Grades 1 and up

TruthQuest History™
American History for Young Students I
(Exploration-1800)
Binder-Builder

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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 (American History for Young Students I)
*40 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
*7 tabs- Label your tabs: American Revolution, Important Figures, Special Topics, General Fiction, American Art, Timeline, Notebooking

**These two packages sold separately.

Terminology used throughout Binder-Builder™

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 51 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!

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 1-40. Place in 3-ring binder. Add your 7 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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Cover Sheet for TruthQuest History- American History for Young Students I (Exploration-1800.) 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. Journey!
Read about Leif Ericson 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.

**Leif Ericson**

Where was he from?

_____________________

Where did he explore?

_____________________

Draw a Viking ship.
Read about Christopher Columbus 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.
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:** This booklet will be used two different ways depending on the age of your child and the depth you choose to study early explorers.

1. For younger children: Choose 3 new words that you have discovered during your reading and write them on the front of the tabs. Under the tab, write the definition.
2. For older children: Write the names of the early explorers that you studied on the front of the tab. Under the tab, tell about their discoveries.
ThinkWrite 1:
“Lifting the curtain…”

Draw a map of the world the way Columbus believed it looked.