

HOCPP 1084

# In The Hands of A Child

Elementary



## Custom Designed Project Pack California



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

# California

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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the California Assembly, each serving a two-year term. The responsibilities of the legislature include financing state government, pass laws, and provide sessions to discuss public issues and concerns.

- The state supreme court is the highest court in the California Judicial Branch. There is one chief justice and six associate justices who are all appointed by the governor to a twelve-year term. Once appointed, a justice is confirmed by a commission on judicial appointments and by the public in a general election. Once appointed, justices can be reelected.

Other courts in the Judicial Branch include an appeals court, county and local **municipal** courts. There are six appeals courts in California.

### **Local Governments**

- There are about 470 **incorporated cities** in the state of California. The state constitution gives every city of 3,500 or more people the right to adopt its own **charter**. This right is called “home rule.” There are about 80 cities that operate under a home rule charter.
- There are 58 counties in the state. Most of the counties have a form of government that includes a board of supervisors and elected executive officials. County officials include an assessor, auditor, clerk, coroner, district attorney, sheriff, superintendent of schools, and a treasurer.

### **Sports Teams**

California is home to more professional sports teams than any other state in the U.S. In addition, many of the sports teams are championship winners. For example, the San Francisco 49ers Football team won five Super Bowls in the 1980’s and the 1990’s. In the 1980’s, the Lakers Basketball team (led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Addul-Jabbar) won five NBA championships. Shaquille O’Neal and Kobe Bryant led the team to two more NBA titles in 2000 and 2001.

Professional Sports Teams that make their home in California include:

#### **Baseball**

- Anaheim Angels (Anaheim)
- Los Angeles Dodgers (Los Angeles)
- Oakland Athletics (Oakland)
- San Diego Padres (San Diego)
- San Francisco Giants (San Francisco)

#### **Basketball**

- Golden State Warriors (Oakland)
- Los Angeles Clippers (Anaheim)
- Los Angeles Lakers (Anaheim)
- Sacramento Kings (Sacramento)

#### **Women’s Basketball**

- Los Angeles Sparks (Anaheim)
- Sacramento Monarchs (Sacramento)

#### **Football**

- Oakland Raiders (Oakland)
- Sand Diego Chargers (San Diego)
- San Francisco 49ers (San Francisco)

#### **Hockey**

- Anaheim Mighty Ducks (Anaheim)
- Los Angeles Kings (Anaheim)
- San Diego Gulls (San Diego)
- San Jose Sharks (San Jose)

#### **Soccer**

- Los Angeles Galaxy (Los Angeles)
- San Diego Sockers (San Diego)
- San Jose Earthquakes (San Jose)

