



Grades 1 and up

# TruthQuest History™

Renaissance, Reformation & Exploration  
Binder-Builder

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Dear Fellow Learners,

I am very grateful to Nancy and Paula for creating this fun companion to *TruthQuest History: Renaissance, Reformation & Exploration*. Many of you have long had such an item on your TQH wish list. Please enjoy fully.

But do also remember, please, that the Lord is the Master of our homeschools, not *TruthQuest History* nor these fun materials. He knows what best fits your children: their unique learning abilities, interests, and future missions! And He has called *you* to implement His will for your children, so you can walk in that confidence. You thus have full authority to tweak or omit any pages for your students' benefit. Our assurance is not in "doing it all," but in being His appointed servants.

Yes, the Lord loves the conscientious heart which characterizes parents. However, we must be certain this quality does not become a hindrance by having the children do overmuch just for the sake of our "love of completion" and "frugality."

So, please harness these great tools for your precious family. Enjoy the activities which promote your children's learning experience, and pass over those which better fit other families. How can you know? By keeping the overall learning goal first and foremost! And that is...to give your children an expanding love and deepening respect for our Creator God (the Great Initiator of history), and keeping the love of history alive in their hearts so they are life-long learners. With that "filter," you can confidently decide which elements of these terrific resources are truly beneficial for your unique family. Thankfully, they are all at your fingertips!

God bless your *Quest for Truth!*  
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## Materials Needed

### What you need to get started

\*A printed copy of the TruthQuest History –Binder-Builder™ by A Journey Through Learning

\*A Printed copy of TruthQuest History book (*Renaissance, Reformation & Exploration*)

\*32 pieces of 8.5 x 11 colored cardstock

\*1 inch 3-ring binder with clear sleeve on the front

\*Scissors

\*Glue (We recommend Zip Dry Glue)

\*Hole puncher

\*Brads

\*Stapler

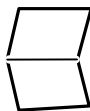
\*Crayons and/or colored pencils

\*5 tabs- Label your tabs:

Important Figures, Art, Fiction, **Timeline**, **Notebooking**\*\*These two packages sold separately.

## Terminology used throughout Binder-Builder™ Sample Page

**Hamburger Fold**- Fold horizontally



**Hotdog Fold**- Fold vertically



**Folds**- Sometimes labeled with a small line to show where the fold is.

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

**Cover Labels**- Some of the booklets will have a cover label that will need to be glued to the top to cover a blank space.

## What is a Binder-Builder?

A Binder-Builder is a new name for an old concept! It is simply taking a 3-ring binder and colored cardstock and turning it into a wonderful showcase of your child's learning year!

## How Do I Use it With TruthQuest History?

The *TruthQuest History* guide is broken up into 49 units. By using the Binder-Builders along with this wonderful program, you will be able to bring and gather so much of what your child is learning and store it into one fun-packed binder! No more lost papers.

You will still follow TruthQuest History's relaxed, enjoyable learning style. This product is meant to be fun, NOT stressful. So use it to enhance your learning experience. Feel free to tailor the booklets to your child. Some days you can simply draw instead of write. Or find the information on the internet and glue it onto the booklet. The choice is YOURS!

Each unit has two or more fun booklets to complete. So, gather the kids on the couch, and let the learning begin!

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## How Do I Set Up My Binder-Builder?

Gather your pieces of cardstock and 3-hole punch them. Next, in the lower right-hand corner number your cardstock from 1-32. Place in 3-ring binder. Add your 5 labeled tabs behind the cardstock. (If you are using Timeline Package and/or Notebooking Package, you will place them here.) You will store all of your worksheets behind these tabs.

The front of the first page will have your cover sheet glued to it. Then, your **first** "detail" sheet will be glued to the **back** of that page. The **booklets** for your **first** unit will then be glued to the **front** of your **second** page. This lay-out allows you to view anything for the unit you are studying at the same time! You will follow this process throughout the entire binder-builder.

Located at the top right corner of each page, you will find the unit topic and the pages where it can be found in your *TrustQuest History* book. Each page will also have all directions for the construction of the mini-booklet, pages to read, and what your student will record in the mini-booklet after reading to show what is learned. A small key is also here to show you where to glue each mini-booklet onto the card stock.

