

President's Day Mini-Lapbook

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for
K—12th Grade



Includes Study Guide

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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.

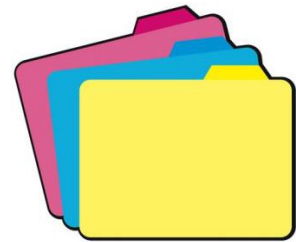
*** Printing:

- *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 **1** file folder. 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 3rd 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.

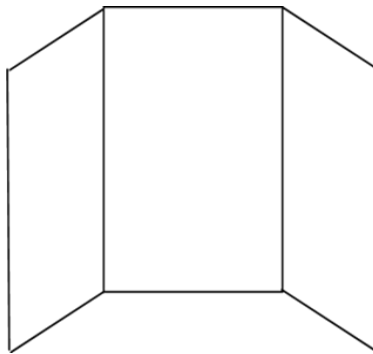
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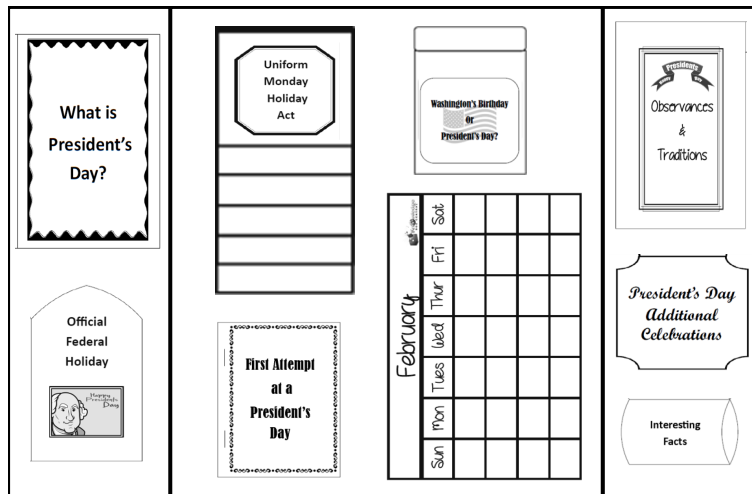
Layout & Pictures

You will need 1 folder of any color. Take the folder and fold both sides toward the original middle fold and make firm creases on these folds (Figure 1).

Figure 1

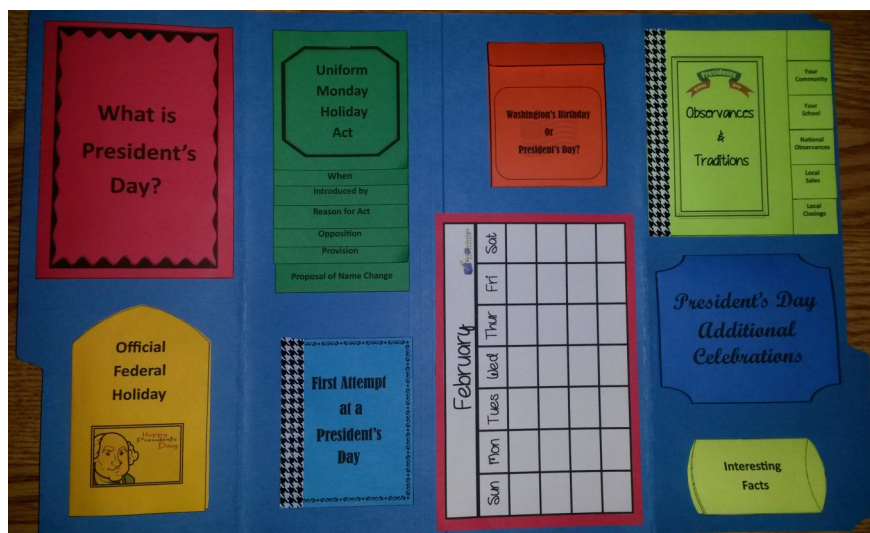


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.



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

Completed Mini-Lapbook



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Student Instruction Guide

Booklet 1: What is President's Day?

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

Completion Instructions: Inside this booklet, tell what President's Day is.

Booklet 2: Official Federal Holiday

Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of the booklet and extra booklet page. Fold booklet so that the title is on the front. Attach extra page in the middle using staples. Booklet will be glued into folder (See Layout).

