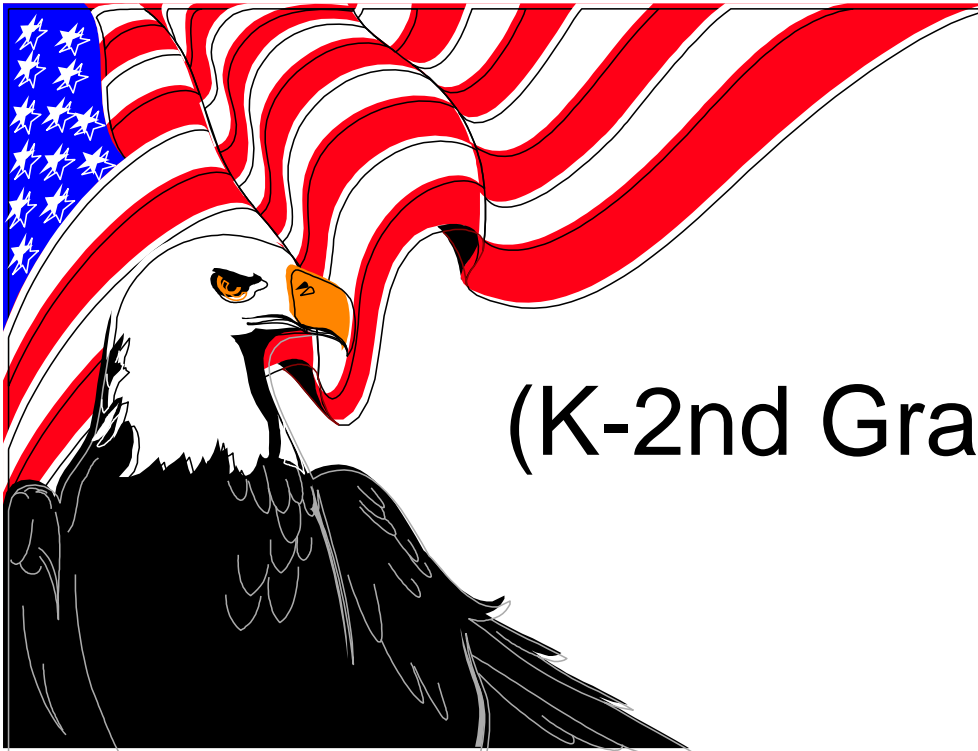


United States Government Lapbook



(K-2nd 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. Student Assembly and Completion Instructions:** 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. These instructions will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and how to cut out and assemble each booklet. Here, the student 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.
- 2. Teacher's Guide:** This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher. In this section, you will find the answer to each question. You will also find suggestions of extra activities that you may want to use with your student.
- 3. Study Guide:** This section includes ALL 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 himself. Either way, you will find all of the information here.

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Lapbook Base Assembly:

First, you will need to assemble the “Lapbook Base” for your project. This is not such an easy task, so you will want to ask for some assistance with this part. Also, you should NEVER use hot glue alone.

For this lapbook, you will need 3 file folders. Open each file folder, and lay it flat in front of you. Fold both sides of each folder toward the middle. The edges (or tabs) of the folded sides should touch the center original fold line on the folders. See **Figure 1** below. Then, lay all 3 file folders out in front of you after you have folded them all to look like **Figure 1**. Now glue the smaller “flaps” of each folder to those of the next folder as in **Figure 2** below.

