Things to Know

**Hamburger Fold** - Fold horizontally

**Hotdog Fold** - Fold vertically

**Dotted Lines** - These are the cutting lines.

**Accordion Fold** - This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

**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 referred to as “cover label.”

How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

Doing a study guide page and mini-booklet a day, a 3-folder lapbook takes about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That’s the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

Lapbook Assembly Choices

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

*We recommend using Zip Dry Glue or Elmer’s Extreme.*

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 do I know where to place each template in the folder?

This placement key tells you the template goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.
Folding a Lapbook Base

Gather the number of folders required for the project. Fold them flat as seen here.

For each folder, fold the left and right sides inward toward the original line to create two flaps. Crease so that the highest part of each flap is touching the original line. It is important not to let the two flaps overlap. You may want to take a ruler and run it down each crease to make it sharper.

Glue your folders together by putting glue (or you may staple) on the inside of the flaps. Then press the newly glued flaps together with your hands until they get a good strong hold to each other. Follow this step to add as many folders as you need for your project. Most of our lapbooks have either 2 or 3 folders.

Photo of a completed lapbook base
Cut out the page around the dotted lines. Glue to the front of your closed lapbook. Complete an Egyptian scene. Remember to add camels, people and more.

Ancient Egypt

Sample Page
Why are the Ancient Egyptians so Fascinating?

Ancient Egyptians lived along the banks of the Nile a long, long time ago. There they built one of the most important civilizations. Ancient Egyptians were really smart. They were among the first people to use writing and develop a calendar. They farmed the rich land left behind by the floodwaters of the Nile. The Ancient Egyptians were also incredible builders. Some of the structures they built still stand today, thousands of years later.

Egyptians traveled along the river to different countries bringing their products and trading them for the products of that country. They also traded by land. This trading, whether by land or river, made Ancient Egypt a rich country.

The civilization the Egyptians managed to build is one of the most fascinating ones in history. Archeologists, scientists that study ancient artifacts, have been able to tell us a lot about the way these incredible people lived. An artifact is anything made by humans: tools, weapons, pots and pans, cloth and jewelry. Archeologists, like detectives, piece together evidence to tell us about the people of the past.
Read Why are the Ancient Egyptians so Fascinating?
Cut out booklet as one piece. Fold in half. Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Inside of the booklet, write or draw what you have learned. Have an adult write for you, if needed.
Read Why are the Ancient Egyptians so Fascinating?
Cut out booklet and fold in half. Glue into lapbook.
**Directions:** Inside of the booklet, tell or draw your answer. Have an adult write for you, if needed.

What is an Archeologist?
What Types of People Lived in Ancient Egypt?

Ancient Egyptians were ruled by a king called a pharaoh. The pharaoh and his family lived in a grand palace and wore the finest clothing. Their food, made by their servants, was only the best. The pharaoh was considered not only the king but also the high priest.

Even though the pharaoh was the high priest, there were other priests. These priests were in charge of taking care of the temple and leading the worship of their many gods.

Another important people in Ancient Egyptian society were the scribes. Scribes were very well educated. They were called scribes because they knew how to write the complicated Egyptian writing called hieroglyphs. Scribes usually worked in the temple alongside the priests. They wrote scrolls and inscriptions on temple walls and tombs.

A country always needs an army. The army was made up of soldiers who guarded the king and defended the country in case of war.

The ordinary people were the majority. They were the ones that did most of the work. They raised cattle, fished in the river, made the crafts, and built the temples and houses. The houses were built of mud bricks. In the cities, the houses were two or three stories high and very close together. They were often dark and cramped. The streets were full of garbage (No garbage collection back then!) and very smelly.
Read What Types of People Lived in Ancient Egypt. Cut out the booklet on the outside lines as one piece. Fold up the bottom section. Next, fold down the top section. This creates an envelope. Glue into lapbook. Cut out four cards from the next two pages.

Directions: Draw something about each of the four types of people on your cards. Place into the envelope when you are done.
Pharaoh

Scribe

Sample Page

Army
Sample Page