



Grades 2-7

America's Presidents

Lapbook with Study Guide

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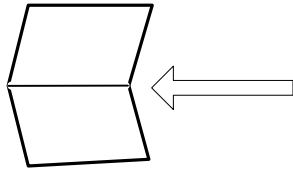
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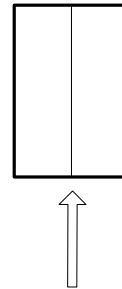
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically



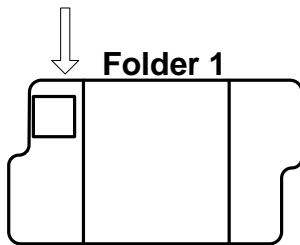
Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines

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 do I know where to place each booklet in the lapbook? Sample Page

A booklet placement key is at the top of every booklet page. This key shows where that particular booklet will go in that folder.



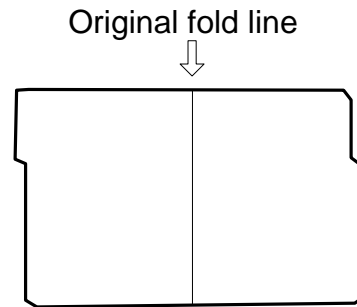
This placement key tells you the booklet goes in the first folder at the top of the left flap.

How do I use the book with the lapbook?

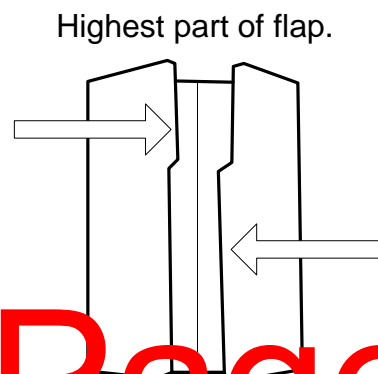
First, read the question in the book. Then, read the Bible verse that is given. Let your child do the copywork that goes with the Bible verse. This lets you and your child focus “first” on what the word of God has to say about the question asked. As you child does the copywork, place it in a binder or a 3 prong folder. Next, do the booklet that goes along with the question. This allows for the “re-telling” part of the story from your child’s point of understanding.

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.*



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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.

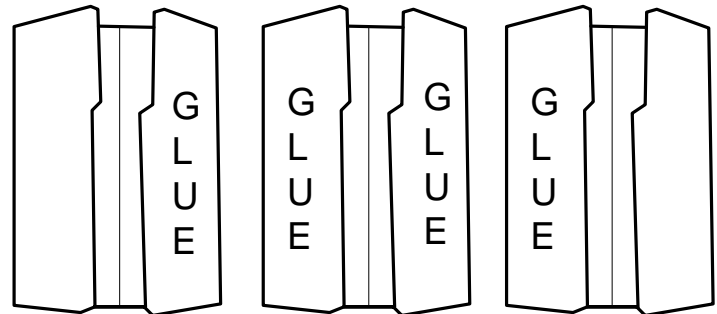
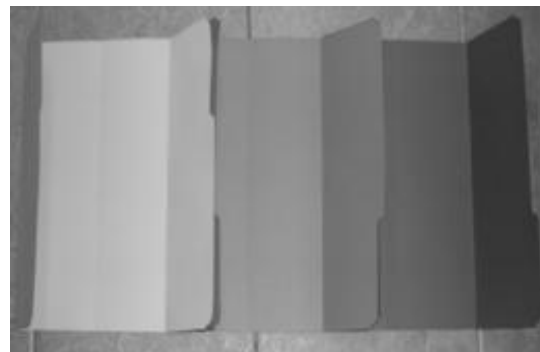
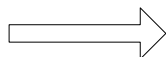


Photo of a completed lapbook base



Supplies and Storage

- *Presidents lapbook from A Journey Through Learning
- *3 Colored File Folders
- *Scissors
- *Glue
- *Stapler
- *Brads (not needed for every lapbook. If brads are not available, a stapler will do.)
- *Hole Puncher (again, not needed for every lapbook.)
- *3 prong folder or ½ binder (For Copywork)

To make the storage system (optional)