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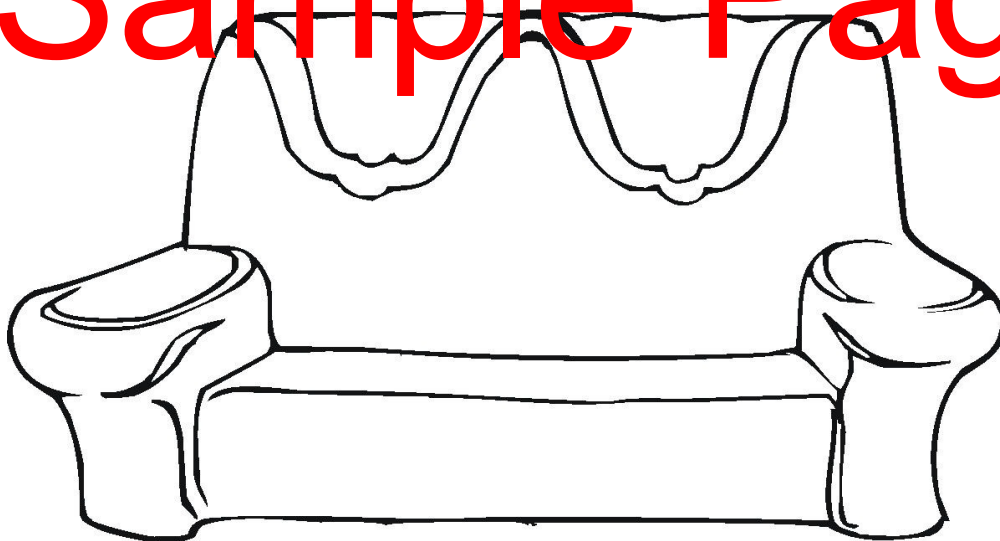
26. Early Native Americans of the Southwest
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Cover Sheet for TruthQuest History- *Renaissance, Reformation & Exploration*. Cut out the cover sheet and glue to the first page of your Binder-Builder. Draw a picture of you and your family sitting together reading and learning about history!

**1. Nitty-Gritty**

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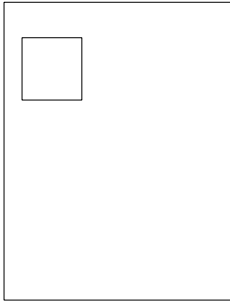


Cut out and glue to the back of page 1.  
You will do this activity at the end of unit 2


## 2. John Wycliffe and Jan Hus

**ThinkWrite 1:**  
**“Stop, look, and think!”**

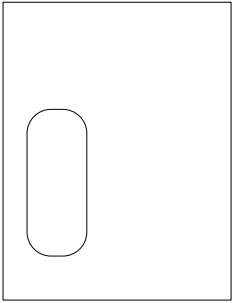
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**Read about John Wycliffe from the books of your choice.**  
Cut out the three pieces and staple together down left hand side with the cover sheet on top. Glue onto the front of page 2.  
**Directions:** Fill out what you have learned.

<p>John Wycliffe</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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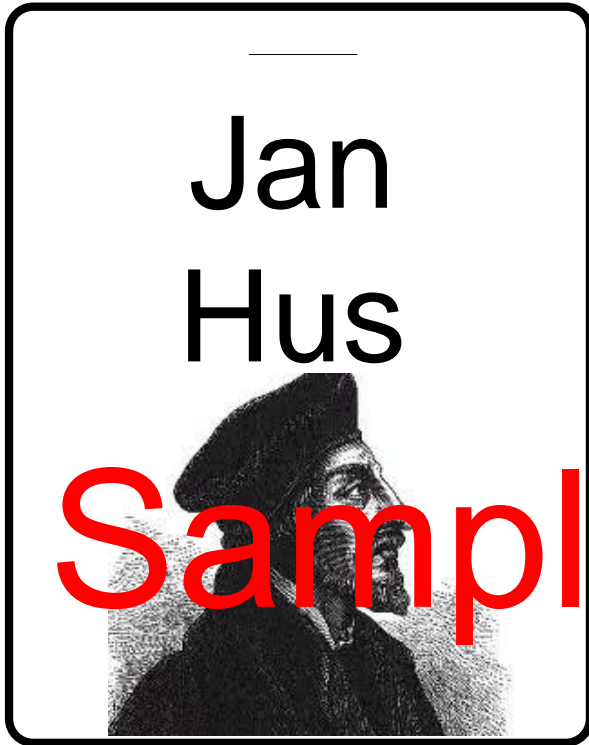
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**Read about Jan Hus from the books of your choice.**

Cut out each piece on this page. Stack together with shortest on top. Staple together. Glue onto the front of page 2.

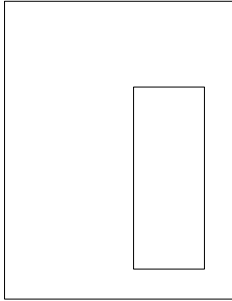
**Directions:** Fill out the information on each booklet.



