

# Pocahontas Mini-Lapbook



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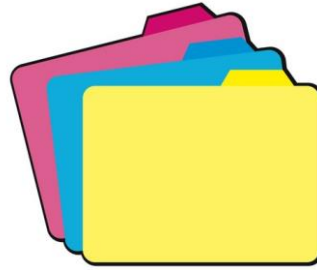
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# How do I get started?

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.

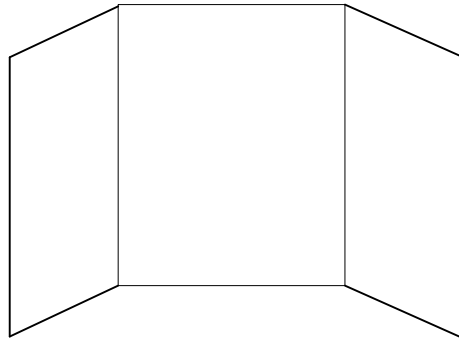
3. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes ALL of the templates for the booklets. These have been printed on colors that will help to improve retention of the information presented, according to scientific research on color psychology.

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.

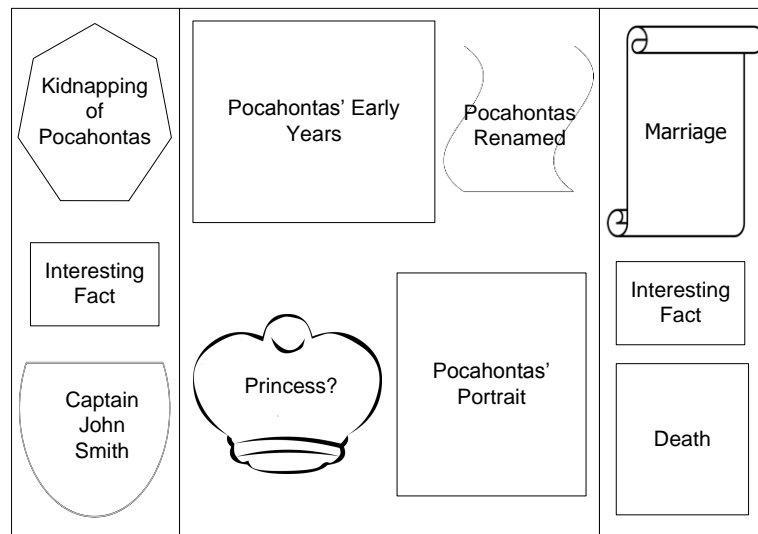
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## Base Assembly & Layout Guide

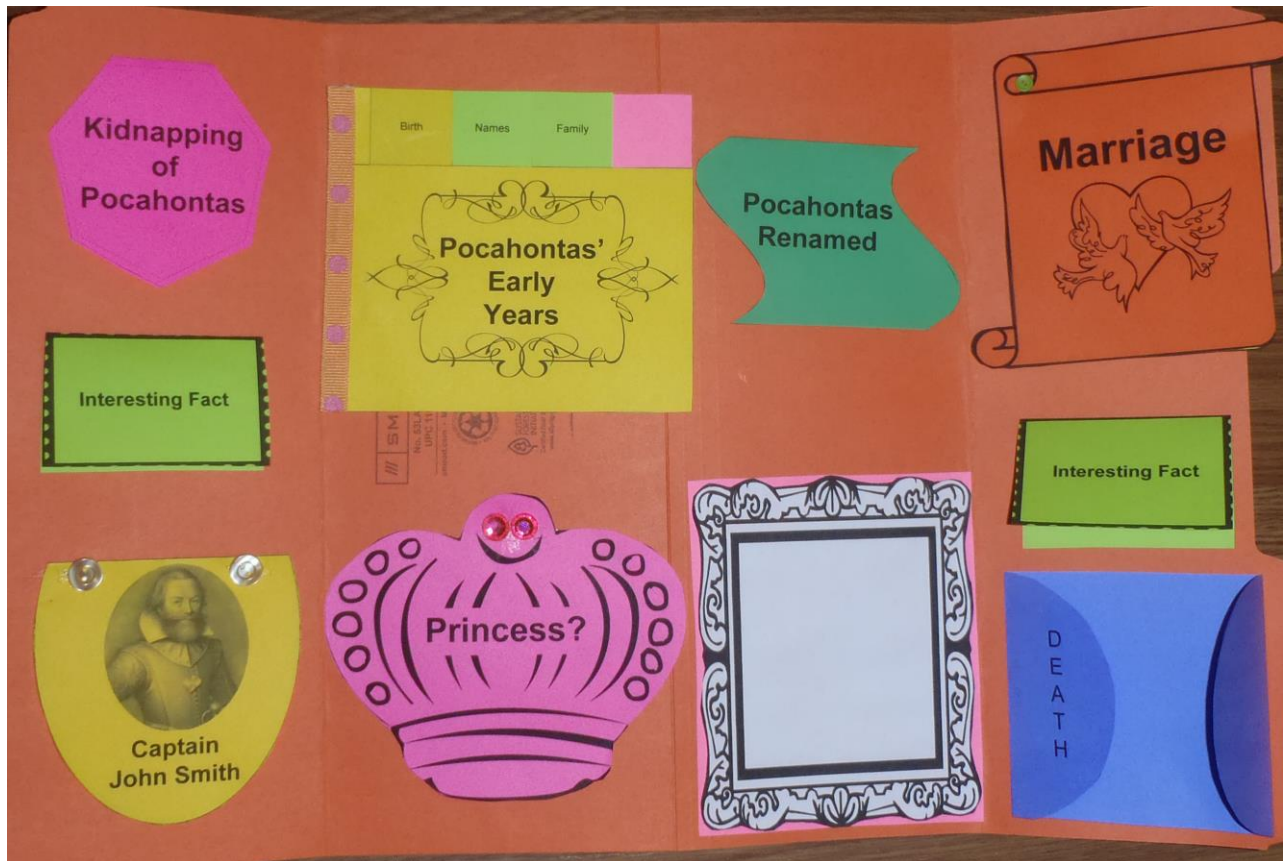
You will need 1 folder of any color. Fold both sides toward the original middle fold and make firm creases on these folds like in the picture below.