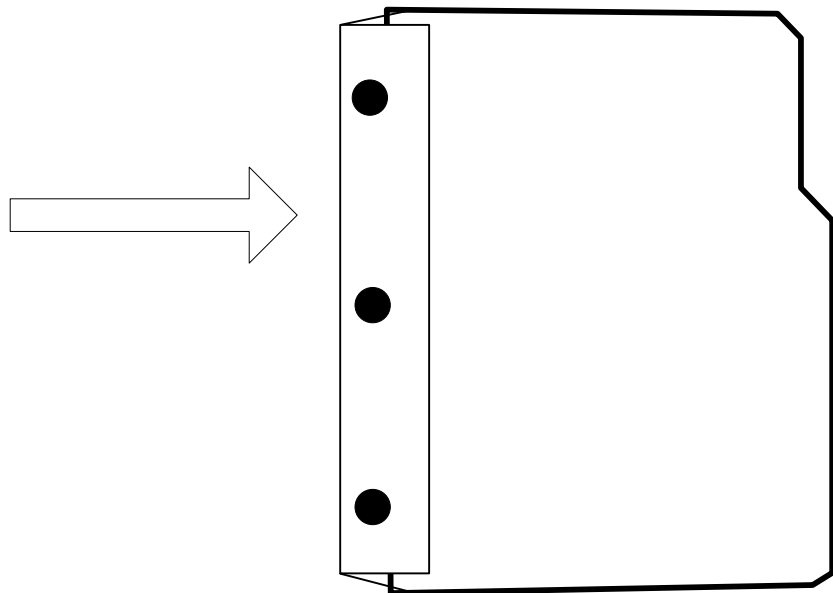
See details below about the use of a storage system.

- *Duct tape (any color)
- *One 3-ring binder
- *Hole Puncher

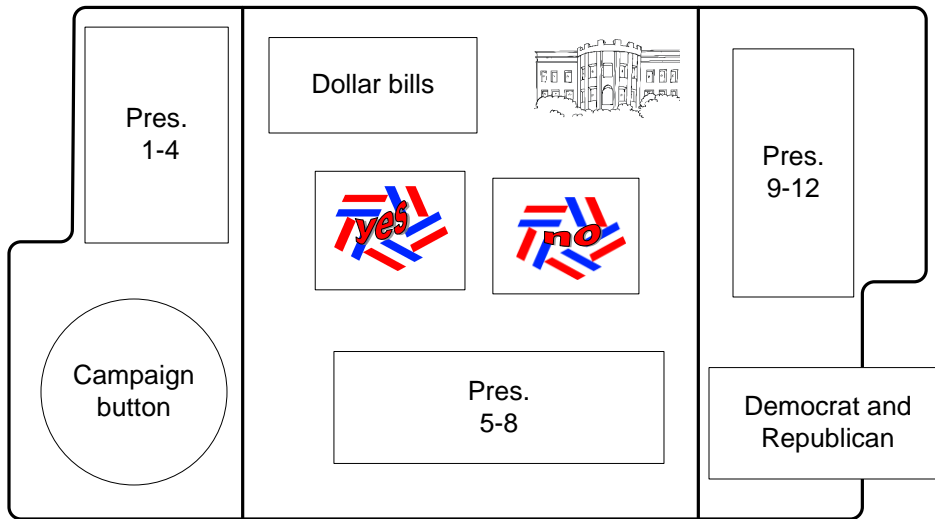
My child has made several lapbooks. Can I store all of the lapbooks together in one place?

Yes! A three-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 share with dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When you are through sharing your lapbooks, just place the three-ring binder back on your bookshelf! Below are step-by-step directions on how to prepare each lapbook to be placed in a three-ring binder.

