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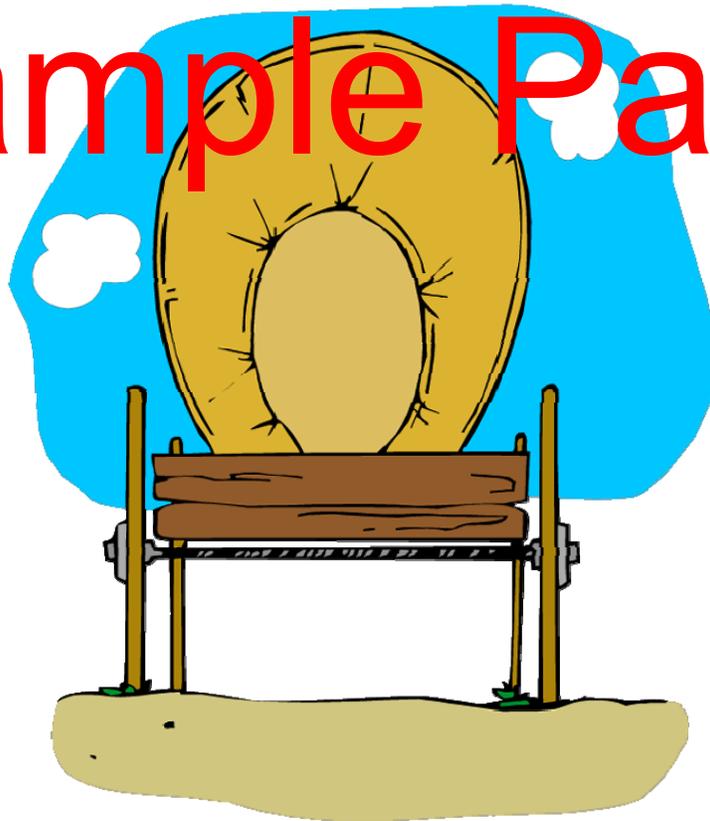
Pioneer Days

Learning Lapbook with Study Guides

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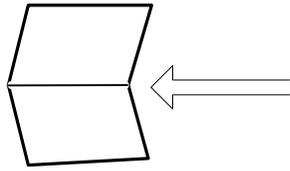
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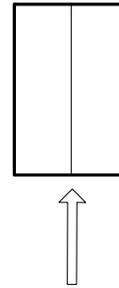
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Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally



Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically

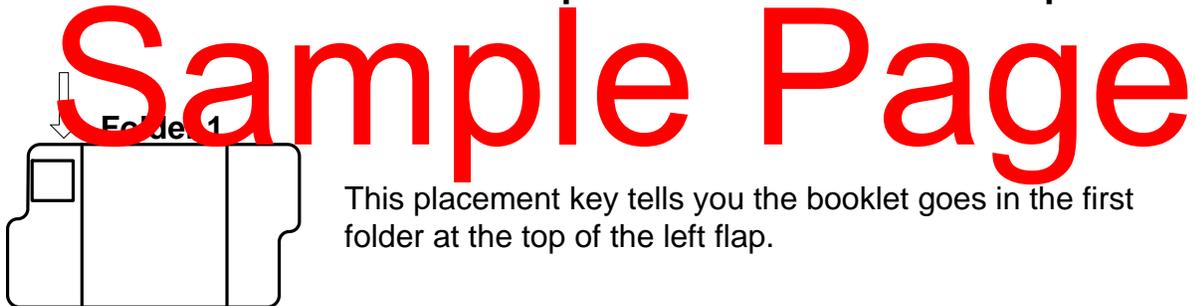


Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines

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?



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

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

Lapbook Assembly Choices

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

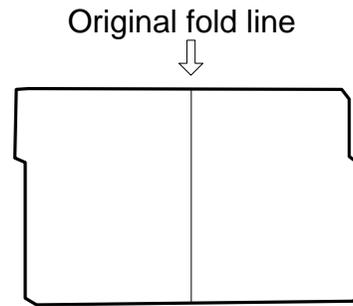
We recommend using Zip Dry Glue.

