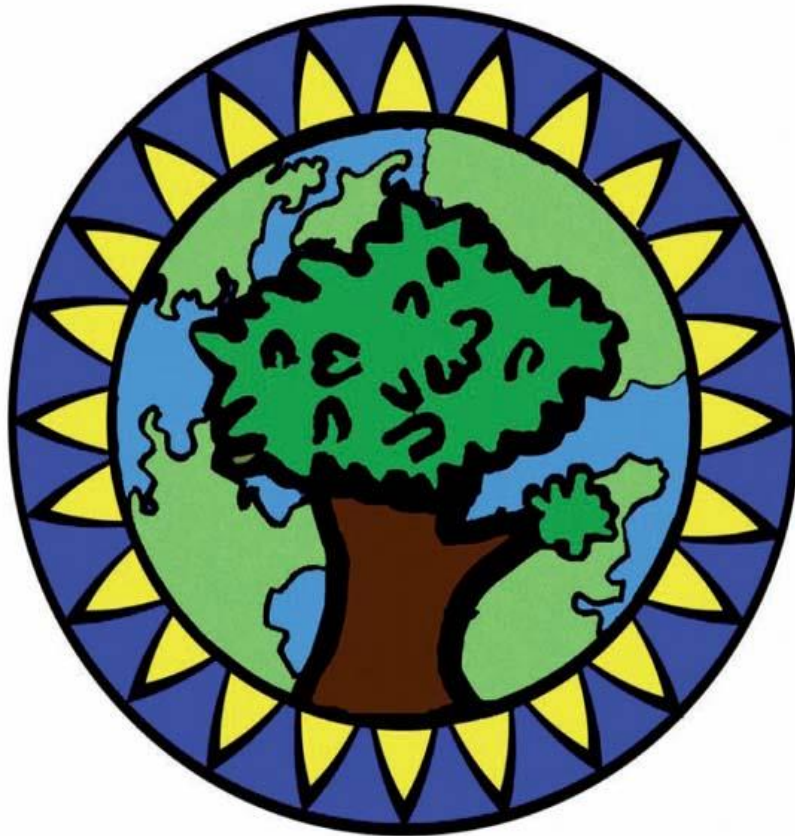


Branch Out World



Linked Lapbook
Bonfire Night

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What is a lapbook?

A lapbook is more than just a cardboard folder with a selection of small booklets stuck inside. It's an effective means of displaying and recording a child's learning.

It's a way of helping children learn by breaking big projects up into smaller, more achievable chunks.

It's more versatile than a workbook, being more hands-on and more creative.

It's a means of providing a personalised education; lapbooks can be adapted for each individual child by selecting the minibooks that best suit them and minibooks can be completed in a way that builds on each child's strengths.

Some of the different ways that children can complete the minibooks include -

- some minibooks come with pre-written answers that simply need glueing in;
- children can write answers of varying lengths, from a single word to a full paragraph;
- children can draw pictures, instead of writing, to show what they have learnt;
- parents can scribe for less confident writers so that the child's knowledge is recorded without them becoming discouraged;
- children can add stickers or clip art to the lapbook base for decoration and to add further information;
- children who don't complete all the minibooks can still get a sense of achievement by putting a lapbook together, even with only one or two minibooks;
- projects can be continued at a later date by the addition of extension flaps, or even by adding a second lapbook base. Bases can be glued back to back, or outer panels can be glued together.

Making This Lapbook

Necessary Materials:

You will need:

lapbook base (see below)

A4 card for extension flap

a good quality gluestick

double-sided sticky tape

extra wide sellotape or similar (for fixing extension flap)

Completing the minibooks:

Unless your children particularly enjoy cutting and folding, I strongly recommend cutting out all the minibook pieces before starting this project with them.

If a minibook is made of more than one component, paper-clip the pieces together or store them in individual self-sealing bags or envelopes.

Store the whole lot, including completed minibooks, in a ziplock bag or document wallet until the project is finished.

Each minibook is marked throughout the instructions as being either Level A, level B or level A & B. Choose the one most suited to your children's abilities and interests.

Use a good quality glue stick to stick the minibook components together.

When sticking the minibooks onto the lapbook base, it is better to use double-sided sticky tape for some of the heavier ones.

Lapbook base:

It is advisable to make the lapbook base after the minibooks have been completed so that you know whether to add extension flaps or not.

There are different ways to make a lapbook base: some people stick pieces of A4 card together;

some people use A3 card folded into 3 & some people use square-cut A4 folders and refold them to create 3 panels. Personally, I prefer to use A4 document wallets. These come already pre-folded, all you have to do is cut off the sides of the pockets as shown below.



Adding the extension flap:

This can be a little tricky so will need to be done by an adult.

Wide tape is used to make for a stronger 'hinge'. I have used brown parcel tape for illustration purposes. Clear sellotape works just as well.