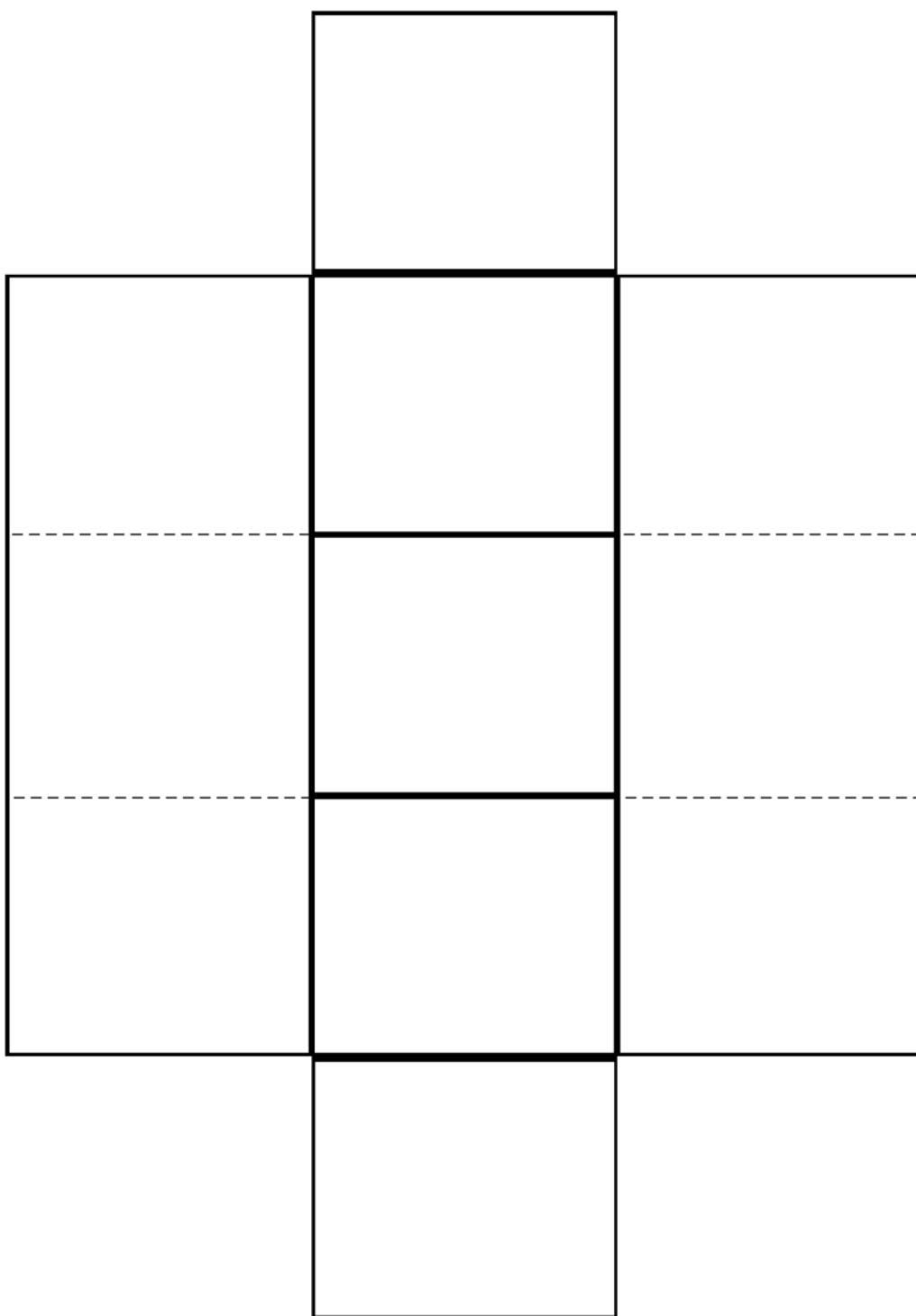
## California Activities

1. Vocabulary
2. State Facts
3. California is called the \_\_\_\_\_ State.
4. What are some Fun Facts about California
5. Describe the circumstances of the Native Americans in California.
6. Describe the exploration of California.
7. What do we know about the Gold Rush of the 1850's?
8. Describe the immigrant situation in California.
9. Who are some famous Californians?
10. What are the four regions of the state? Describe each.
11. What is the fault line and what happens near it?
12. Create a timeline of California history.
13. Describe the climate of the state.
14. What circumstances led up to California becoming a state?
15. Describe the government of California.
16. What are the 4 economic regions of the state and what is the top industry of each?
17. What are some natural resources found in the state?
18. What are the top industries? Briefly describe each.
19. What are some of the sports teams and where are they located?
20. Describe religion in the state.
21. Do a pocket report on the Mojave Desert.
22. What colleges and universities call California home? Map each.
23. Name and map the four National Parks located in the state.
24. Map and describe the major cities of the state.
25. Map the major points of interest and describe what each has to offer.

Activity 4:

What are some Fun Facts about California?

- Complete the multi-flap book
- Under each flap write a fun fact about California
- Glue on the cover as instructed



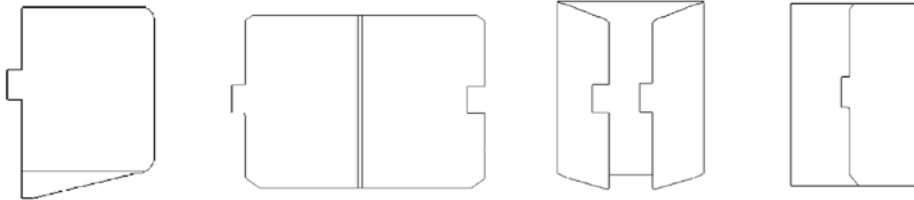
## Multi Flap Book Instructions

Cut on dotted lines.  
Fold right side flaps in.  
Fold left side flaps in.  
Fold bottom flap up.  
Fold top flap down.  
Glue title label to outside of top flap.



Cover Title Label

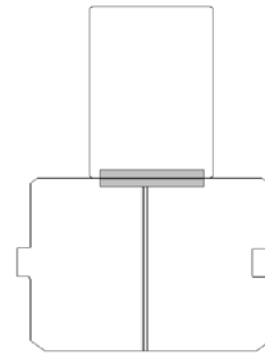
## Instructions to Re-fold a Folder



### Normal Fold:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge to the center crease creating a shutter  
Cut a folder in half OR use a piece of cardstock to form your extension  
Lay the extension in the center of the shutter fold folder  
Attach at the top end using clear packing tape



### Double Folder:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge in toward the center crease creating a shutter

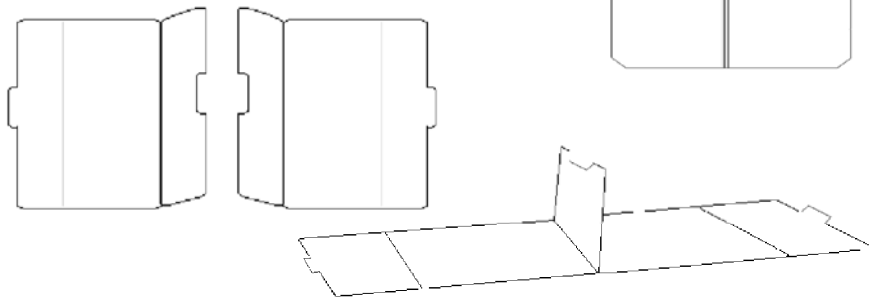
Do this again with a second folder

Set both folders side by side with their shutters opened (pointing straight up not flat)

In the center where the two folders meet glue the outer flaps of each shutter together connecting the two folders

Fold both shutters closed and flip over and close

The back of one of the folders becomes your cover



\*\*\*You can add extensions to a double folder using the same method as for a single folder.



California Immigration

PASSPORT

Rocket Report  
The Mojave Desert

THE GREAT



The Exploration of California



California Facts

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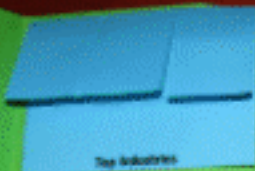
California  
Facts



NATIONAL  
RESOURCES



Colleges &  
Universities



The Industries

### Vocabulary

A list of words and other phrases,  
usually arranged alphabetically  
and written in a notebook



RESEARCH

EXPERIMENT



Why is California Called  
the Golden State?



Fun  
Facts!



Points of  
Interest



SPRITS  
TRAILS



CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC  
Government