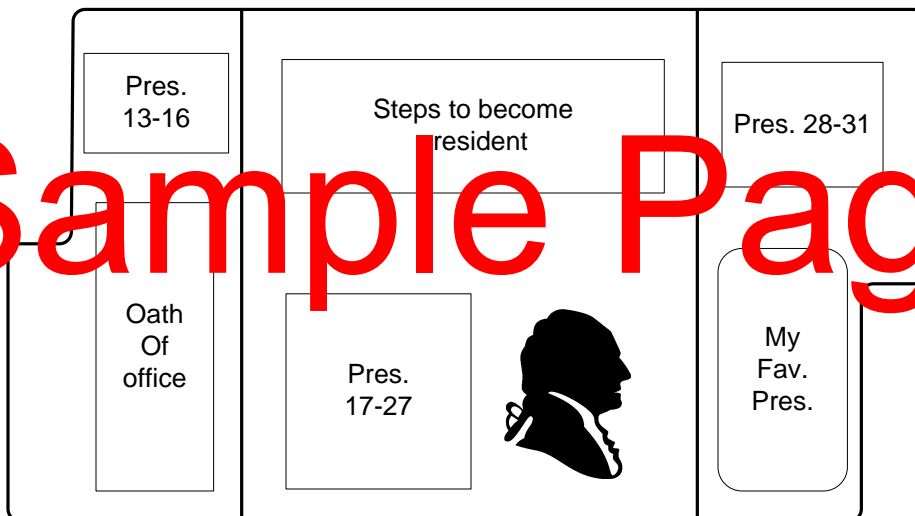
Close the lapbook. Measure a piece of duct tape that is as long as the lapbook. Place the edge of the duct tape on the top edge of the lapbook. Then fold the duct tape over so that it can be placed on the bottom edge. Make sure to leave enough duct tape sticking out from the edges to punch three holes. Be careful when punching the holes that you do not punch the holes in the folder. If you do, that's okay. Then place in three-ring binder. Depending on the size of your three-ring binder, you can store many lapbooks in it.



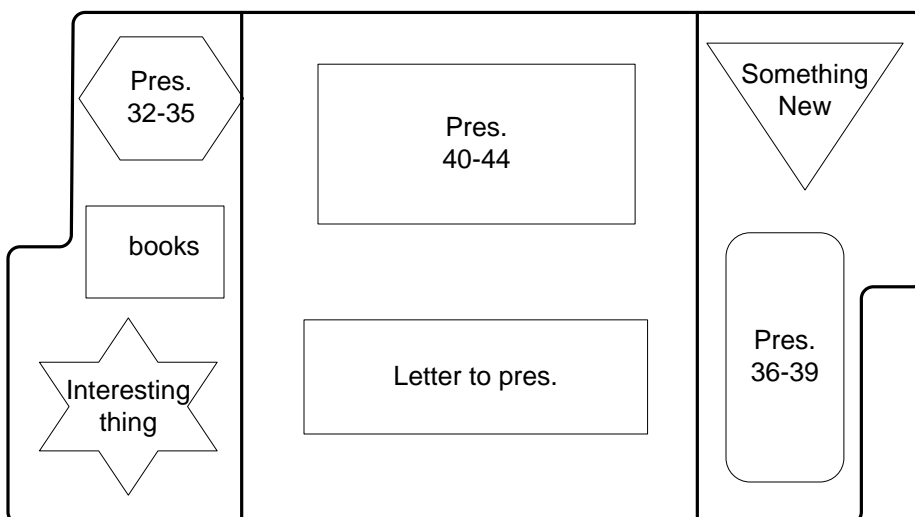
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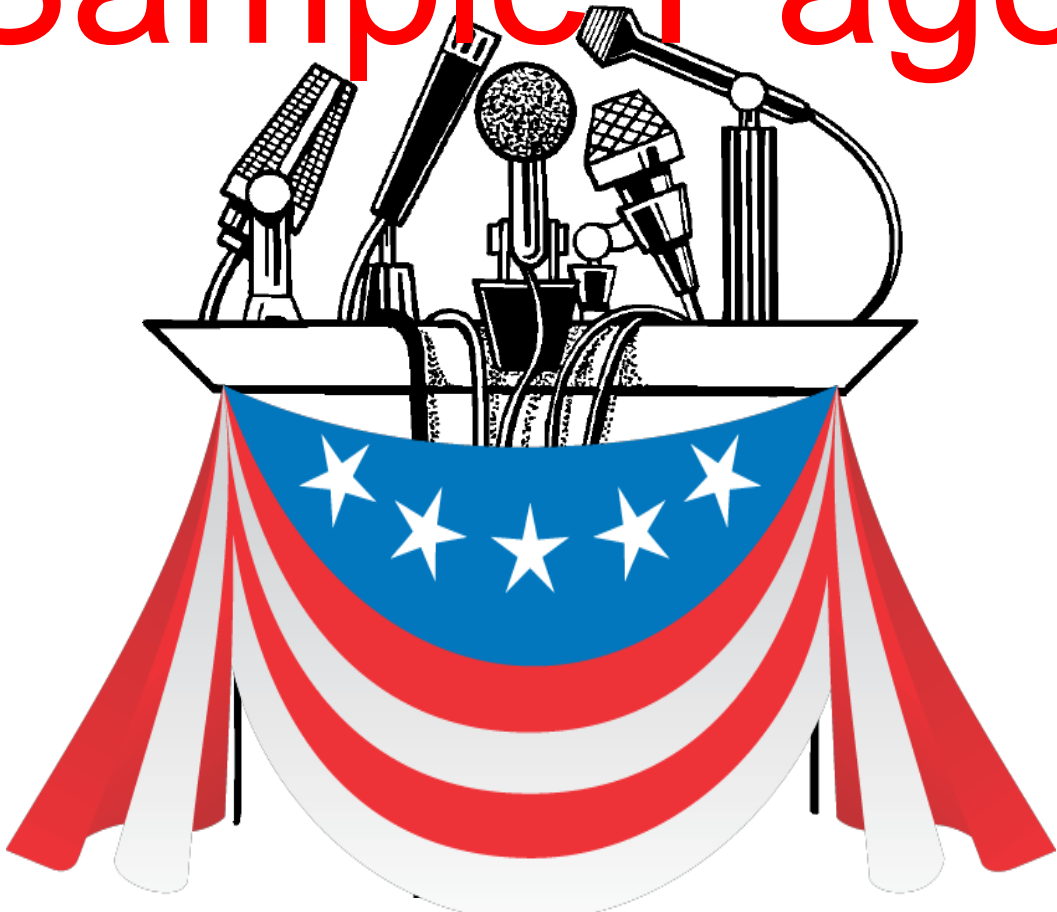
Answer Key