Figure 1

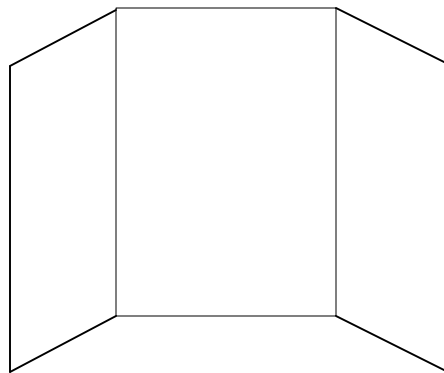


Figure 2

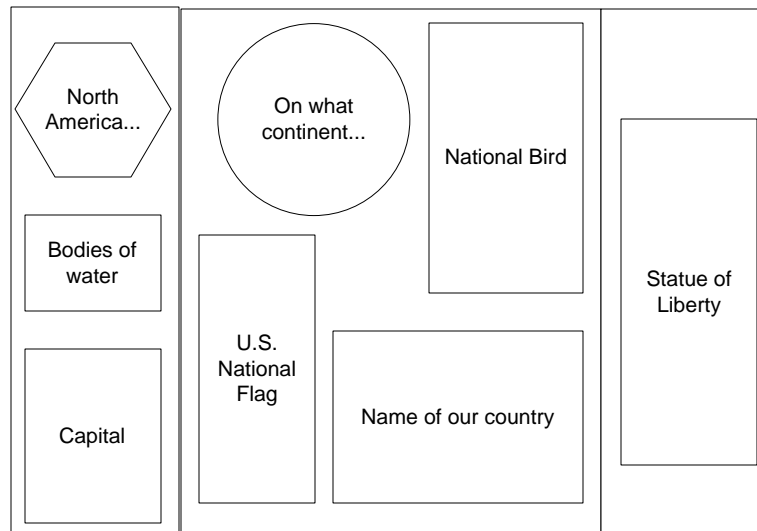


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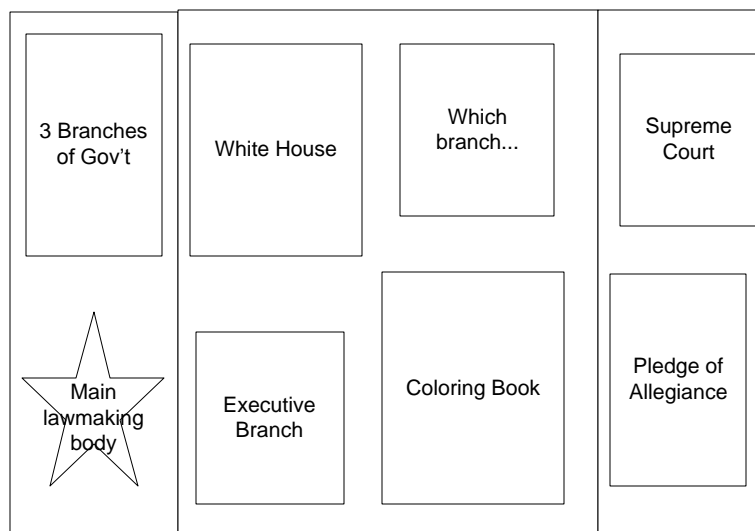
Lapbook Layout:

Below, you will see a layout for each folder in the lapbook. You may choose to glue the booklets into your Lapbook Base in any order that you like. However, you may have trouble fitting all of them in unless you follow the layout below. Some of the shapes aren't exactly the same on the layout as the booklets themselves.

Inside of 1st Folder:

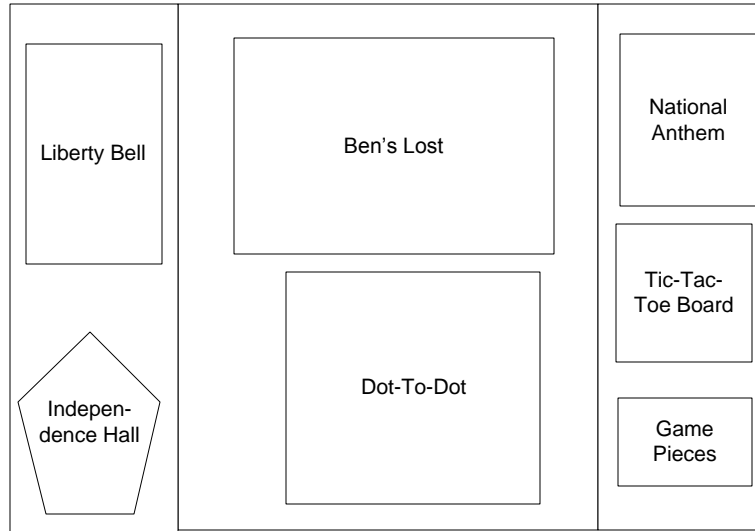


Inside of 2nd Folder:



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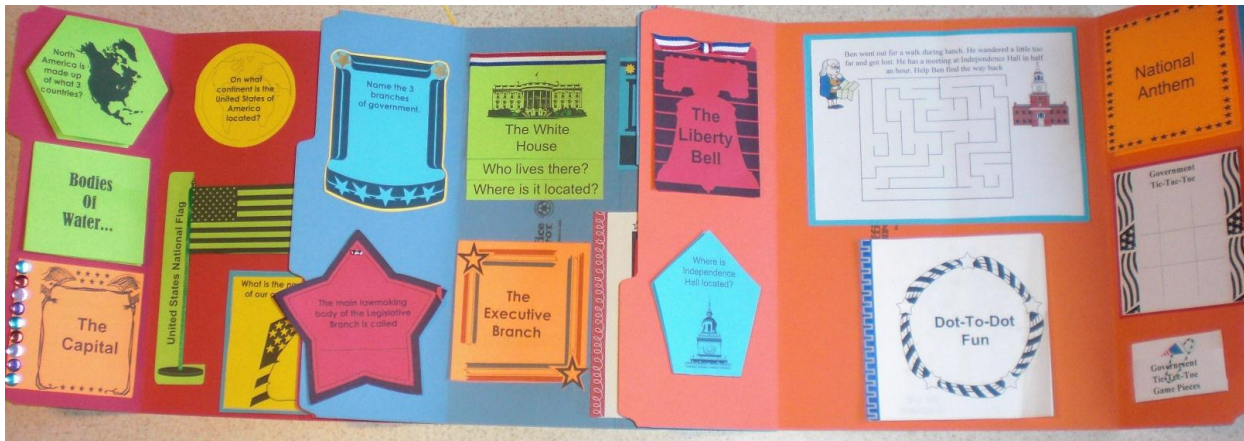
Inside of 3rd Folder:



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Below, you will find pictures of how the lapbook should look when you have completely assembled it.

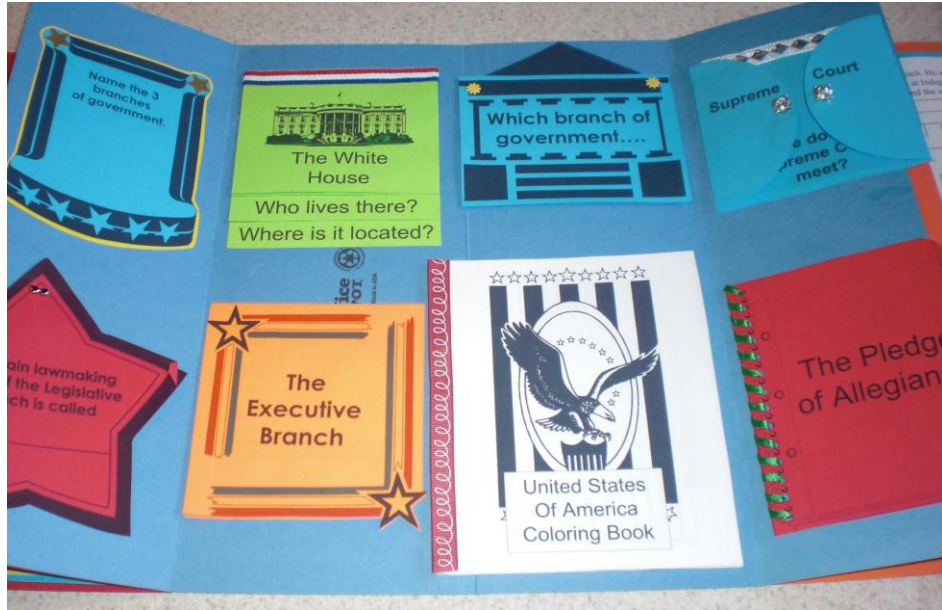
Complete



First Folder



Second Folder



Third Folder



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Booklet #1

***Booklet Title:** “What is the name of this country?” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** The United States is an amazing country. Write its name on the scroll of this booklet.

