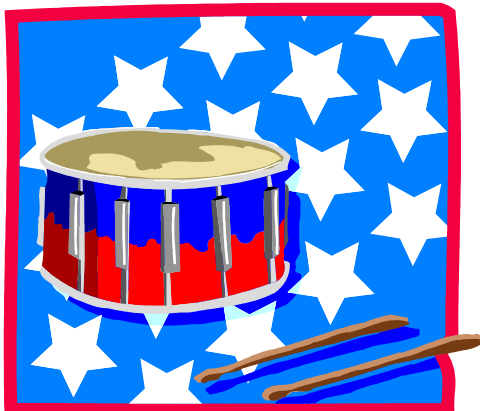


United States Symbols Mini-Lapbook



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How do I get started?

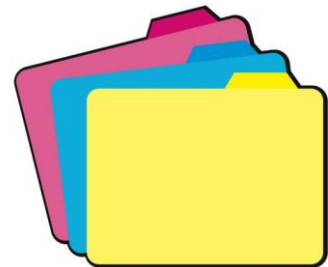
First, you will want to gather your supplies. Depending on which format you purchased from us, you will need different supplies. So, take what applies, and skip over the rest.

*** Printing:

*Print instructions and study guide on white copy paper.



*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper.



*** Assembly:

***Folders:** We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need 1 file folder. 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 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, 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.

2. **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.

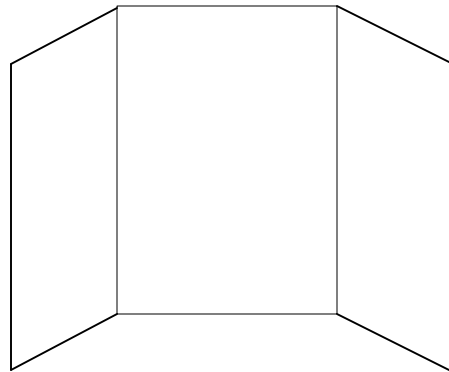
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Lapbook Base Assembly:

First, you will need to assemble the "Lapbook Base" for your project.

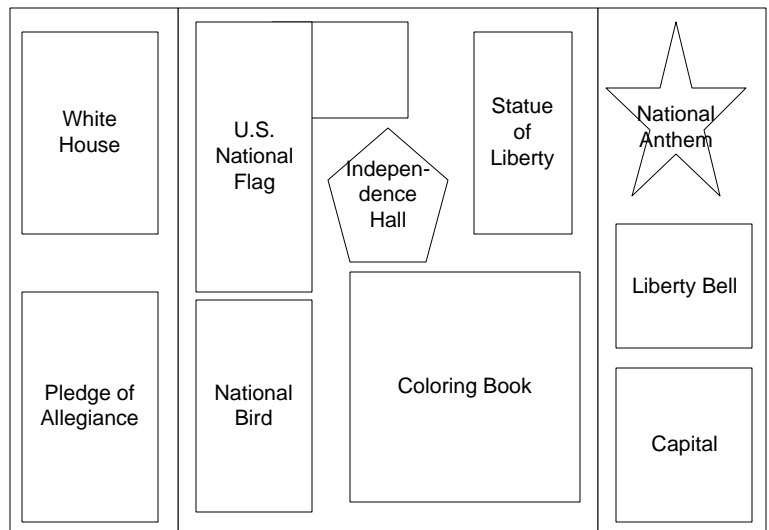
For this mini-lapbook, you will need 1 file folder. Open the file folder, and lay it flat in front of you. Fold both sides of each folder toward the middle. The edges (or tabs) of the folded sides should touch the center original fold line on the folders. See **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1



Lapbook Layout:

Below, you will see a layout for the mini-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.



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



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Booklet #1

***Booklet Title:** “Capital” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** How much do you know about the U.S. capital? Have you ever been there? Where is it located? Write your information inside the booklet.

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of each page of the booklet. Stack them so that the title is on top. Punch 2 holes along the outer left side, and secure with a ribbon. You may choose to just staple the edge instead.

Booklet #2

***Booklet Title:** “United States National Flag” Booklet

***Student Instructions:** How much do you know about our flag? See if you can answer the questions inside this booklet.

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of each of the flag pole booklet and the extra pages. Stack the extra pages behind the flag, and then secure along the left side of the stack (along the flag pole) with staples or with punched holes and metal brad fasteners.