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.

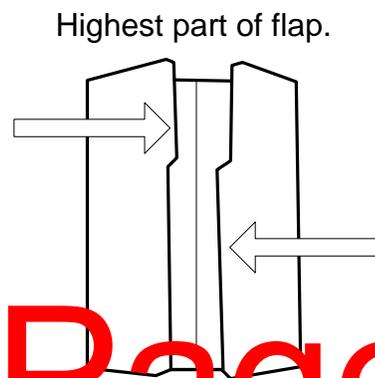
Choice #2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

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.

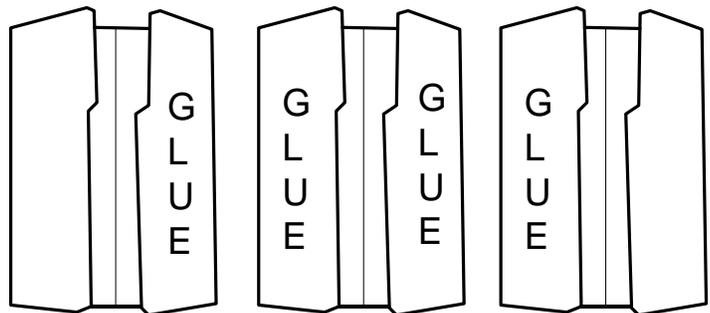
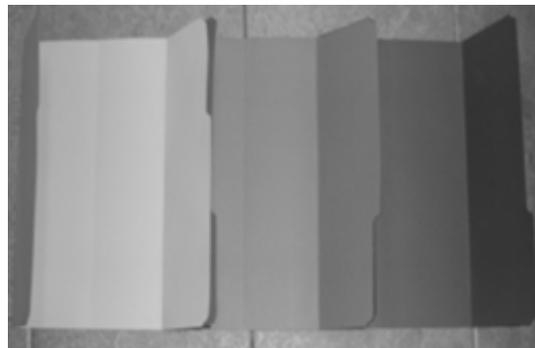


Photo of a completed lapbook base



Supplies and Storage

- *Lapbook Pages
- *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.)

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 of 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.