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

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges. This booklet is only one page. Glue the booklet to another piece of paper of a different color, and trim a small border around the edges.

Booklet #2

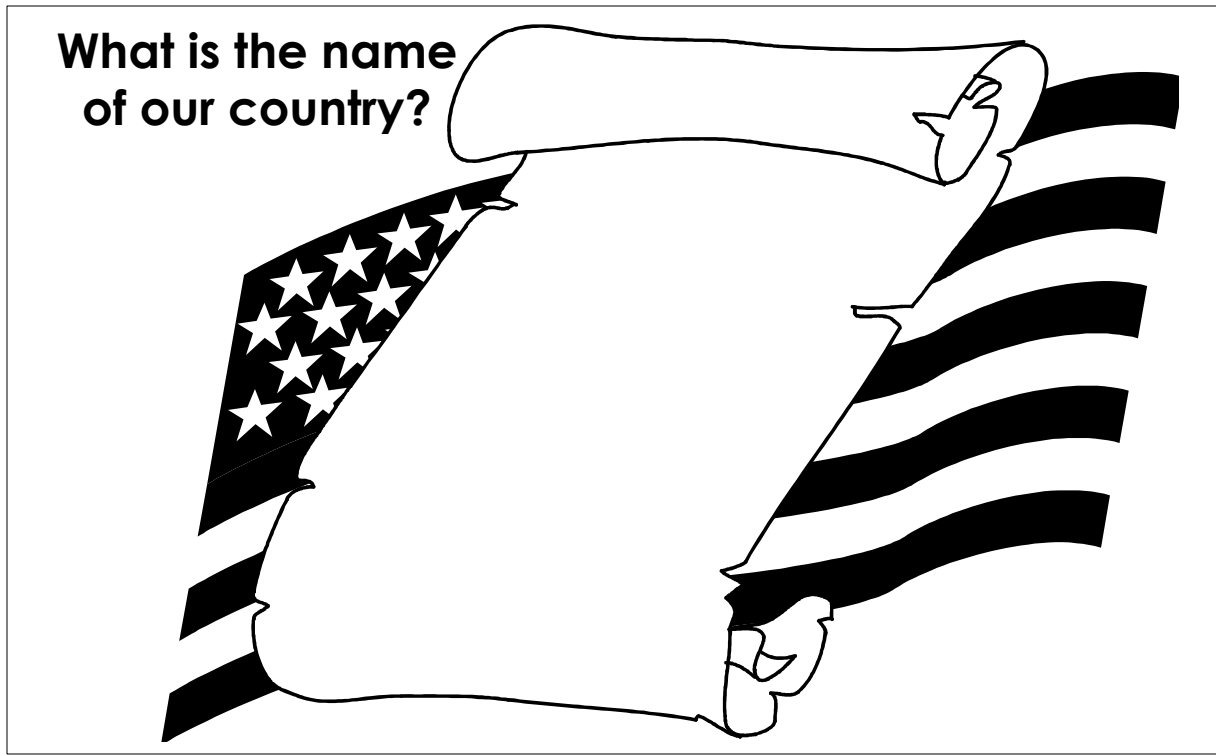
***Booklet Title:** “What continent” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** There are 7 continents in the world. Write the name of the continent on which the United States is located inside this booklet.