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Presidents give a lot of speeches. Draw the president of your choice at the podium giving a very important speech. Cut out around dotted line and glue to the front of closed lapbook.

America's Presidents

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The Revolutionary War has Ended. Now What?

When the Revolutionary War ended, America had finally gained its independence from Britain. The next step was deciding what to do with that freedom. Many of the country's greatest leaders got together and created a plan.

The Declaration of Independence was written as a guide to the values that the new American government would follow. The writers of this document wanted to make sure that America did not follow the centralized authority that had taken place under the control of King George III. They wanted to place most of the power in the hands of the states. They wanted to set up a strong national government and a country with good international affairs. Out of this knowledge of the past came the idea of "The American Presidency."

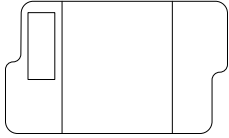
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Campaign Buttons

The first campaign button was worn by George Washington. He wore it at his Inauguration in 1789. Not only did Washington wear a button, but many of his supporters did also. The button said, "G.W.-Long Live the President." It was modeled after the phrase, "Long Live the King."

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln, placed his picture on a button stating he was running for president. For the first time, people hundreds of miles away could see what a candidate looked like. The "buttons" were not what we know as a button. They were a small round ring with a tin-type picture and a hole for a ribbon.

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Cut out the booklet as one piece. Tri-fold with the pictures inside. Cut on the dotted lines to form flaps. Cut out the cover and glue on top of the closed booklet. Glue into lapbook.

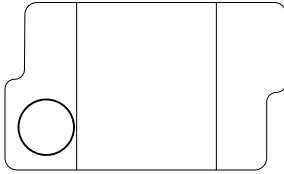
Directions: Write the president's name under the flap.

A large rectangular frame divided into three vertical sections. The rightmost section contains four portrait cutouts of presidents, each with a dotted line below it for a flap. The text 'Sample Page' is overlaid in large red letters across the center of the frame.

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Folder 1



Read **Campaign Buttons**.

Cut out the circle and glue into lapbook.

Directions: Pretend that you are being asked to join the campaign trail of your favorite candidate running for the presidency. Create a button to show your support.



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Presidents on U.S. Currency

So why are the presidents on our money? Well, in the early 1900's, a special committee decided that Americans were more familiar with the faces of the presidents than any other people. There were three exceptions made. They were Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and Salmon Chase. They were never presidents but they were very important political leaders and very well known to the people. In addition, a bit of trivia for those of you who do not know-you have to be deceased for your face to appear on U.S. money!

