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Trail Guide
to
U.S. Geography



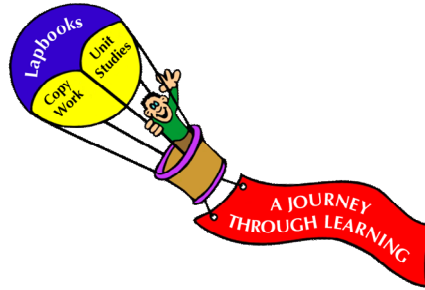
A Teacher's Manual
With Daily Geography Drills

Cindy Wiggers

Grades 2-7

4 Folders

44 Pages



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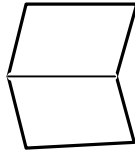
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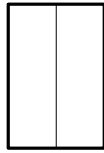
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically



Folds-Labeled with a small line to show where the fold is and the words “hamburger fold” or “hotdog fold.”

Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be labeled “cover label.”

So where do the mini-booklets go?

A color-coded and labeled KEY is included. This key shows you where all of the mini-booklets go in each folder. Keep this page handy! You'll also see at the top of the mini-booklet pages another graphic that shows once again where to place the booklet in each folder. So there are TWO ways to see where to place the booklet. We made it easy! You won't get lost.

How do I use the book with the lapbook?.

At the top of the pages, you will find a “key” that shows the placement of the booklet. Also included is the construction of the booklet, what to put in the booklet, and the week and lesson that corresponds to the *Trail Guide to U.S. Geography* text.

Lapbook Assembly Choices

(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together)

Choice #1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished all three folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

How It All Goes Together

What you need to get started

- **Trail Guide to U.S. Geography* book
- *A printed copy of the *Trail Guide to U.S. Geography* lapbook by A Journey Through Learning
- *4 colored file folders
- *Scissors
- *Glue
- *Hole puncher
- *Brads
- *Stapler

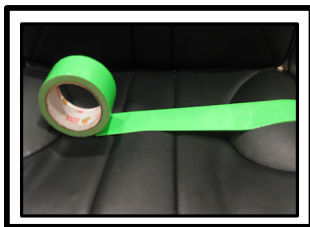
To make the storage system (optional)

- *Duct tape (preferably at least two different colors but not necessary)
- *One 3-ring binder

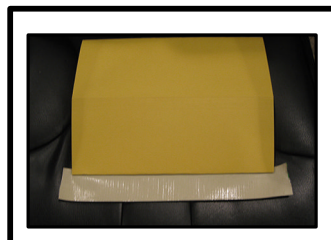
Can I store all of the lapbooks I create from Trail Guides to U.S. Geography in one location?

Yes! A Journey Through Learning has come up with a way that you can store all of your lapbooks from your books in ONE convenient location. A 3-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to show to dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When they are not being shown off, just place the binder on your bookshelf! On the next page, we have given you step-by-step directions (with pictures) of how to create a storage binder.

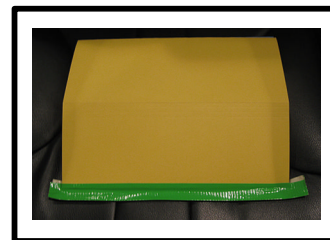
How to make a storage system for your lapbook(s)



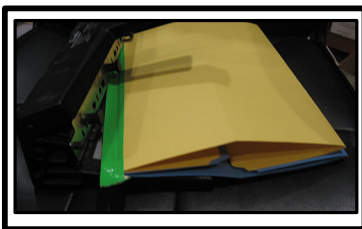
Roll out enough duct tape to go across the folders lengthwise.



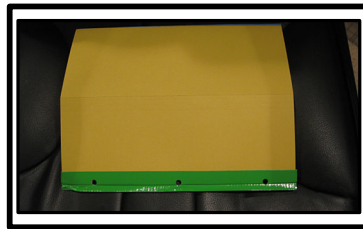
Put duct tape sticky side up. Place binded edge of lapbook on the duct tape (no more than 1/4 inch!).



Then stick duct tape to the other side again about 1/4 inch. There will need to be enough tape to hole punch.



