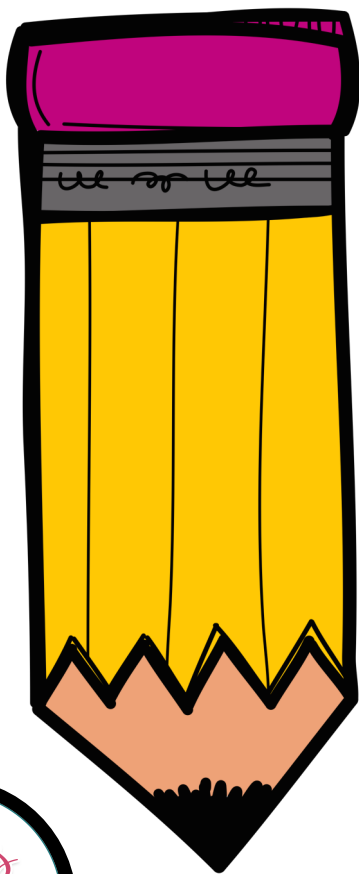


Animals

Lapbook



Animal Reports: Reading · Organizing Information · Writing Informative Text

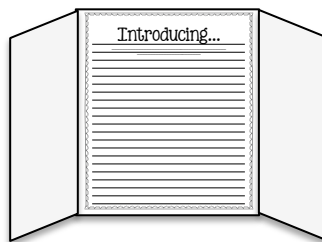
Designed with third through sixth graders in mind, this resource includes materials for students to use while conducting research on animals, as well as materials for the presentation of their final writing piece, in an Animal Report Lapbook.

To complete this project, students:

- research their chosen (or assigned) animal
- use a graphic organizer as a prewriting tool to organize their research
- write informative text in five paragraphs, including an introduction paragraph, three body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph
- create a lapbook as their final product, showcasing their research notes as well as their final written piece

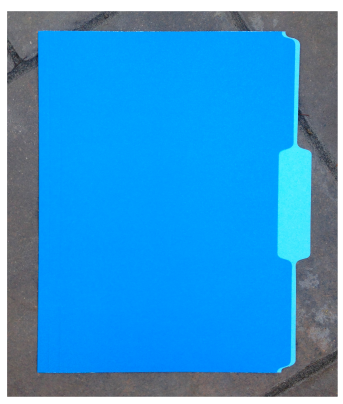
This could easily be adapted for use in lower grades, or with less able writers, where the expectation is a single informative paragraph.

Once completed, the five-paragraph final draft is stapled at the top, into the center of the inside of the lapbook. I like to include their completed graphic organizer as the last (bottom) page. (Tip: Be careful with staple placement if you are gluing foldables to the back.)

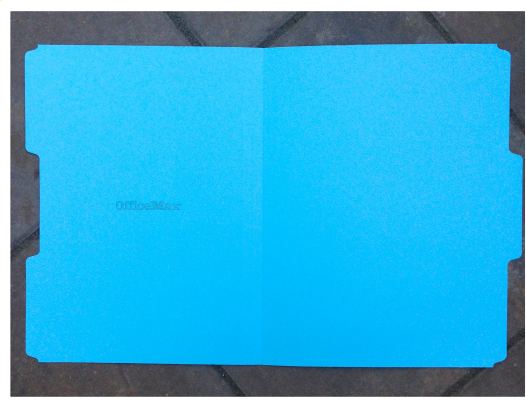


Photos and directions for assembly of all other components are on the following pages. Several **optional components** are included. It's helpful to cut pieces and assemble the lapbooks as a class or in teacher-guided small groups to ensure proper placement and folding.

So...how do I make a LAPBOOK?



Start with a
standard manila
file folder. Color
folders are fun!



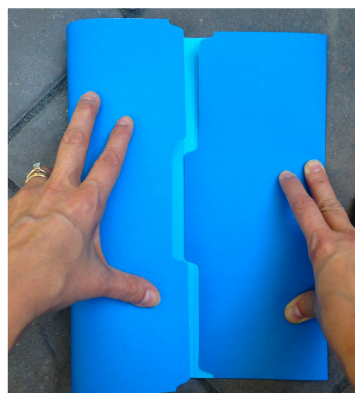
Open it up and lay it flat.



