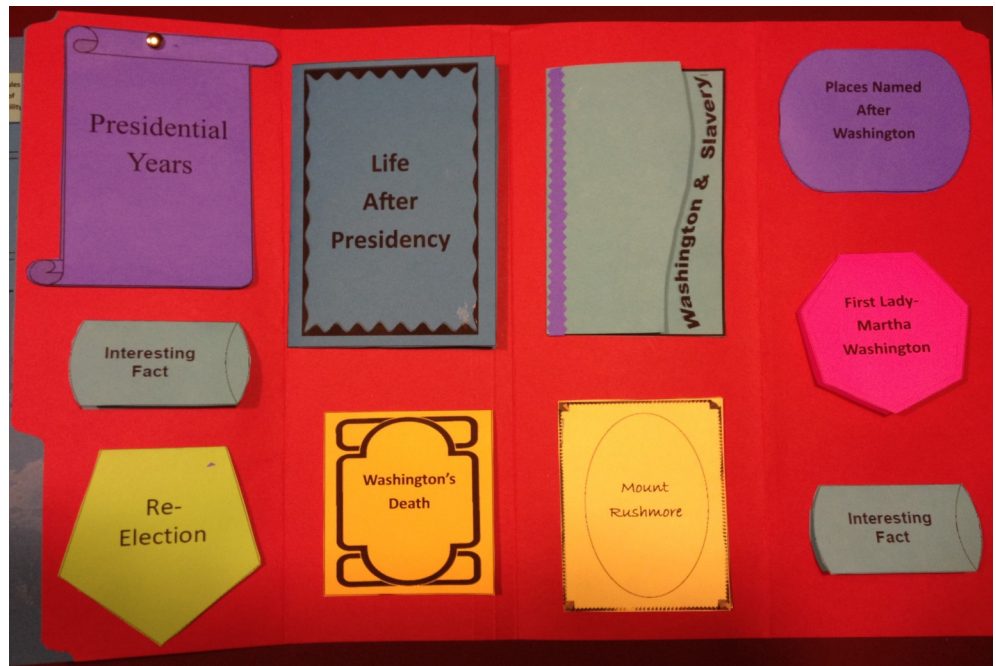




# Folder 1



# Folder 2



# President George Washington Lapbook

## Student Instruction Guide

### Booklet 1: Washington's Appearance

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

**Completion Instructions:** What are the physical characteristics that we know about George Washington? List them in this book, along with the reason why his sheer physical presence commanded great respect.

### Booklet 2: Famous Portrait

**Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of the picture frame. Glue to another piece of paper of a different color, and then cut around the edges to create a thin border. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

**Completion Instructions:** Inside this frame, draw a picture of George Washington. You may choose to print, cut out, and glue a picture of him here instead.

### Booklet 3: Early Life

**Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack the pages so that the tabs get longer toward the back and top title is on top. Along the left side of the stack, secure with staples. You may choose to punch holes and secure with metal brad fasteners or ribbon. Booklet will be glued into folder #1 (See Layout).

**Completion Instructions:** Each page of this booklet covers a different part of Washington's early years. Use these pages to write about each. You may choose to draw or glue pictures inside this booklet as well.

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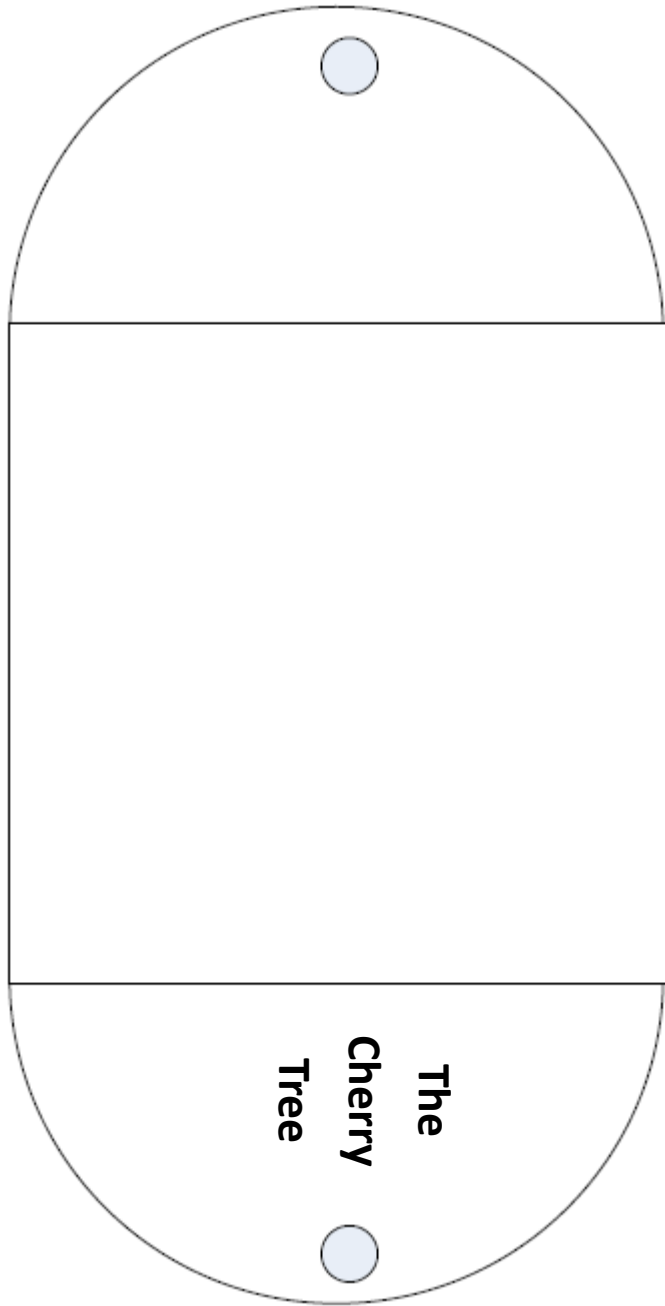
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## President George Washington Lapbook Study Guide

