

**Hands-On History Lap-Pak:**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Century in America**  
**Scope and Sequence**

**Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

*The 20<sup>th</sup> Century in America Lap-Pak* introduces your students to the period of American history stretching roughly from 1900-2000, a period filled with wars, social movements, medical and scientific advances, technological inventions, an array of interesting people, and so much more! Included are 22 Lap Booking projects that incorporate creative writing, drawing and coloring, research, recipes, and more. The Lap-Pak is designed to teach students through kinesthetic means, utilizing their senses and motor skills. Where younger students may need more guidance and assistance with the projects, older students should be able to handle the majority of the unit independently. Along with the Lap Book, a printable booklet of text is included providing basic information on each topic covered.

**I. History / Social Studies (Cultural Studies)**

- a. Reading text booklet
  - i. Global Conflicts
    - 1. World War I
    - 2. World War II
    - 3. The Cold War
    - 4. Other Conflicts
  - ii. Presidents of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
    - 1. William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, etc...
  - iii. Social Movements
    - 1. Women's Suffrage
    - 2. Temperance
    - 3. Civil Rights Movement
    - 4. Evangelical Movements
  - iv. Disasters
    - 1. The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire
    - 2. The Titanic
    - 3. Influenza Pandemic
    - 4. Tri-State Tornado
    - 5. The Hindenburg
    - 6. Three Mile Island Accident
    - 7. Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster
    - 8. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
    - 9. Mississippi Flood
  - v. The Great Depression
    - 1. Stock Market Crash
    - 2. The Oklahoma Dust Bowl
  - vi. Science & Technology
    - 1. The Atomic Bomb
    - 2. Albert Einstein
    - 3. Space
    - 4. Medical Advances
    - 5. The Computer Age
  - vii. Art
    - 1. Modernism
    - 2. Different kinds of 20<sup>th</sup> Century art
    - 3. Norman Rockwell

- 4. The Comic Strip
- viii. Architecture
  - 1. The Panama Canal
  - 2. The Golden Gate Bridge
  - 3. Empire State Building
  - 4. Mount Rushmore National Memorial
- ix. Literature
  - 1. Famous 20<sup>th</sup> Century authors and their works
  - 2. Classic children's books
- x. Music
  - 1. Jazz
  - 2. Elvis Presley
  - 3. The Beatles
  - 4. Rock and Roll
  - 5. Pop
- xi. Transportation
  - 1. Automobiles
  - 2. Airplanes
  - 3. Subways
- xii. Media
  - 1. Newspapers
  - 2. Radio
  - 3. Television
  - 4. The Internet
- xiii. Movies
  - 1. *The Great Train Robbery*
  - 2. First famous actors
  - 3. Talkies
- xiv. Sports
  - 1. Famous athletes
  - 2. Football
  - 3. Baseball
  - 4. NASCAR
  - 5. Hockey

b. Projects

- i. "World Wars"
- ii. "Other Conflicts: In the Americas & Global"
- iii. "Political Events"
- iv. "Social Movements"
- v. "Modern Missionaries"
- vi. "Disasters"
- vii. "The Stock Market Crash of 1929"
- viii. "Science and Invention in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"
- ix. "Medical Advancements"
- x. "The Space Race"
- xi. "Art Movements of the Modern Era"
- xii. "Accomplishments in Architecture"
- xiii. "20<sup>th</sup> Century Authors and their Literature"
- xiv. "Music of the Century"
- xv. "Transportation in America"
- xvi. "News & Media of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"
- xvii. "Sports Figures Who Made Their Mark in History"

- xviii. "People of Interest"
- xix. "Diner Menu 'Dining through the Decades'"
- xx. "Fashion through the Decades"
- xxi. "Slang Terminology"
- xxii. "Timeline of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" project

## **II. READING**

- a. Booklet Text

## **III. LITERATURE**

- a. "Slang Terminology" Lap Book project

## **IV. ART**

- a. Creating and Assembling the Lap Book