Fold the right side
toward the center.



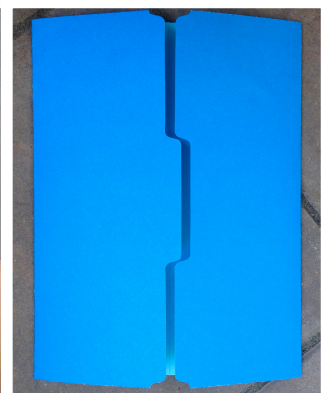
Crease at the fold.



Fold the left side
toward the
center...



...and crease
again.



Voila! You've
made a
lapbook!

Animal Report Lapbooks

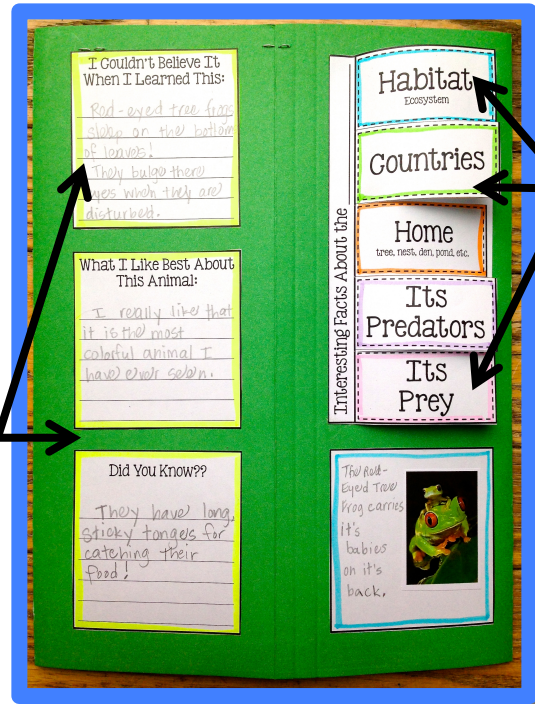
Assembly Examples



Front

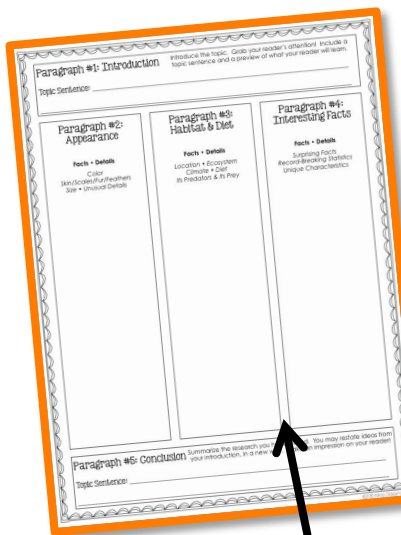
Several optional "cuttables" highlight key information

Flaps and "cuttables" organize students' research

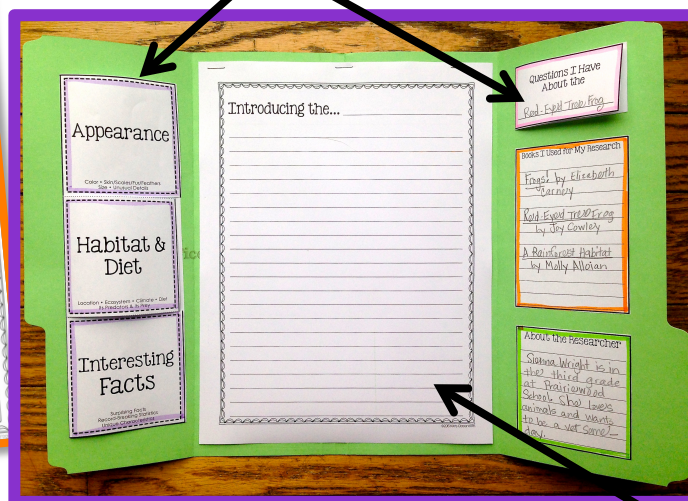


Back

Flaps display interesting facts about the animal



A graphic organizer, tailored for animal reports, provides structure for research and writing