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Life

Death

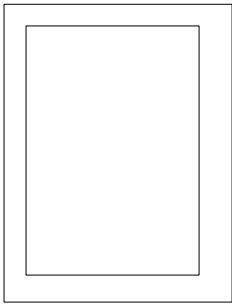


**Read about Thomas á Kempis from the books of your choice.** Cut out as one piece. Hotdog fold on the center line. Cut on the two dotted lines to form three lift tabs. Glue onto the front of page 2.  
**Directions:** Under each flap, answer the information.

<p><b>Date of Birth and Death of Thomas á Kempis</b></p>	<p>Glue here</p>
<p><b>What was his profession?</b></p>	
<p><b>What was the name of the devotional book he wrote?</b></p>	

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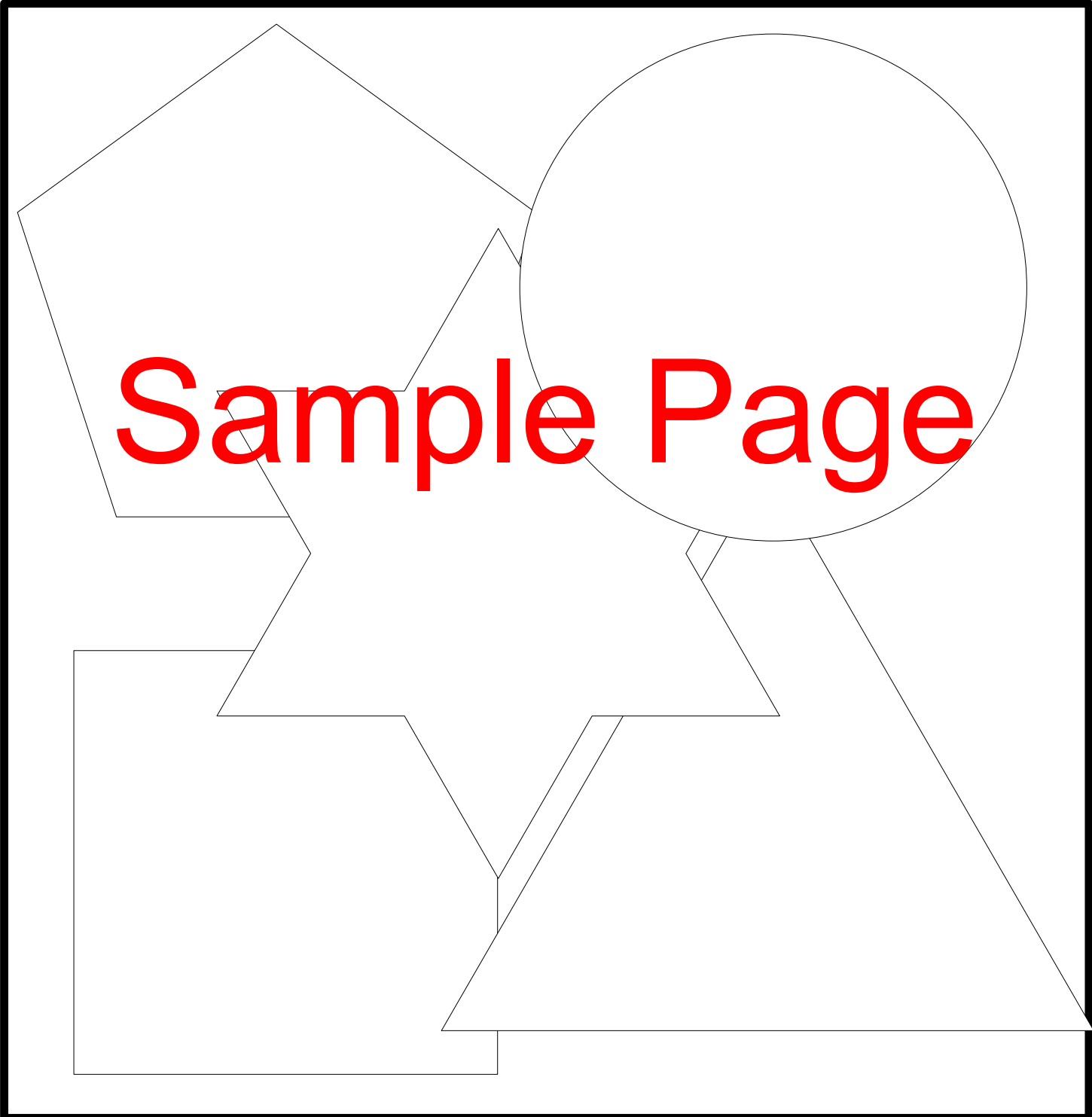




**Read about all of the new inventions and their inventors from the books of your choice.**

Cut out booklet. Glue onto the front of page 3.