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 mini-lapbook!!! This should help in figuring out how to assemble the booklets and then how to put it all together!





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## Student Instruction Guide

### **Booklet #1: Pocahontas' Early Years**

**Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack the pages so that the title is on top. Secure along the left side with staples.

**Completion Instructions:** Inside this booklet, tell about the early years of Pocahontas' life.

### **Booklet #2: Princess?**

**Assembly Instructions:** Cut out each page of this booklet along the outer black line edges of each page. Stack the pages so that the title is on the front. Secure in the top center of the crown with a staple.

**Completion Instructions:** Many movies and books refer to Pocahontas as a princess. Inside this booklet, explain what you have learned about whether this was true or not.

### **Booklet #3: Captain John Smith**

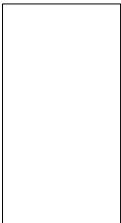
**Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of the booklet and the extra pages. Stack the extra pages inside the booklet. Secure along the top with staples.

**Completion Instructions:** Captain John Smith is a name that has become synonymous with Pocahontas. However, there is much mystery about their relationship. Inside this booklet, tell what you have learned about this man.

### **Booklet #4: Kidnapping of Pocahontas**

**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.

**Completion Instructions:** Inside this booklet, tell about the kidnapping of Pocahontas.



**Pocahontas'  
Early  
Years**

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## Study Guide



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Pocahontas is known throughout history as a strong Native American woman who helped save John Smith's life and kept peace between the British and her Powhatan tribe. Most of what we know about Pocahontas has been handed down through generations of storytelling or oral history. Children and young adults have learned what they know about Pocahontas through the Disney movies. We also have learned some aspects of her life through historical events written by others. There are no writings or recordings of her life that come specifically from Pocahontas. We don't know her true feelings about certain events that took place in her life. Plus there are different "truths" written about Pocahontas from different sources that are conflicting. In this study guide we will try to sort through the sources and

come to some conclusions as to what Pocahontas' life was like and about some of the individuals she meet along the way. Regardless of what the true accounts of her life story were, she has been remembered for over 400 years and had significant contributions to history. It is hard to say how much of the history we know today about Pocahontas was true and what was embellished or romanticized along the way through each storytelling.

Pocahontas was born around the year of 1595. She went by three names; "Amonute", "Matoaka", and "Pocahontas". Her family was from the Powhatan tribe that belonged to a larger alliance of Algonquian speaking tribes. The alliance of about 30 tribes lived in Virginia on an area of land that they called Tsenacommacah. Each of her names would have been used at different times in her life under varying contexts. Pocahontas meant "playful one" and actually translates to "little wanton". The name Pocahontas would mean unruly, undisciplined brat in today's society and language. Matoaka was given as her first secret name. It was believed by her tribe that you would not give out your secret name because that would give the other person power over you.

Pocahontas' father was Wahunsenaca, who was the chief Powhatan and was also loosely in charge of the alliance between all the Algonquian speaking tribes in that region. Her mother's name is not known nor much about her life. Some historians believe that her mother would have come from another tribe to marry Pocahontas' father to establish peace between tribes. There are also other sources that believe that her mother died during childbirth. The area that Pocahontas was born into had a population of about 25,000 that were dispersed among the 30 tribes. It was custom that when a baby was born to a chief to leave and live in another village with her mother. She would have stayed here until weaned then return to her father's village to be raised with her siblings. During this time away the father would continue to care for them. Once Pocahontas returned to her home village her mother would be free to remarry in another village.