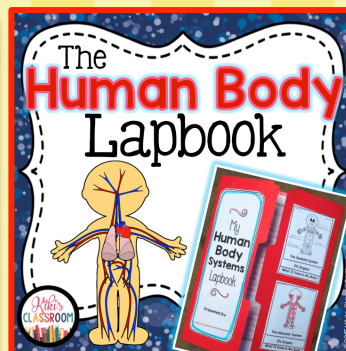
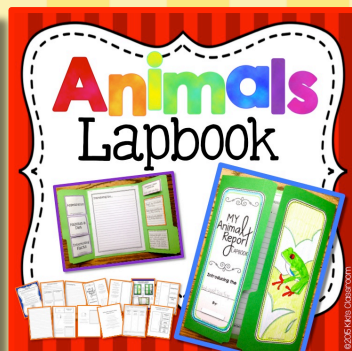
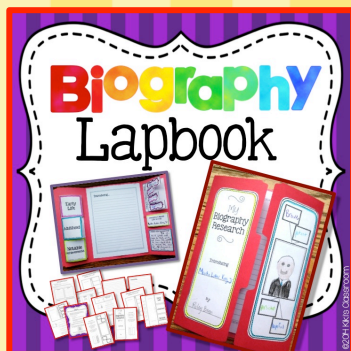


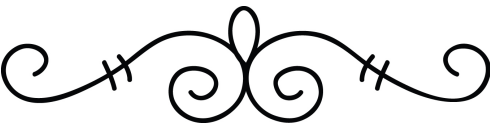
Inside

Students' final written piece is showcased in the center of the lapbook

Love LAPBOOKS for structured writing?

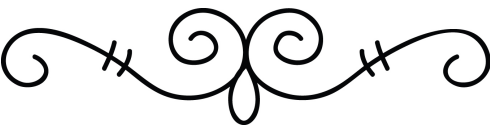
There are **MORE** in Kiki's Classroom:





MY Animal Report

LAPBOOK

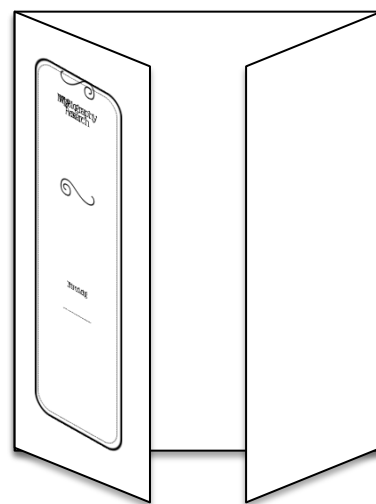


Introducing the

By:

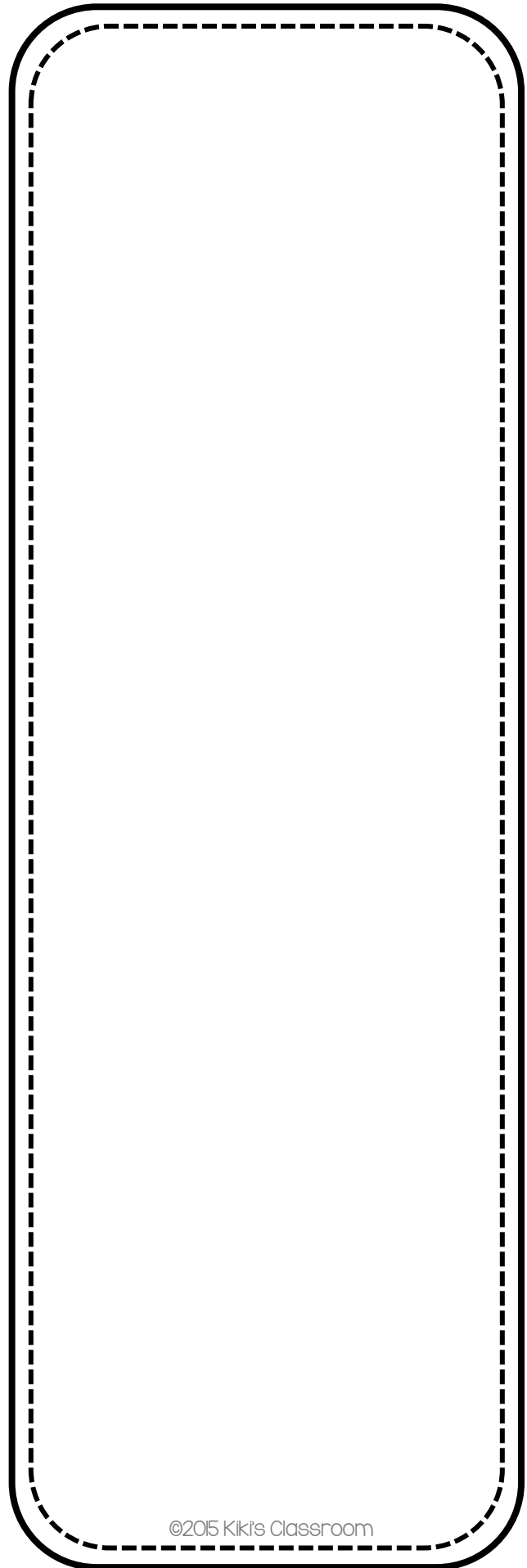
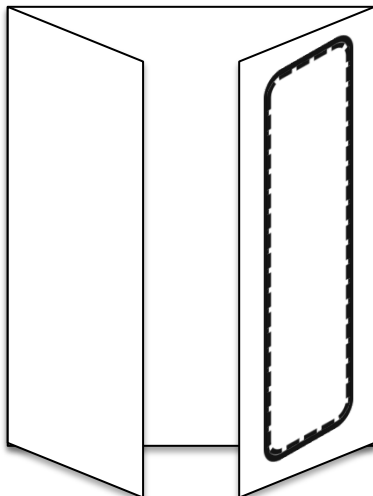
Cover (LEFT)

- On the line, write the name of the animal you're researching.
- Write your name at the bottom.
- Cut around the thickest dark line and glue onto the front LEFT flap of your lapbook.



Cover (RIGHT)

- In the frame, draw and color a picture of your animal.
- Draw the animal in its natural habitat.
- Include lots of detail. Leave no white space!
- You may label the drawing with the name of the animal if you wish.
- Cut around the thickest dark line and glue onto the front right flap of your lapbook.

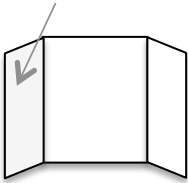


Glue this section

1. Cut out the entire shape.

2. Fold along the center line.

3. Glue the back onto the INSIDE LEFT flap of your lapbook.



4. Cut along the thin dotted lines to make flaps.

5. Write underneath the flaps.
The information under these three flaps will be the details in your three paragraphs!

Glue this section

Fold along this line →

Appearance

Color • Skin/Scales/Fur/Feathers
Size • Unusual Details

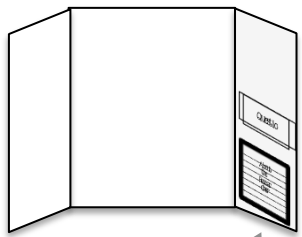
Habitat & Diet

Location • Ecosystem • Climate • Diet
Its Predators & Its Prey

Interesting Facts

Surprising Facts
Record-Breaking Statistics
Unique Characteristics

Glue this section	Fold →	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Questions I Have About the</h2> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 10px;"/>
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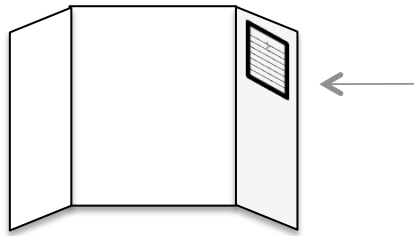


1. Cut out the entire shape.
2. Fold along the center line.
3. Glue the back onto the MIDDLE of the INSIDE RIGHT flap of your lapbook.
4. On the FRONT of the flap, write the name of the animal you are researching.
5. Inside the flap, write two or more questions you still have about your animal.

