

HOCPP 1075

In The Hands of A Child

Elementary Level



Custom Designed Project Pack Florida



A Ready-to- Assemble
Hands-On Unit
Including Reproducibles

Florida

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From the time we first began using Project Packs we fell in love with them. We knew that this type of hands-on learning experience was just the thing that was needed to make boring academics not only educational but, fun and exciting too!

To help get you started we have included some of the questions we receive about Project Packs.

What is a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a great way of compiling key points from your studies into one spot that can easily be stored and available to be reviewed at any time

How does this help me? and Why is this a better way for learning?

The number one reason is the students will retain the information covered so much faster. Children learn by doing. Project Packs put learning into their hands!

Another reason is it is a convenient way to store those wonderful projects. Students can go back and review them at any time and your schoolroom or refrigerator is not cluttered with bits and pieces of their projects.

And the final reason is they are great and the possibilities are endless! There are no age limits and no subject lines that cannot be worked into a Project Pack. We will be adding many units to help you in the education of your students.

How do I make a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a file folder refolded into a shutter style book. Open it flat and then fold the sides into the middle creasing neatly and there you have it.

For a more colorful and eye-appealing Project Pack it is suggested that some of your Reproducibles be printed out on colored multi-purpose paper.

What supplies do I need?

You will want to have file folders, paper of different colors and weights, your students' favorite coloring tools, tape, glue, scissors, and a stapler.

Adapting a Project Pack to Fit the Needs of Your Student

Adapting a Project or Research Pack is key to ensuring that you provide the best lesson for your student. At first glance, some might just skip over an activity because they feel it is too easy or too difficult for their student. We want you to use all the activities we provide...they are easily adaptable!

For example, if you have a PK-3 student the vocabulary activities might be difficult for him or her to complete. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities that require your student to write:

1. Have your student dictate vocabulary words and their meanings as you write them.
2. Have your child draw a picture instead of writing.
3. You write the word or sentence first so your student can see how it is written.
4. Practice. Practice. Practice. In the car, on a walk, in the shopping cart! Practice saying the vocabulary words and what they mean. Before you know it your preschooler will be telling others what those words mean!
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

On the other hand, some of the activities may seem too easy for your student. Does your 5th grade level student want to learn about butterflies, but the Project Pack seems too easy? Try it anyway; just change things up a bit to suit that grade level. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities to make them a little more difficult.

1. In addition to writing down vocabulary words and their meanings, ask your student to use the word in a sentence; either verbally or written.
2. Give your student 1 hour (or other reasonable time frame) to research the topic on their own; either online or at the library. Give your student a set of questions or see what he/she can find without your guidance.
3. Encourage your student to expand on the topic or choose a related topic to learn about.
4. Take a look at some of our preschool units...there is lots of clipart related to each topic. Have your older student cut these out and write a story or play about the pictures or perform a play.
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

These are just a few ways you can adapt a Project Pack to meet the needs of your student. Let your student be the judge if something is too easy or too difficult...you just might be surprised!

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nostrils (which are covered by flaps that close when they dive) and can stay underwater for up to 20 minutes.

An adult manatee is about 10-12 feet (3-3.6 m) long and weighs between 1,000 and 1,800 pounds (450-800 kg). When manatees are born, they are grayish black and as they grow into adults, their skin lightens to gray. Many adult manatees have barnacles and algae growing on their skin!

Manatees live along the Gulf Coast of the United States and they winter in Florida. They are also found in South America. Manatees eat water plants and can eat up to 100 pounds (45 kg) of **vegetation** per day. That's a lot of seaweed!

Manatees are classified in the phylum [Chordata](#), subphylum Vertebrata, class Mammalia, order Sirenia, families Trichechidae and Dugongidae.

Birds

Birds in Florida include the mockingbird, egrets, heron, pelican, eagles, hawks, owls, flamingos, gulls, sandpipers, and osprey. Many birds migrate to Florida from the northern states and Canada during the winter months.

- ❖ Mockingbird: The mockingbird is the state bird of Florida. It is also the state bird for Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. It is a common songbird and can be found across North America. The Mockingbird, a gray and white bird, is 9 to 11 inches (23-28 cm) long, has a slim body, long bill, and long tail. The wingspan of a Mockingbird can be up to 15 inches (38 cm). A Mockingbird usually only weighs about 2 ounces (56 g).

Mockingbirds live in many habitats like farmland, thickets, along roadsides, and in cities. They eat grasshoppers, beetles, spiders, and small animals like crayfish, snails, lizards, and snakes.

Mockingbirds have a variety of calls and they are able to mimic other birdcalls. In addition, Mockingbirds can sing for hours.

A Mockingbird makes its nest from twigs, grass, and moss. A typical nest is located 3 to 10 feet (1-3 m) high in a tree or shrub. A female Mockingbird lays up to 6 eggs in each **clutch**.