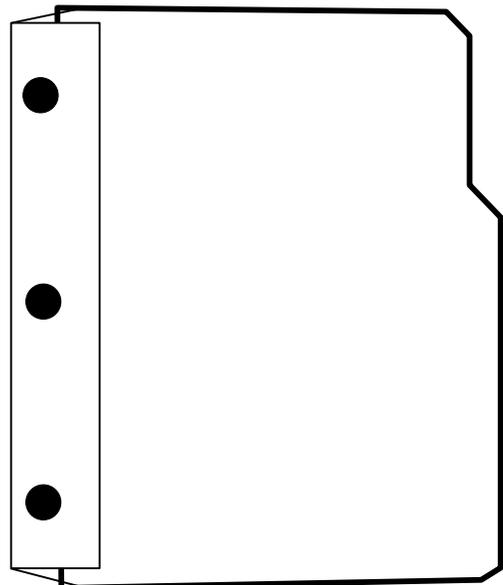
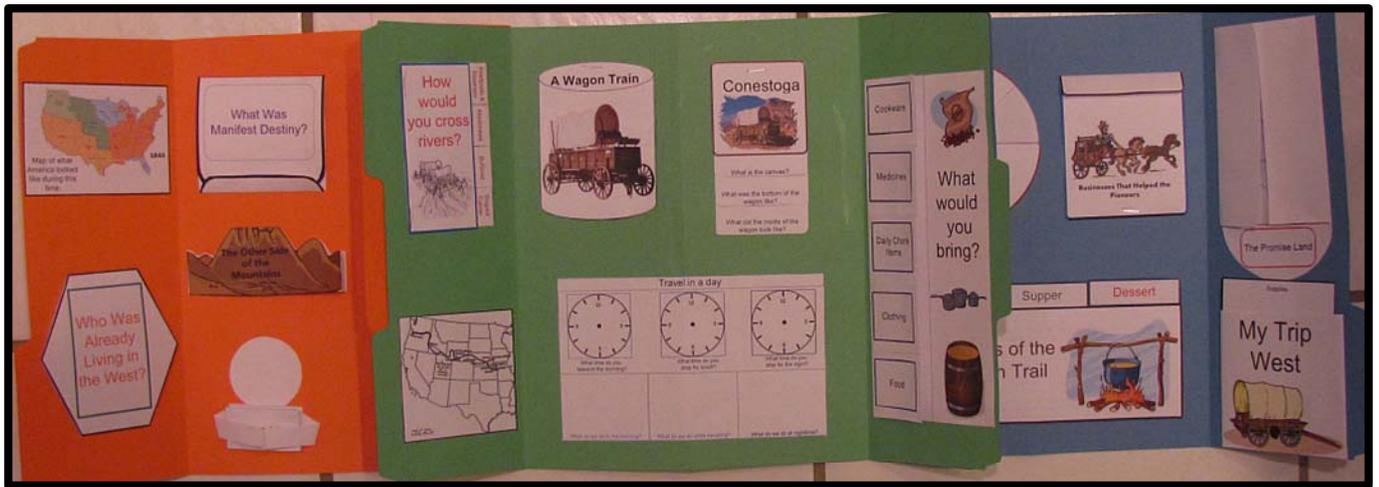
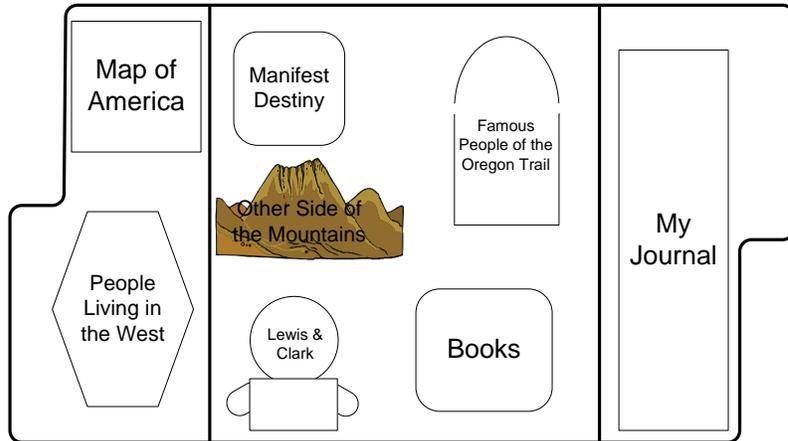