Think about your research, and what questions you had while you were reading.
 What did you wonder?
 What else would you like to learn?

1. Cut out the entire shape. →
2. There is nothing more to cut or fold!
 Glue onto the BOTTOM of the INSIDE RIGHT flap of your lapbook.
4. On this piece, write about yourself. Tell why you chose to learn about the animal you researched. Plan carefully!
 There is not a lot of space.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">About the Researcher</h2> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



1. List the book titles (and authors) you used for your research.
2. Cut out the entire shape.
3. Glue the back onto the TOP of the INSIDE RIGHT flap of your lapbook.

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Optional Lapbook Components

These optional components can be used

- in lieu of any others,
- glued beneath the main writing piece in the center of the lapbook, or
- glued to the back of the lapbook.

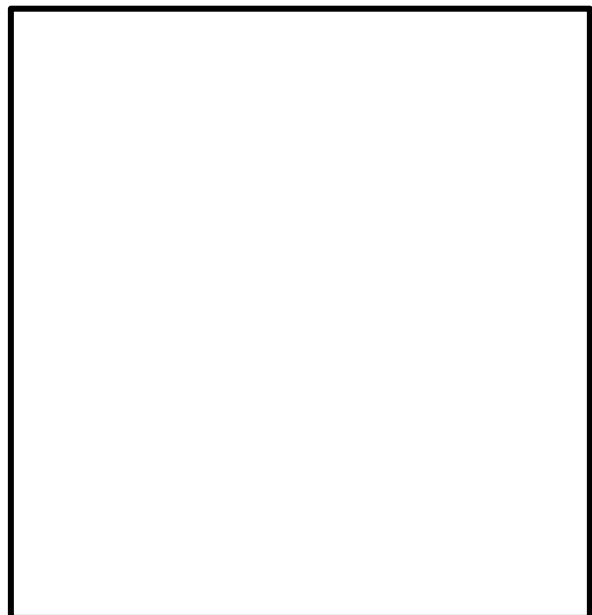
The blank box is for an additional, optional drawing...perhaps a drawing of the animal's home, prey, predators, or young.

Students may also like to find and print photos of their subject and include them in their lapbooks.

**I Couldn't Believe It
When I Learned This:**

**What I Like Best About
This Animal:**

Did You Know??



Optional Lapbook Components, continued

Animal Fact Flaps: Directions on next page

<p>Glue this section</p> <p>Fold along this line →</p> <p>Glue this section</p>	<p>Interesting Facts About the</p>	<p>Habitat</p> <p>Ecosystem</p>
		<p>Countries</p>
		<p>Home</p> <p>tree, nest, den, pond, etc.</p>
		<p>Its</p> <p>Predators</p>
		<p>Its</p> <p>Prey</p>

Optional Lapbook Components, continued

Animal Fact Flaps: Directions

1. Cut out the entire shape.
2. Fold along the center line.
3. Glue the back onto your lapbook.
4. Cut along the thin dotted lines to make flaps.
Be sure to STOP at the solid line.
Do not cut through the solid line.
5. Fold each flap along the solid line.
6. Glue underneath the words "Interesting Facts About the _____" so that only the FLAPS lift up from the lapbook.
7. Underneath each flap, write one or two sentences that tell about the topic on the front of the flap.

Paragraph #1: Introduction

Introduce the topic. Grab your reader's attention! Include a topic sentence and a preview of what your reader will learn.

Topic Sentence: _____

Paragraph #2: Appearance

Facts • Details

Color
Skin/Scales/Fur/Feathers
Size • Unusual Details

Paragraph #3: Habitat & Diet

Facts • Details

Location • Ecosystem
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Paragraph #4: Interesting Facts

Facts • Details

Surprising Facts
Record-Breaking Statistics
Unique Characteristics

Paragraph #5: Conclusion

Summarize the research you have shared. You may restate ideas from your introduction, in a new way. Make an impression on your reader!

Topic Sentence: _____

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