Stick duct tape into hole puncher but be careful not to punch holes in your folders.



It will look like this.



Store folders in 3-ring binder.

How to fold and connect the folders for your lapbook.



1. Gather the number of folders required for your particular lapbook.



2. Open up each folder and flatten it out.



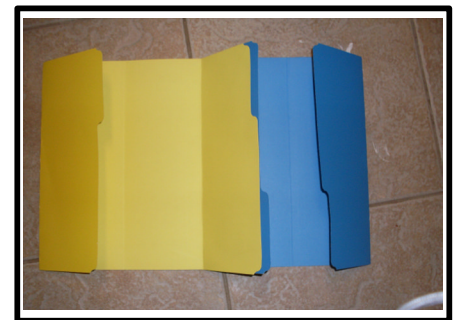
3. Take the right side and fold it all the way over until the tab is just before the middle crease in the folder. Do not overlap this crease with the tab.



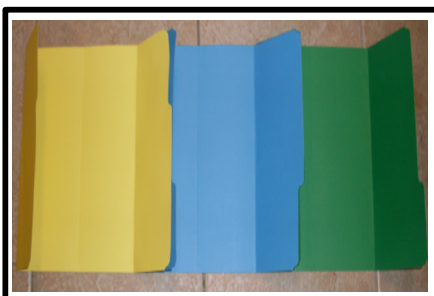
4. Fold the left hand-side over just to the crease but not overlapping it. Your folder now has two flaps. We like to run a ruler down each fold to make the fold neater and flatter. Do steps 3 and 4 to the remaining folders.



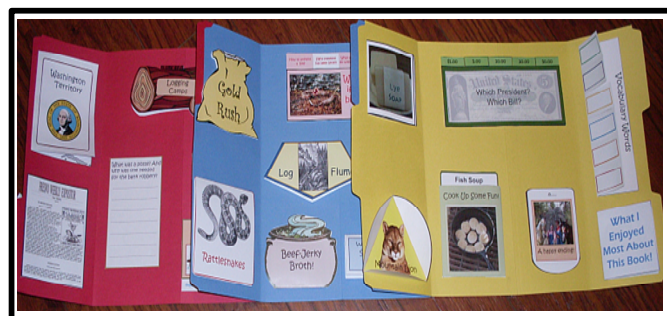
5. Take two of the folders and apply a generous amount of glue to their flaps.



6. Bring the flaps together and press so they stick together.



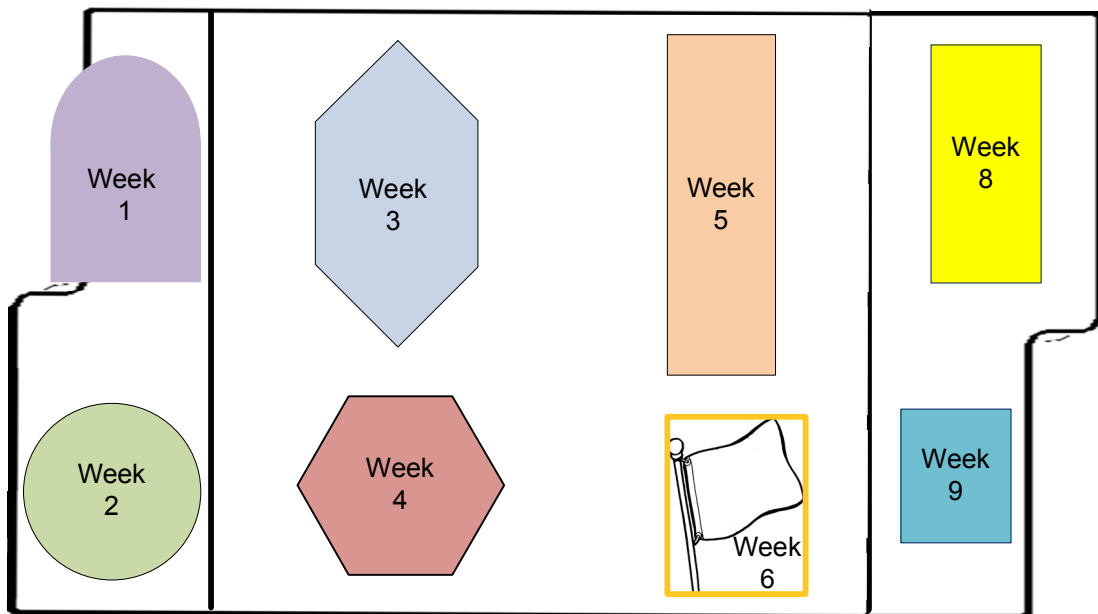
7. Do steps 5 and 6 to your remaining folders (if any).