Photo of assembled lapbook

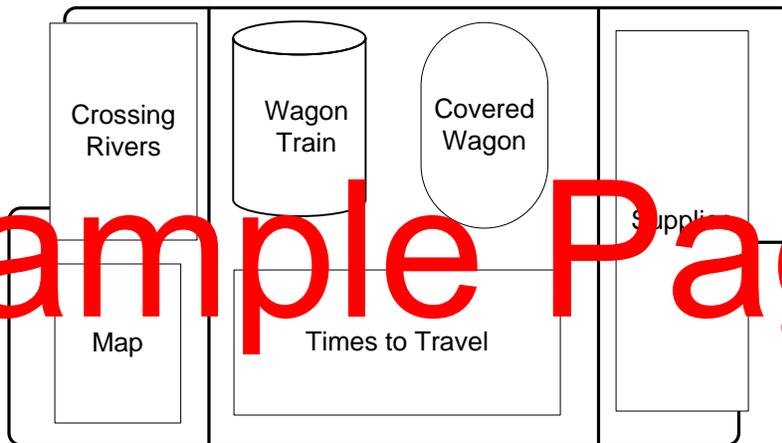


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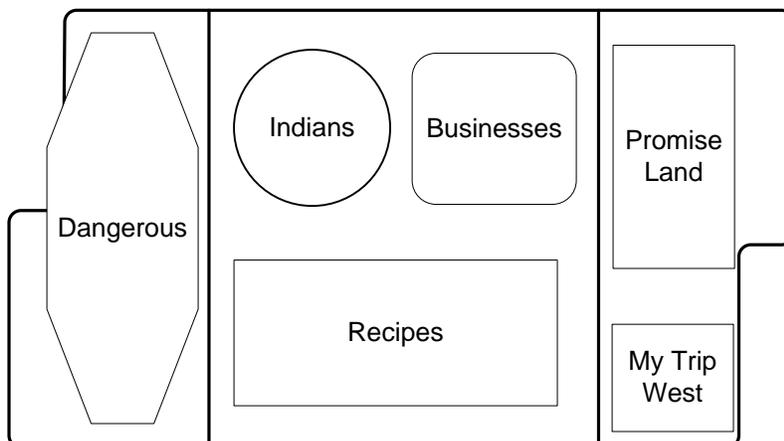
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Folder 2

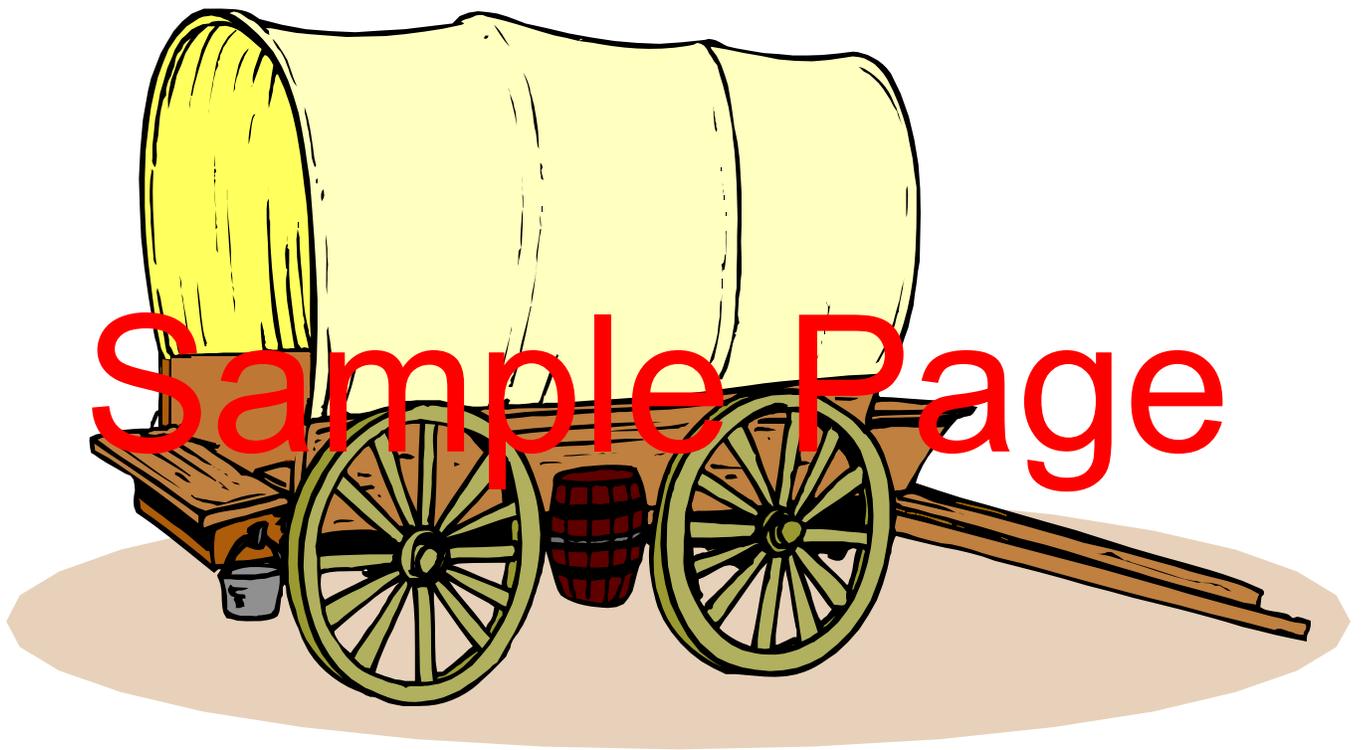


Folder 3



Cut on dotted line. Glue to the front of your folder. Complete the scene. Fill the covered wagon with items that you would need to take on your journey west. Draw what your evening would be like with your family gathered around the fire.