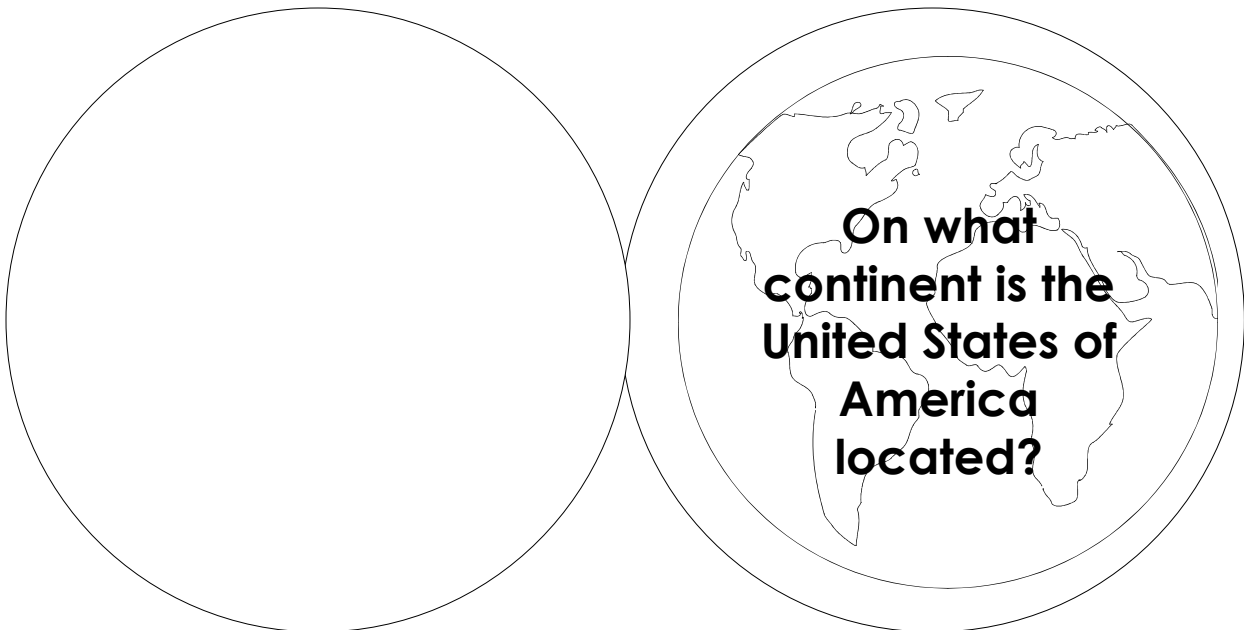
***Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1 (See Layout)**

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out the booklet along the outer black line edges. Then fold along the center so that the title is on the front.

Booklet # 1



Booklet # 2



Bodies Of Water...

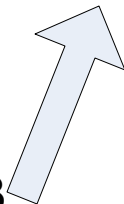
What body of water
(ocean) borders the
United States of America
on the East?

What body of water
(ocean) borders the
United States of America
on the West?

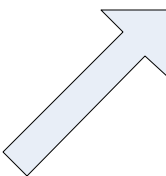
North
America is
made up of
what 3
countries?



Booklet # 3



Booklet # 4



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Ideas For Further Study:

Websites:

- ** <http://www.kids.gov/>
- ** <http://www.congressforkids.net/>
- ** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids>

Answers to questions:

*Booklet 1: United States of America

*Booklet 2: North America

*Booklet 3: Canada, Mexico, United States of America

*Booklet 4: West – Pacific Ocean; East – Atlantic Ocean

*Booklet 5: Current capital – Washington, D.C.; New York City and Philadelphia; Pierre L'Enfant

*Booklet 6: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches

*Booklet 7: Congress; House of Representatives and Senate

*Booklet 8: President and Vice-President; Cabinet

*Booklet 9: Judicial Branch

*Booklet 10: Nine; Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.

*Booklet 11: 13 stripes (7 red and 6 white); 13 stripes (represent original colonies); 50 stars represent 50 states in the United States

*Booklet 12: Bald eagle; "bald" comes from the word piebald, which means "marked with white."

*Booklet 13: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Booklet 14: Declaration of Independence; The bell cracked after it arrived from London, England. It was re-cast twice from the same metal. The 3rd bell cracked and is still cracked today.