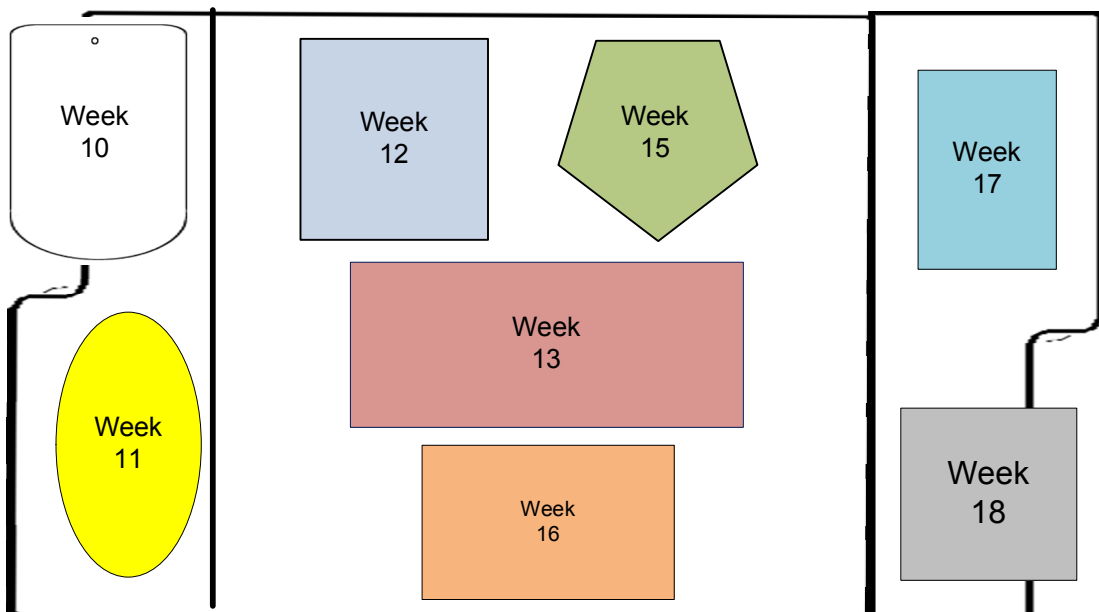
8. The patterns for all the mini-booklets are provided. Just cut out, construct, and glue them into your lapbook. Refer to the color-coded placement page or the actual mini-booklet page for placement of each mini-booklet.

This guide shows where to place the mini-booklets in each folder.