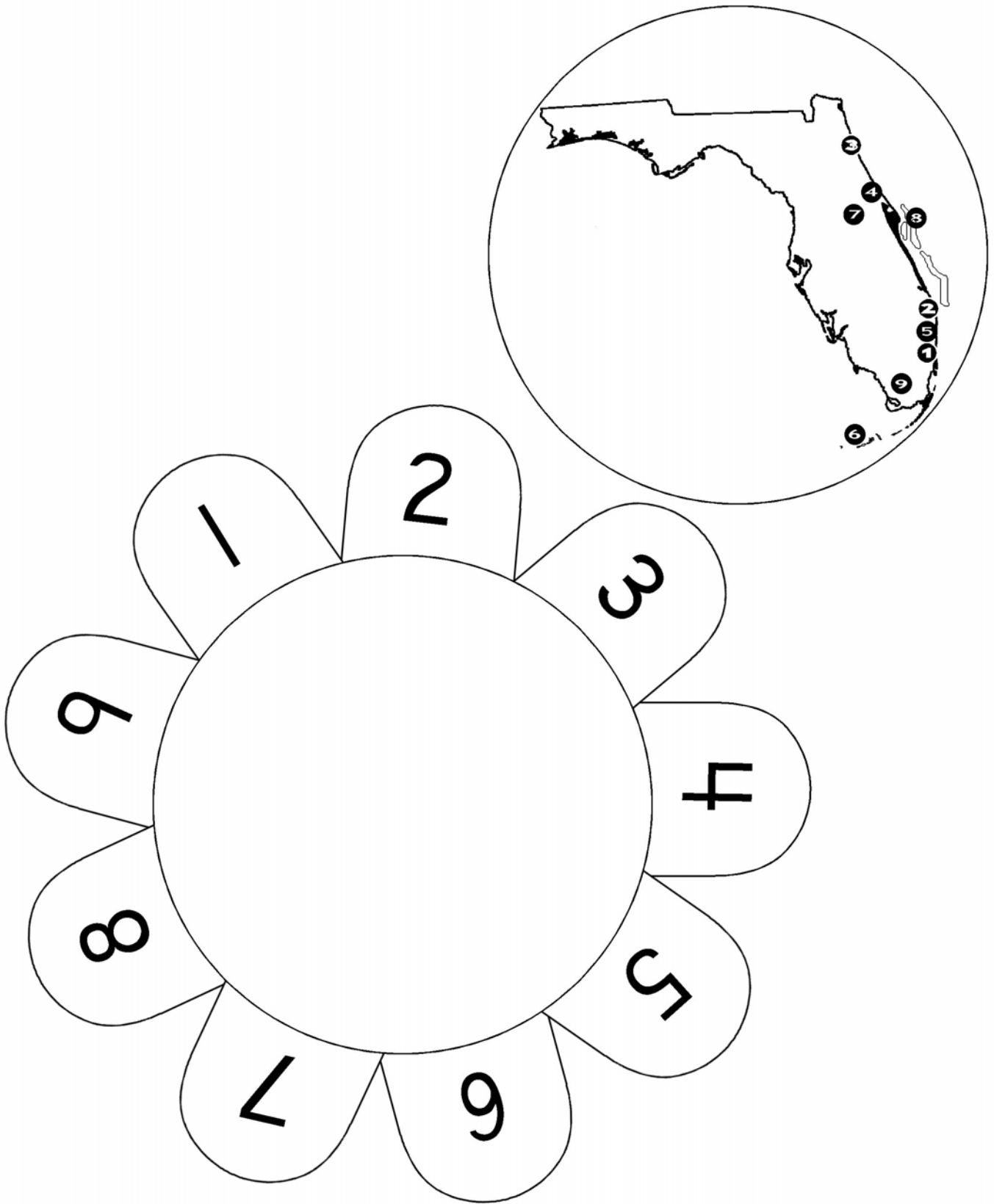
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- ❖ Florida Pelican: Florida Pelicans nest in colonies whose habitats have been decreasing since the 1970's. Weighing up to 8 pounds, these large birds swoop down to catch fish, and they eat about four pounds of fish each day. Their large bills can hold more fish than their stomach can!

Activity 14:

What are some of the popular Florida tourist destinations? What does each have to offer?

- Complete the petal book that follows
- Label each destination based on the clues in the guide
- Learn some of the things each location has to offer its' visitors



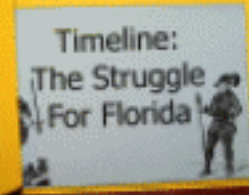
Glue the Florida map circle to the back of the Petal Book.
You are going to fold the petals down over the map so that the numbers on the petals are on top.
Look at the numbers on the petals and match them to the numbers on the map.
Lift the petal flap and write the name of the location on the backside of the petal.



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Timeline: The Struggle For Florida




New Place to Live!

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BEACHES




Hurricanes



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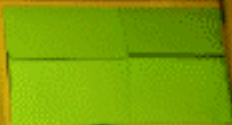


Florida
Five Natural
Regions



Florida Facts

FAMILY
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Three
Branches of
Government