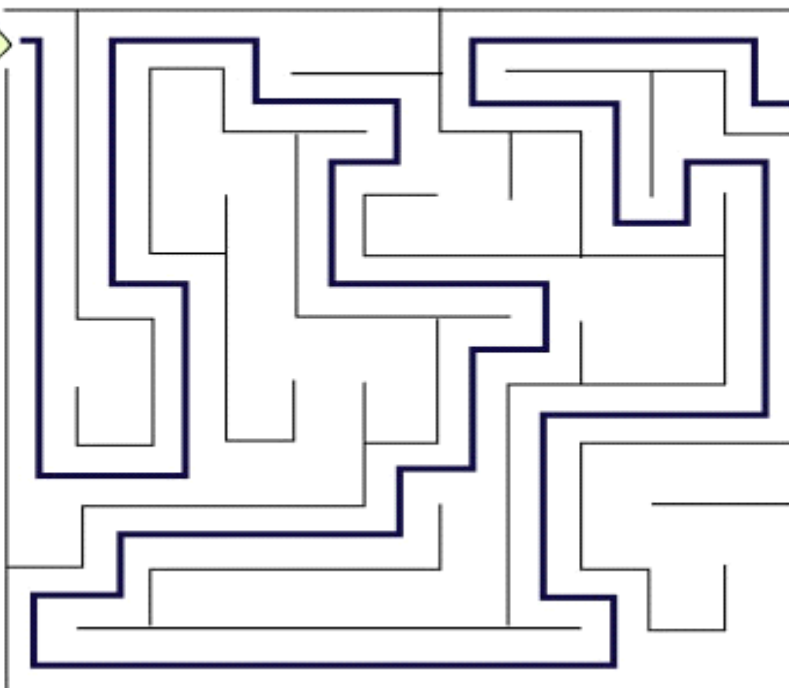
*Booklet 15: The Star Spangled Banner; Francis Scott Key

*Booklet 16: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

*Booklet 17: New York; symbolizes freedom throughout the world; gift from France

*Booklet 18: President and his family; 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.; Oval Office

*Booklet 19:



The other booklets are just fun....no explanation needed..LOL!

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Study Guide

(The following information was taken with permission from Ben's Guide to US Government for Kids, [http://bensguide.gpo.gov/.](http://bensguide.gpo.gov/))

Our Nation: The United States of America

Our country is called the United States of America. It is located on the continent of North America.

North America is made up of countries. One of these is the United States. Above the United States is a country called Canada. Below the United States is a country called Mexico.



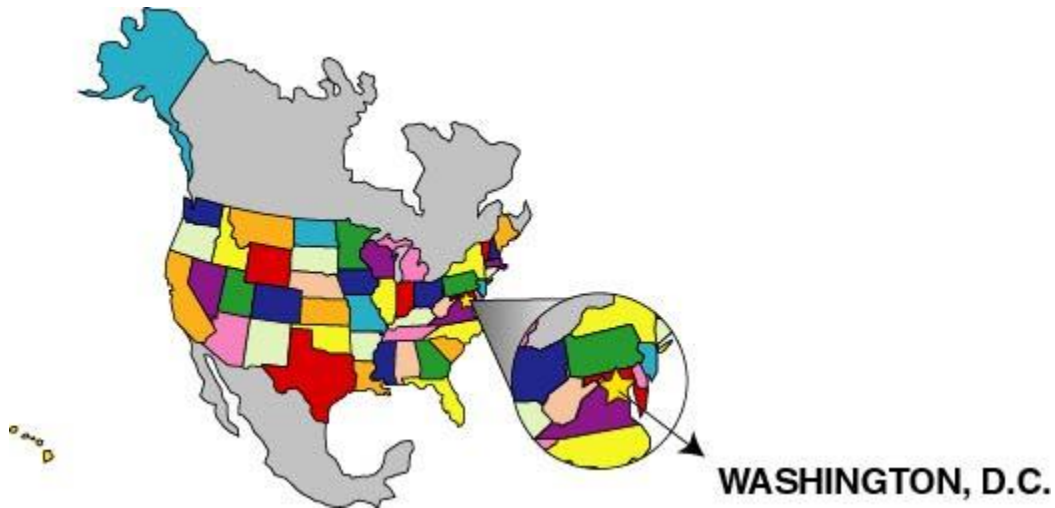
To the right on this map (east) of the United States is a body of water called the Atlantic Ocean and to the left (west) is another body of water called the Pacific Ocean.