Folder 1 Weeks 1-9

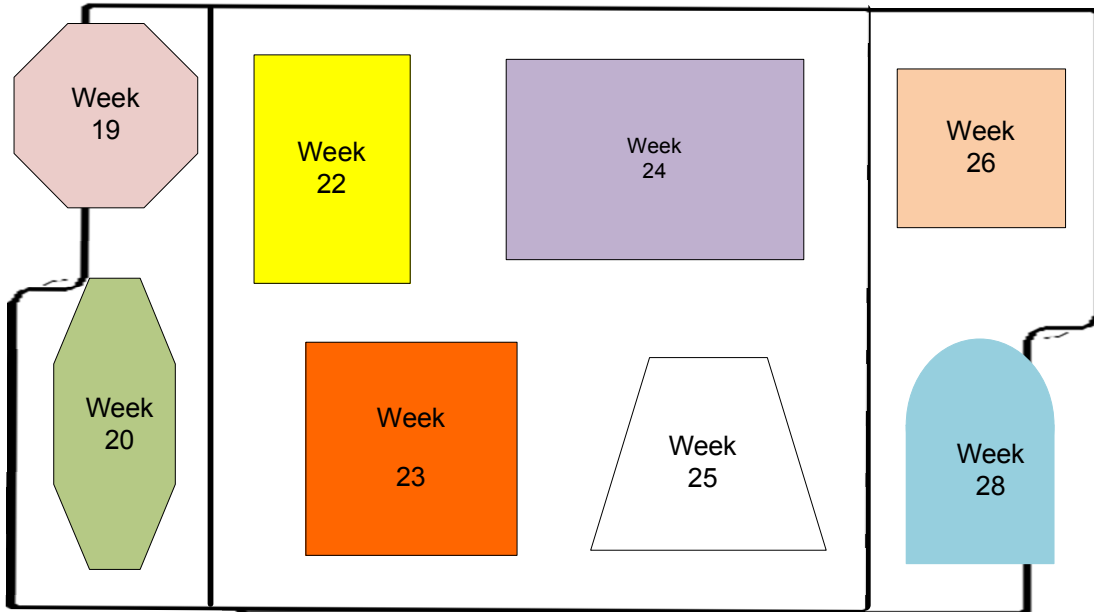


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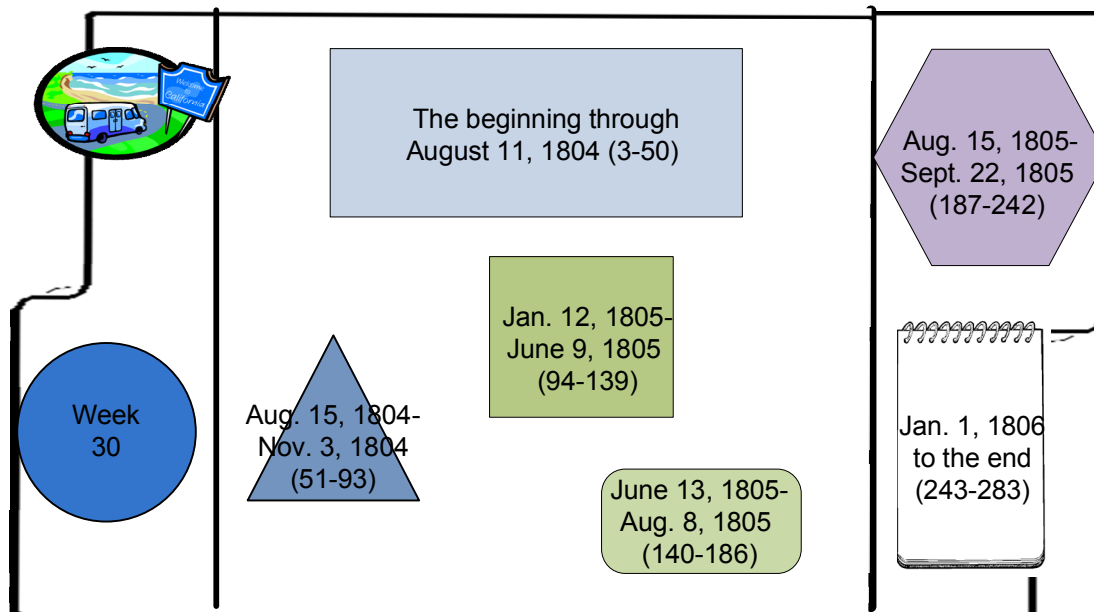
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Folder 3 Weeks 19-28



