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History Pockets: The American Revolution



Synopsis

This important period of our country's history will come to life when students create the exciting projects presented in *The American Revolution*. You get information pages, maps, a timeline, arts and crafts projects, reading and writing connections, and evaluation forms. The teacher pages feature step-by-step project directions and photographs of the completed projects. The topics presented are: Introduction to the American Revolution, Causes of the War, Famous Patriots, A Soldier's Life, Battles, Spies and Traitors, and Birth of a Nation. Front cover bullets: Historical background facts, Timeline and maps, Arts and crafts projects, Reading and writing connections, and Evaluation forms.

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Customer Reviews

I just started homeschooling this winter and someone told me to check out History Pockets. I figured I'd give one a try after seeing good reviews for it here. It was a big help in saving me time in researching and making out lessons plans. My daughter enjoyed it as well. You will need to get a pad of construction paper that is 12" x 18". You also need 12" x 9" paper so you can just easily cut the 12x18 in half. We used this construction paper for all the pocket projects. However, for making the actual book (made up of seven pockets with a front cover) I got thick, sturdy 16" x 16" scrap-booking paper since the construction paper is a bit flimsy. We just cut some of the scrapbook paper in half and stapled with a mini stapler to make the pocket parts. Each pocket has info on a

specific topic and things for the kids to cut and color. The term "arts and crafts projects" in the product description had me thinking there'd be some fun artsy-craftsy ideas in the book, but there really aren't. Mostly cutting and pasting photocopied pictures. They have you fold paper in a few different ways to make little booklets. The Spy chapter was my daughter's favorite. You get to make invisible ink (very easy and inexpensive, using baking soda and grape juice). And it had other types of secret messages and codes. (If we hadn't run out of time for the school year we could have added a science project, experimenting with different ingredients to try and make other types of invisible inks and whether grape juice is the only item that can reveal the secret message.

recently purchase about 8 of the titles in this series. We started with the Civil War pockets since my 10 year old son is most interested in American War History. (After this one I intend to go back in time and do the Ancient, Native Americans, Explorers, Colonial America, REvolutionary and Moving West.) These books are the backbone of my American History curriculum for our homeschooling. I then supplement the sections we are most interested in with library books, videos and internet sources. In addition to history we are learning United States Geography. Each section, we pick a state to learn about that corresponds in some way to the lessons. For instance, we are currently doing the "Leaders" section in the civil war book so we are listening to a biography of Robert E. Lee and studying the state of Virginia, his home state. My 6 year old son isn't getting into it too much but needs the hands-on activities as well as the practice sitting still and listening to me! Especially for him I like to read a picture book that corresponds with the activities. (the older kids aren't too old for picture books either and seem to enjoy it) My 10 year old son is really enjoying it and wants to do it everyday. He enjoys taking his time and making the coloring and crafty parts very neat. He says that he likes this class because afterwards he has something he created which can help him remember the material- and he feels proud about the nice work he has done and can show it to "Papa" when he comes home from work. My 11 year old daughter is a little less enamored but is willing. It does seem to be growing on her - especially the additive geography that we are doing.

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