Our Capital: Washington, D.C.

Every country has a capital. This is where the government makes important decisions, such as laws. It is also where the President lives and Congress meets. The Supreme Court judges work here too.

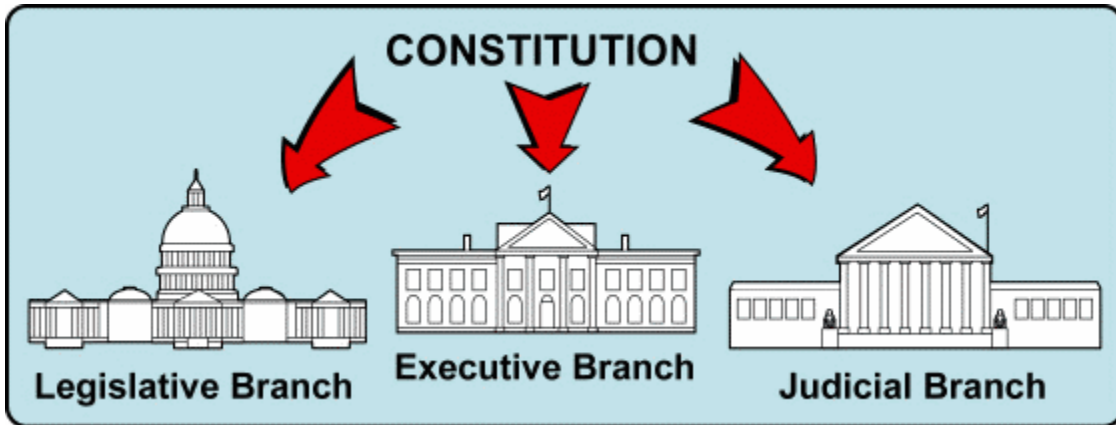
The capital of the United States is Washington, D.C. It is named after George Washington, who was the first President of the United States, and Christopher Columbus, a famous explorer.

Washington, D.C. is located on the east coast and is surrounded by the states of Maryland and Virginia on the Potomac River. It is America's first planned city and was designed by Pierre L'Enfant.



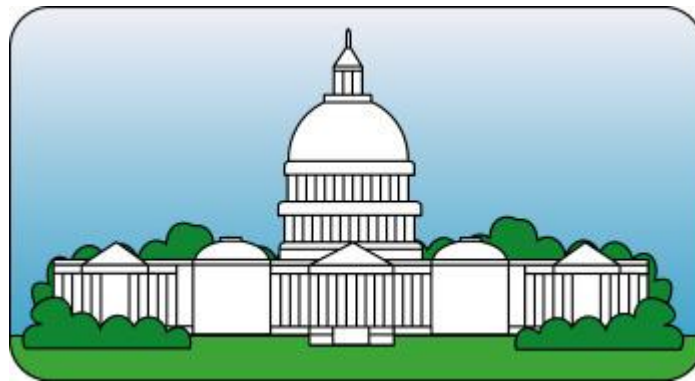
Washington D.C. was not always the capital of the United States. Both New York City and Philadelphia were once the capital, but in the year 1800, Washington, D.C., became the official capital.