**Directions:** In each shape, list or draw a picture of the invention and its inventor.



## 4. Northern Art Begins to Change

Create a new tab labeled “**Art.**”

In unit 4 you have the chance to study about many different artists and their art. Once again, the wonderful concept behind *TruthQuest History* is the freedom. So, make as many copies of the form on the next page and have fun learning! As you complete the forms, place them behind your tab.

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Make as many copies of this page as you need.

## 4. Northern Art Begins to Change

Name of Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Painting: \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of idea/emotion does the painting portray?

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Try to copy the painting or glue a picture of it here.

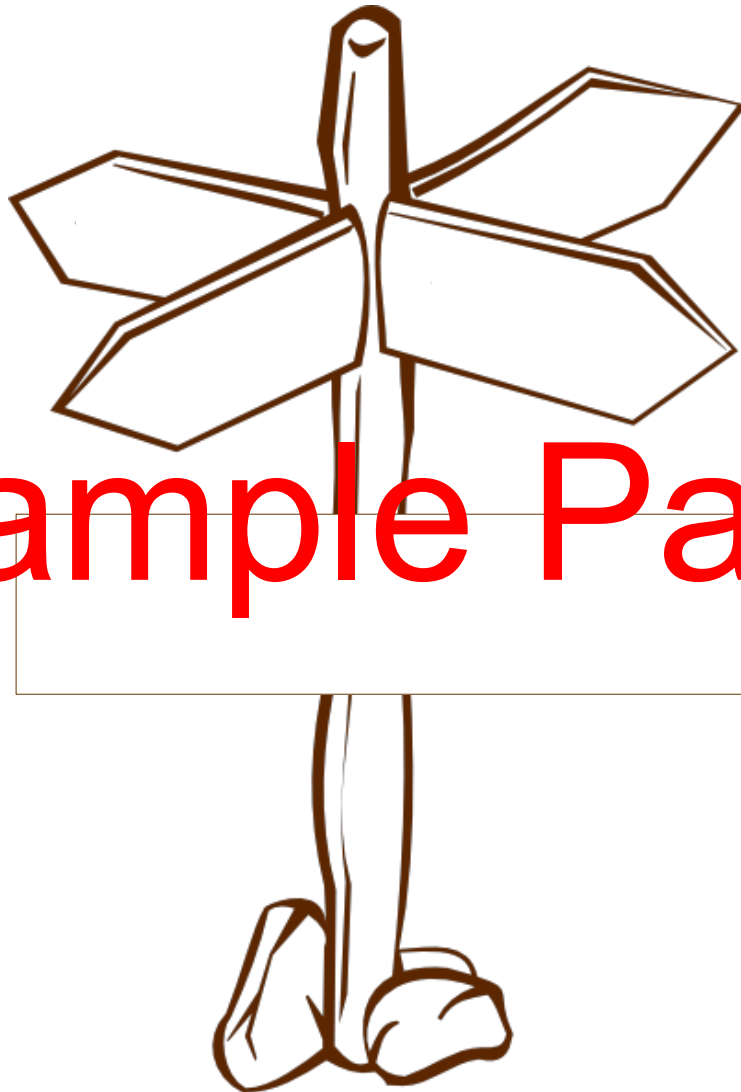




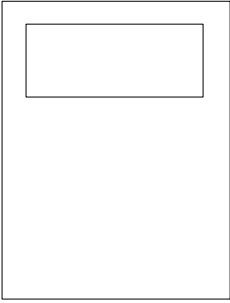
Cut out and glue to the back of page 3.

## 5. Dawn of the Renaissance

Have you ever gotten to a crossroads in your life where you had to make some important decisions? Who helped you though it? On the sign's large section, list the problem. Then, on each of the little signs, list a different path that you could have taken.



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**Read study guide pages for this unit.**

Cut out these two pieces. Stack together and staple. Glue onto the front of page 4.

**Directions:** Fill out the information.

What Does God Say  
About Humanism?

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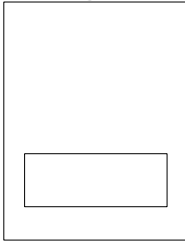
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**Read about Petrarch from the books of your choice.**

Cut out the booklet. Glue onto the front of page 4.

**Directions:** Inside of the booklet, write what you have learned.

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**Petrarch**

## 6. Early Renaissance Art

In unit 6 you have the chance to study about many different artists and their art. Once again, the wonderful concept behind *TruthQuest History* is the freedom. So, make as many copies of the form on the next page and have fun learning! As you complete the forms, place behind your "Art" tab

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