Portraits on United States Paper Money

\$1 - George Washington

\$2 - Thomas Jefferson

\$5 - Abraham Lincoln

\$10 - Alexander Hamilton

\$20 - Andrew Jackson

\$50 - Ulysses Grant

\$100 - Ben Franklin

\$500 - William McKinley

\$1000 - Grover Cleveland

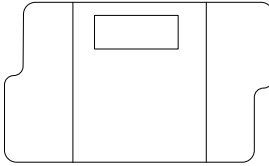
\$5000 - James Madison

\$10,000 - Salmon Chase

\$100,000 - Woodrow Wilson

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Read **Presidents on U.S. Currency.**

Cut out each of the bills. Stack on top of each other with the title on top and staple down the left side. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: On each bill, either glue a picture or write the name of the president that appears on that bill.

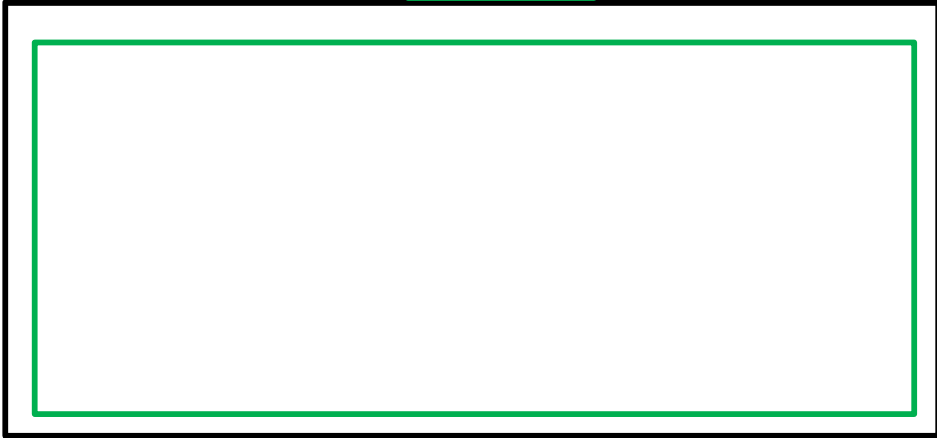
Which President?
Which Bill?

\$1.00

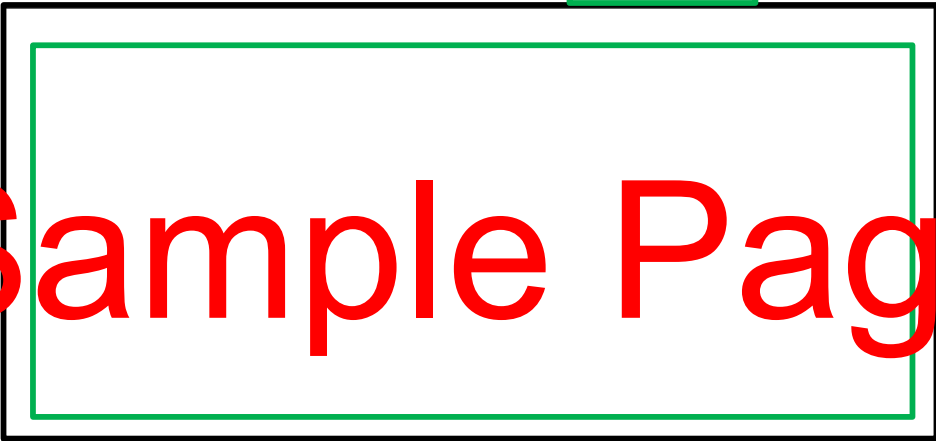
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\$5.00

\$10.00



\$20.00



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\$100.00



The White House

George Washington was the first president of the United States. He wanted to see a place built that would be a permanent residence for those who were serving as president. He wanted it located on the Potomac River at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. In 1790, his wish came true, even though he did not get to live there. The new building would be known as The White House.

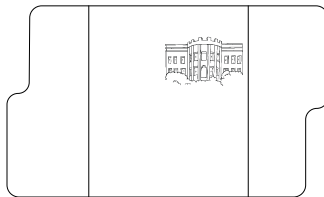
More than 40 presidents have lived and worked there for the last 200 years. The White House is considered a historic building. It contains items used by all of the presidents! It is six stories high and has two basements. Visitors are not able to see the entire building but they can see some of the more-historic rooms such as the East Room, the Green Room, the Blue Room, the Red Room, and the State Dining Room.

There is a room in the White House called the Oval Office. This is where the president does his job.

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Read **The White House**.

Fold on the middle line that is through the center of the picture. While folded, cut out around shape of White House. Do not cut fold line. Now you have a White House shaped booklet. Glue into lapbook.

Directions: Inside, write information about the White House.

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