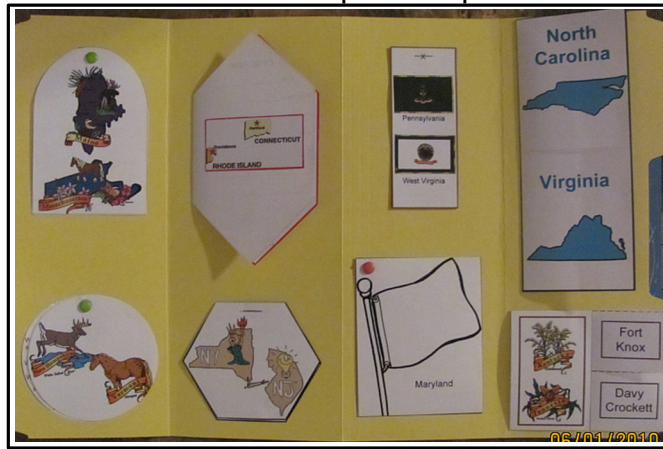
Folder 4 Weeks 29-37

This folder is to be use with “The Captain’s Dog” by Roland Smith



Photos of completed lapbook

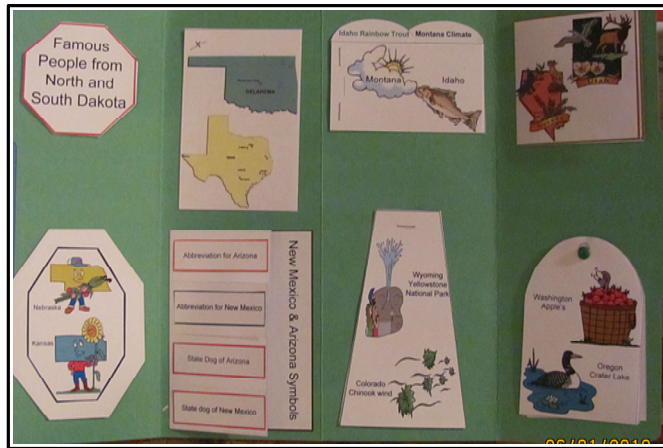
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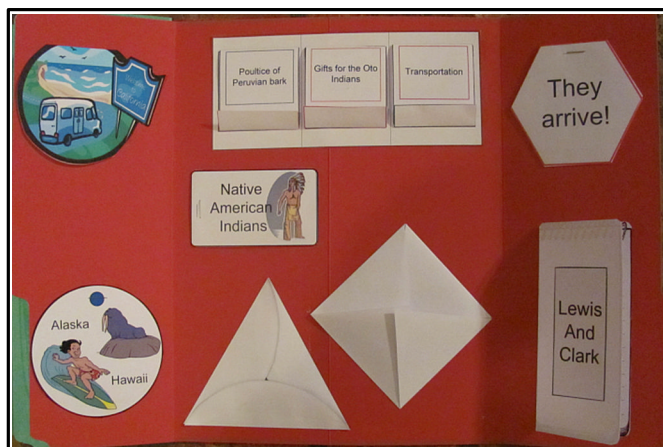
Folder 2