Our Government: The Constitution



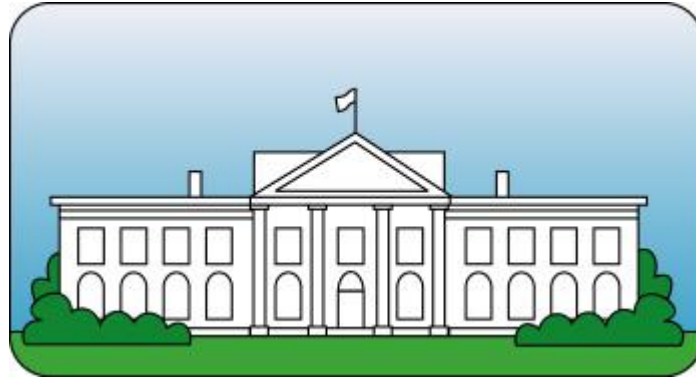
Over 200 years ago, our Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution. The Constitution is a basic design for how our government should work. The Constitution divides the government into three branches. They are the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.

The Legislative Branch



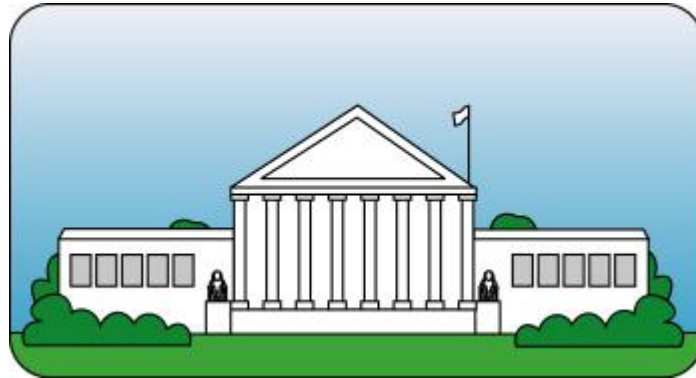
The legislative branch makes laws for the nation. The main lawmaking body of this branch is known as Congress. Congress is made up of two parts, the House of Representatives and the Senate. Congress meets at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The Executive Branch



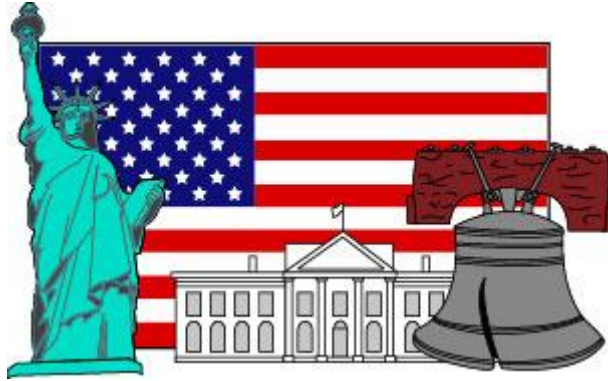
The executive branch makes sure people follow the laws that the legislative branch makes. The leaders of this branch are the President and Vice-President. When making important decisions, the President often asks for advice from a group of 15 helpers, known as the Cabinet. The President lives at the White House in Washington, D.C.

The Judicial Branch



When people are unsure about the meaning of a law, the judicial branch listens to many opinions and makes a decision. The judicial branch is made up of courts. The highest of these courts is the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is made up of 9 judges. They meet at the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.

Symbols of U.S. Government



The Flag

Bald Eagle

Independence
Hall

The
Liberty Bell

The National
Anthem

The Pledge of
Allegiance

The Statue
of Liberty

The White House

Our National Flag

The United States flag has 13 stripes. Seven are red and 6 are white. It also has 50 white stars on a blue background. The stripes represent the 13 original colonies. The 50 stars represent the 50 states in the U.S.

The first U.S. flag was designed in 1777. The flag has been changed many times since then. New stars are added each time new states join the union

The Bald Eagle

The bald eagle is a large, powerful, brown bird with a white head and tail. The Founding Fathers chose the bald eagle to be the national bird of the United States in 1782. This majestic bird can only be found in North America.

The word "bald" does not mean that this bird has no feathers. Instead, it comes from the word *piebald*, an old word which means "marked with white."