Booklet #3

***Booklet Title:** “National Bird” Booklet

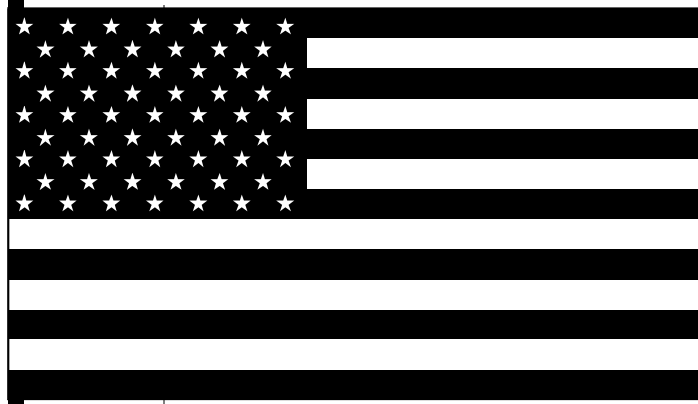
***Student Instructions:** Do you know what the national bird is? Write about it inside this booklet. You may also want to color the outside of the booklet.

****Assembly Instructions:** Cut out along the outer black line edges of the booklet. Fold so that the title is on the front, and the back of the booklet is the smaller page.

Booklet # 1



United States National Flag



Booklet # 2

How many stripes are on the United States Flag?
What are their colors?

What do the 13 stripes represent?

What do the stars represent?



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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/>.)

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.



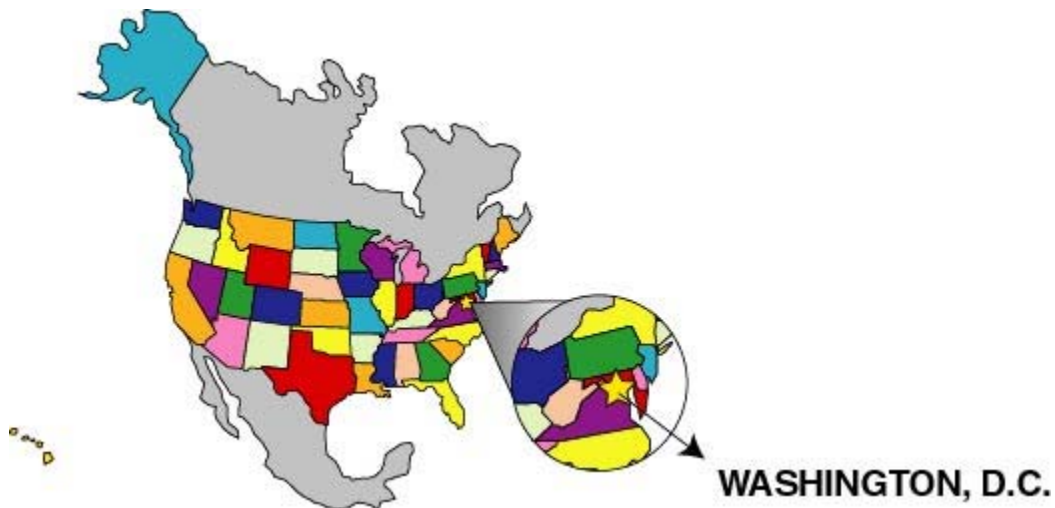
To the right on this map (east) of the United States is a body of water called the Atlantic Ocean and to the left (west) is another body of water called the Pacific Ocean.

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.

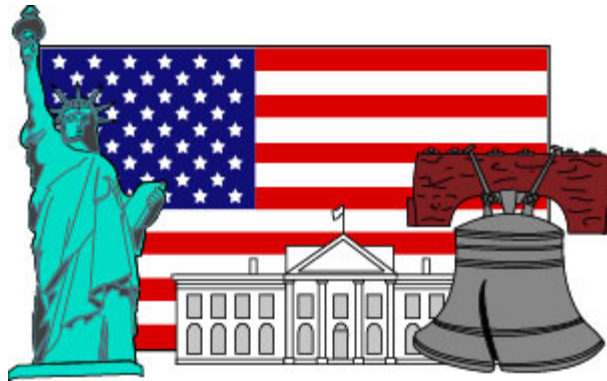
Washington, D.C. is located on the east coast and is surrounded by the states of Maryland and Virginia on the Potomac River. It is America's first planned city and was designed by Pierre L'Enfant.



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.



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."