Folder 3

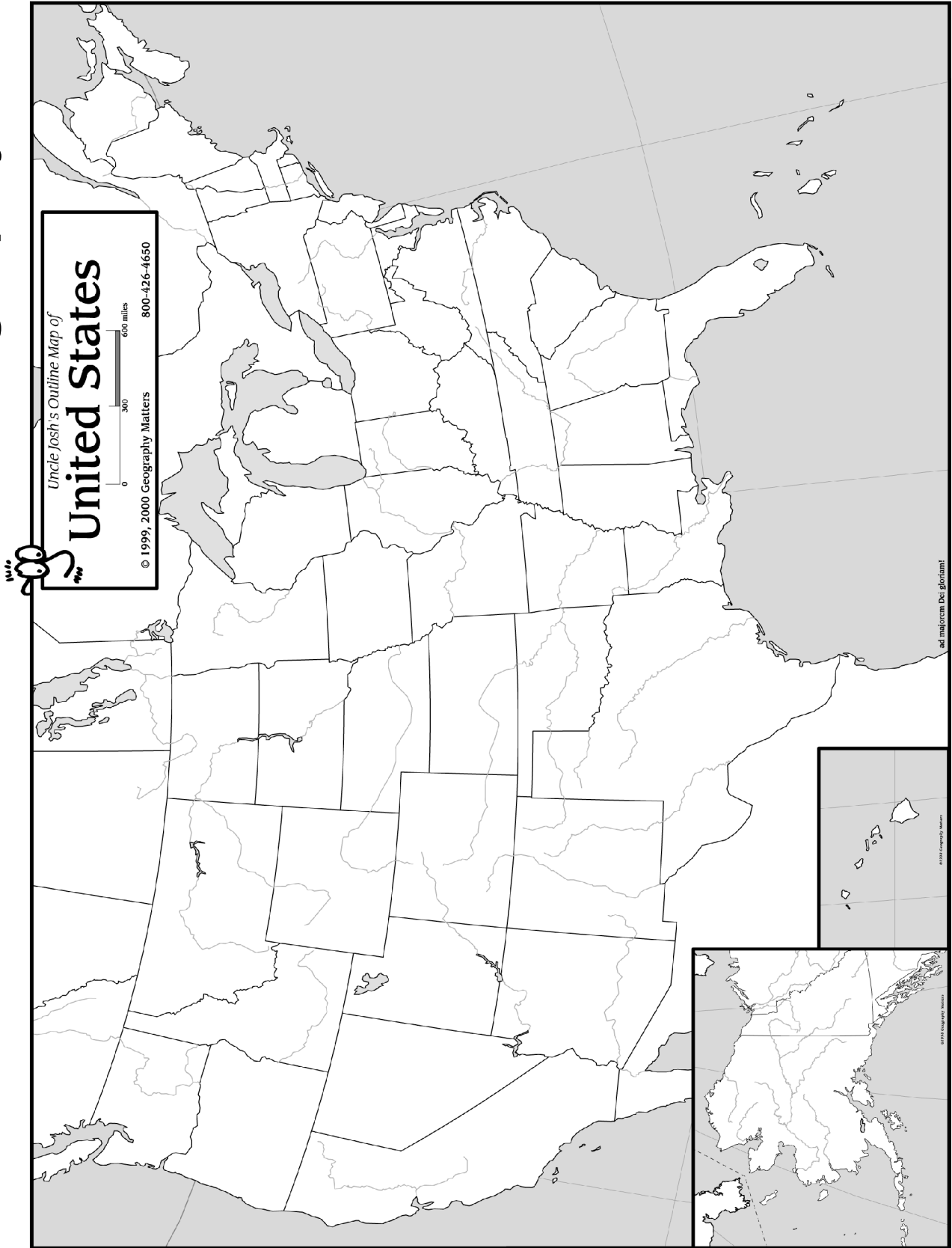


Folder 4



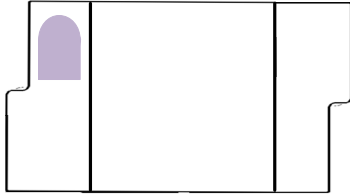
Cut out the map and glue onto the front of your lapbook. As you study the different regions of the country, color in the states. Color the New England States-**blue**, Mid-Atlantic States-**green**, Southern States-**purple**, Midwestern States-**orange**, Southwestern States-**brown**, Rocky Mountain States-**red**, Pacific Coast States-**pink**.

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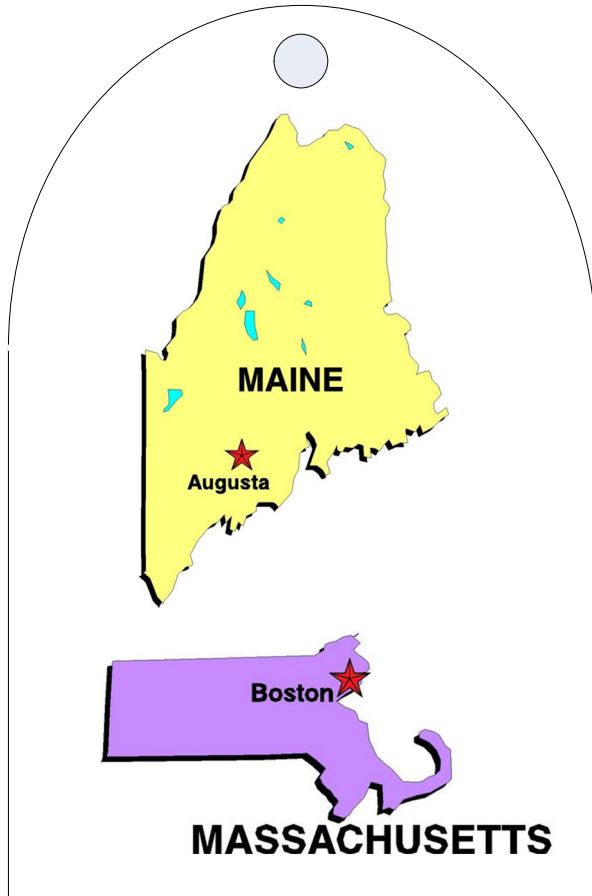