Pioneer Days



What was *Manifest Destiny*?

Yeehaw! We're off to the Wild West! You already know much, but the West was "wild" in another way that you may not have considered! What am I talking about? Well, don't you picture the West as a big empty space, just waiting to be explored and settled? Do you think of it as being unclaimed and unknown?

If so, I get to tell you that such was not the case! Not only did many Indian tribes already live there—and many had been forced into the western lands from their eastern homes—but sections of the West were claimed by *several* other nations! Yes, Spain/Mexico already had settlements throughout California, the Great Southwest (just 50 years after Columbus found the New World, Coronado was exploring there, and they established Santa Fe as early as 1610), and in Texas. In the Great Plains and Northwest were French fur-trading outposts; the British still held sections connected to their colony in Canada; and even Russia had a foothold, since they had reached to Alaska across the Bering Strait, and then worked their ships down the coast.

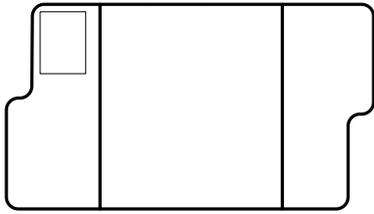
Yes, the West was a cauldron of struggle between many nations! Had you thought of that? Naturally, eastern Americans eyed it longingly too, because the great foundation forged by the Pilgrims, Puritans, and founding fathers had paved the way for tremendous growth, prosperity, and opportunity. (As you know, any time God's principles are put into government, people are multiply blessed! This meant that the new United States were looking westward, seeking room to spread out. They also were concerned about protecting America's westernmost frontier from these European powers in the West who had longed warred amongst themselves and with any neighbors.

You see, everyone could see that there was much opportunity out west! It was a land of open spaces, endless sky, rugged mountains, powerful rivers, buried treasure, and hidden valleys. Then there was the Pacific coastline, and America began to feel that it was her "manifest destiny" to revel in the land from sea to shining sea, from Atlantic to Pacific. It was said poetically (by newspaper editor, John O'Sullivan, in 1845) that we were meant to fulfill "our manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions." *That gives me goosebumps!*

One thing is certain: the earth is the Lord's footstool (Is. 66:1), along with everyone and everything in it. And, the Bible says many times, as in Jeremiah 27:5, that He gives the land to whomever He pleases. So, it was God's authority that would decide the next inhabitants of the West. But whomever was to have it, must move upon it rightly, must deal as God directed with the Indians already there, and live rightly upon it thereafter, or they would experience the consequences of their wrongs. How did all that play out? You'll have to watch!

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Read What was *Manifest Destiny*?

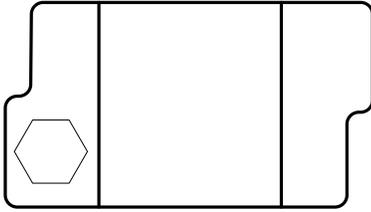
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Directions: Use the map throughout this lapbook.



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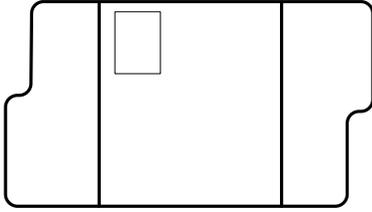
Cut out the booklet as one piece. Hamburger fold in half and glue into folder.

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

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Who Was
Already
Living in
the West?

Folder 1



Read What was *Manifest Destiny*?

Cut out the booklet as one piece. Hamburger fold on the red line. Fold up the smaller green dotted line like a matchbook. Glue into lapbook.

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

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What Was
Manifest Destiny?