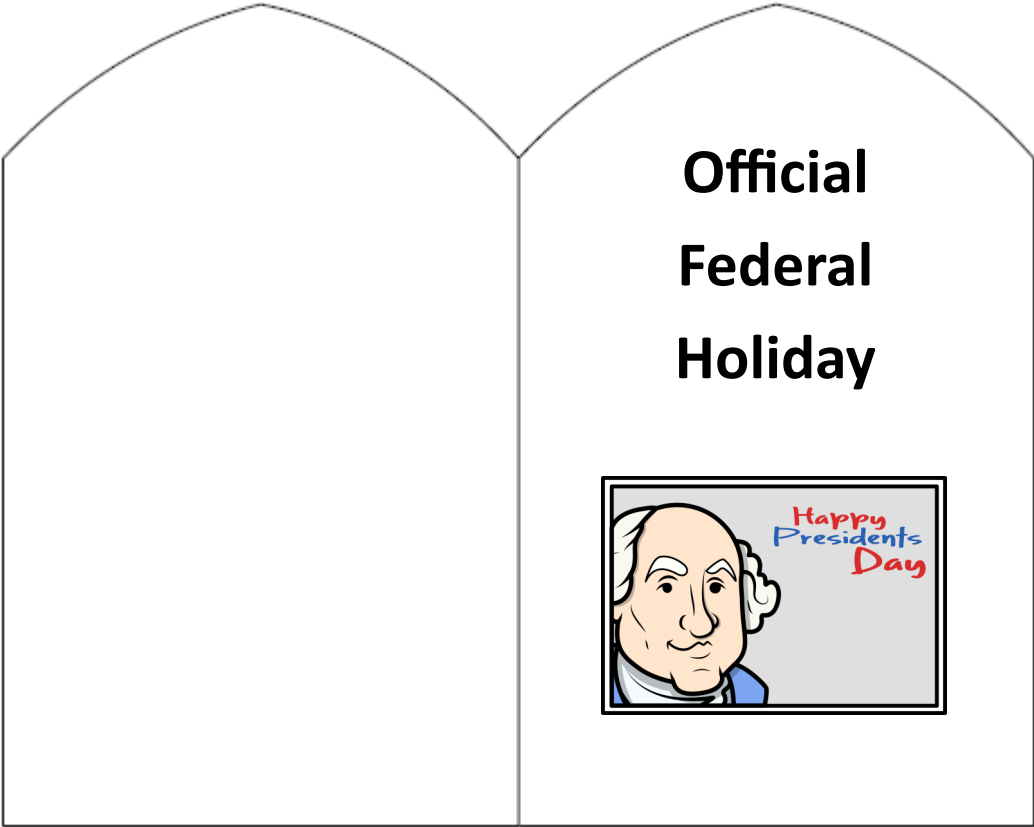
Completion Instructions: Inside booklet, describe how Washington's birthday came to be an official federal holiday.

Booklet 3: First Attempt at a President's Day

Assembly Instructions: Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack the pages so that title is on the top. Attach pages together at the top using staples. You may choose to punch holes and secure with metal brad fasteners instead. Booklet will be glued into folder (See Layout).

Completion Instructions: Inside this booklet, tell about the first attempt to create a President's Day and the outcome of this attempt.

**What is
President's
Day?**





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What is President's Day?

Presidents' Day was originally established in honor of President George Washington, in 1885. Following Washington's death in 1799, his birthday, which is February 22nd, became an annual day of remembrance. At that time, Washington was revered as the most important figure in American history. Washington's birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s.

Official Federal Holiday

Washington's Birthday became an official federal holiday in the late 1870s. The measure to make Washington's birthday a federal holiday was first proposed by Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of Arkansas. In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. The holiday originally only applied to the District of Columbia. It was expanded to the whole country in 1885. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving. It was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, signed into law in 1983, would be the second.

First Attempt at a "President's Day"

In 1951, the first attempt to create a President's Day occurred when the "President's Day National Committee" was formed by Harold Stone Bridge Fischer of Compton, California. Fischer became its National Executive Director for the next twenty years. The purpose of the committee was to honor the office of the presidency, not to honor any particular president. The original inauguration day, which was March 4th, was proposed to be called President's Day. The bill recognizing the March 4th date was stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee felt that, because of its closeness to Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, the three holidays so close together would be difficult. Still, the governors of a most individual states issued proclamations declaring March 4th to be Presidents' Day in those states.