Week 1 Maine and Massachusetts

Folder 1



Cut out each piece on this page. Fasten together at the top with a brad (or staple). Glue into lapbook. **Maine Trail Blazing: Lobster.** Read about the lobsters of Maine. Fill out the information on the booklet. **Massachusetts Trail Blazing:** Research the geography, climate, and natural resources of Massachusetts. Fill out the information on the booklet.



Maine Lobster



Habitat: _____

Food: _____

Season: _____

How they are caught? _____

Massachusetts

Climate: _____

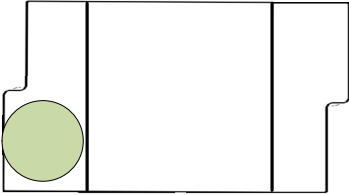
Natural Resources: _____

Ecology: _____

Location: _____

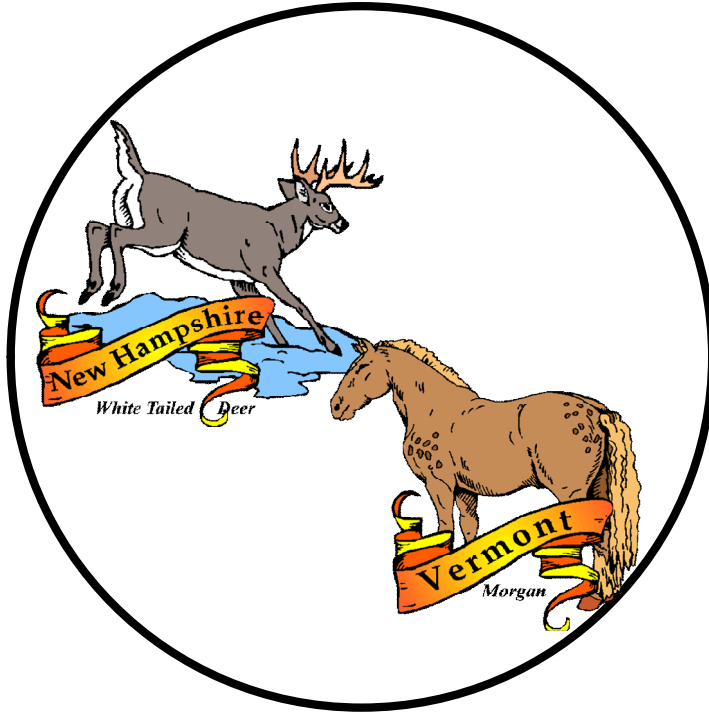
Geography: _____

Folder 1



Week 2 New Hampshire and Vermont

Cut out all of the circles. Stack with title page on top. Staple at the top and glue into lap book. Glue into lapbook. **New Hampshire Trail Blazing: Granite.** Research granite. Fill out the information on the booklet. **Vermont Trail Blazing: Maple Syrup.** Research how maple syrup is collected. Fill out the information on the booklet.



New Hampshire-Granite

Origin: _____

Texture: _____

Color: _____

Uses: _____

Vermont-Maple syrup

What a person who collects the syrup is called? _____

The collection season: _____

What the syrup is called? _____

How it is collected: _____

Glue a picture of a piece of granite here.

Inside of the box, list items made with syrup.