Carefully line up one of the short edges of the A4 card against the edge of the middle panel of the lapbook base. Do not overlap the two edges.



Tape the card and lapbook base together.

Fold the card extension into the lapbook.

With the extension flap still folded in, stick tape along the card to half the width.

Then fold the tape over on to the back of the lapbook to complete the 'hinge'.



Adding the minibooks:

This is the suggested layout for this lapbook. Your finished lapbook may well look different because children often prefer to design their own layout. Also, children don't always want to complete all the minibooks and their layout will reflect this. Feel free to adapt this lapbook to

suit your own children's needs. Drawings and worksheets can be glued to the back of the extension flap.



Activity 2: Where is Great Britain?

Level A & B

Bonfire Night originated in Great Britain and is still celebrated in England, Scotland and Wales. Find out about [Great Britain](#).

It is also celebrated in some Commonwealth countries, such as New Zealand and parts of Canada. In South Africa it is celebrated as Guy Fawkes Night.

Can you find these countries on a globe?

Instructions for minibook construction

Cut around the black rectangular outline around the map.

Cut out the minibook cover in one piece.

Fold the left and right panels of the cover into the centre of the minibook.

Fold along the lines as indicated.

Glue the map inside the minibook on the large centre panel.

Glue flag on the back of one of the side panels.

Glue information piece on the back of the other side panel.

Stick the section marked “Glue Here” to the lapbook folder.

Level A

Cut out coloured flag and stick on to the back of one of the side panels.

Omit fact sheet section.

Cut out the labels, “England”, “Scotland”, “Wales” and stick inside the other side panel.

Use the country outline to find Britain on the map. Colour it red.

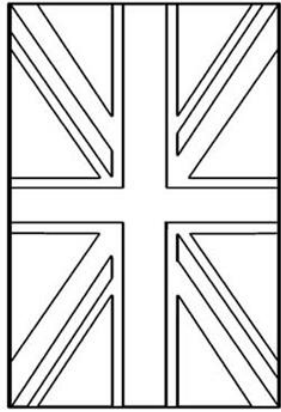
Level B

Cut out flag outline and colour in. Stick on to the back of one of the side panels.

Use the country outline to find Britain on the map. Colour it red.

Find the information to fill in the factsheet piece and stick on to the back of the other side panel.

Choose flag to stick inside
minibook side panel.



England

Scotland

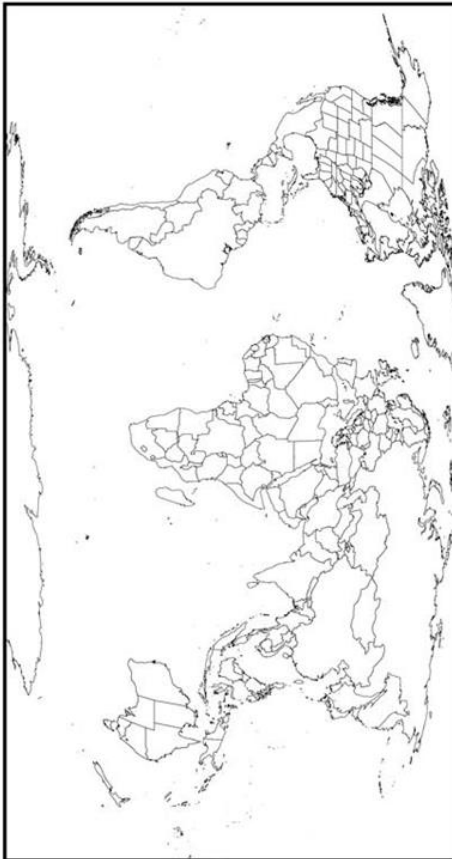
Wales

Level A: Cut out labels
and stick inside
minibook side panel

Cut out around black line and glue to the inside of the
middle panel of the minibook cover.

Map of world with countries, US & Australian states

<http://freevectormaps.com>



Level B: Cut out and stick
inside minibook side panel.

Continent:

Hemisphere:

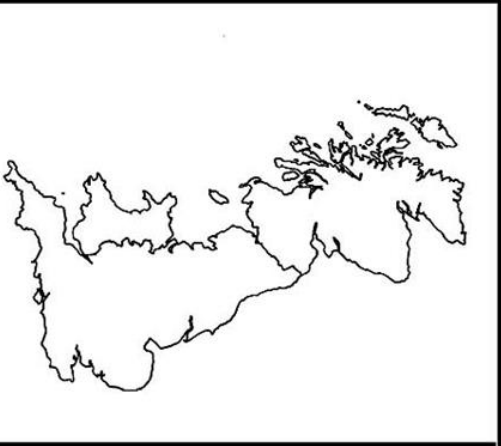
Countries:

Capital cities:

Population:

Area:

Famous for:



Fold along this line

Glue Here

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**Where
is
Great
Britain?**

Minibook cover. Cut out in one piece and fold in outer panels to create cover