### Washington's Appearance

There are several accounts of Washington's appearance, but some things that we do know about his appearance are that he was about 6' 2" tall, weighed about 170 pounds, had blue-gray eyes and false teeth. Many sources have reported over the years that George's teeth were made of wood. This is not true, however. Throughout his life Washington employed numerous full and partial dentures that were constructed of materials including bone, hippopotamus ivory, human teeth, brass screws, lead, and gold metal wire. The teeth caused his lips to bulge out, and they caused him a lot of pain.

Even though wigs were fashionable, Washington kept his own hair, which he wore long and tied back in a queue, or ponytail. Washington did, however, powder his hair which was the custom of the time, and it is why portraits of him have white hair. By all accounts, he was a very handsome man whose mere presence reflected the distinctive qualities of his mind and character. Marquis de Chastellux recorded in his notes that, "The strongest characteristic of this respectable man is the perfect harmony which reigns between the physical and moral qualities which compose his personality. . . . It is not my intention to exaggerate. I wish only to express the impression General Washington has left on my mind, the idea of a perfect whole."

His sheer personal presence was a significant and characteristic part of his greatness and of his influence on the world. In battle and in counsel, he often exerted a powerful impact on those around him just by being there and being the man he was. The way he carried himself and the handsome physical characteristics he possessed commanded great respect.

Since Washington was so well loved, respected and revered, one would assume that he was very handsome in his physical appearance.

## Famous Portrait

The front of the U.S. one dollar bill has one of the most recognizable portraits in the world, that of George Washington. But is it an accurate portrayal? According to early accounts of his physical appearance, there aren't many portraits that seem to match these descriptions. Early 19th century painter Gilbert Stuart, painted George and later, his wife, Martha. Photography was not yet invented, and so, it has been disputed that Stuart's paintings were not accurate. The portrait of Washington on the one dollar bill came from

Stuart's 1796 painting called "Athenaeum Portrait," was never finished. The image to the left shows what the portrait actually looks like. This image was used to create the images that we see, such as the one on the one dollar bill.



*Images from mountvernon.org*

Another of Stuart's paintings from that same year, called "Landesdown," was a full-length portrait of Washington. There are many portraits of George Washington, but whether any of them are a true portrayal of him remains to be a mystery.

## Early Life

Born in Westmoreland County, in the colony of Virginia, on February 22, 1732, George was the oldest of five children born to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington. His father had two older sons from a previous marriage. George grew up on the tobacco plantation, which was near the Potomac River. The family was not part of the Virginia aristocracy (the wealthy families).

As a child, George learned to ride a horse and hunt. He enjoyed exploring the forests and wilderness of the colony. When he was just 11 years old, George's father died suddenly. George's half brothers inherited most of Augustine's estate, leaving young George with his mother and four younger siblings, 500 acres of land, and ten slaves. George did not get along with his mother and had a difficult time after his father's death. Mary Washington was known to be a strict woman, and one of George's childhood friends said he was "ten times more afraid (of her) than I ever was of my own parents."

His oldest half-brother, Lawrence, was a role model and hero to George. Lawrence became an officer in the British army, and so George was inspired to study military subjects. After their father's death, George often visited Lawrence's home, which was named Mount Vernon. Lawrence married into the Fairfax family, and George became friends with one of the Fairfax brothers, George William Fairfax. He spent much time at the Fairfax home, playing card games, learning dances, and working to improve his manners. At age 12, he found "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation" in a London magazine. To better follow them himself, young George copied down the rules. A couple of the rules he copied included, "Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth," and "Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present." It was in this way that George learned how to be a gentleman.

His friend's father, Lord Fairfax, was an English nobleman who was impressed with young George Washing-