

Prepare Your Passport:

The **map work** at this level is very simple – they are just coloring in a map of each continent and looking up the places they read about on a map. They do not need to label anything (but if they want to that's excellent!), but rather, get acquainted with what maps are, what they are used for and the location of the 7 continents. You will want to have a wall sized map available for your child to spend time looking over. In addition to that, if you are using this program with an older child, you may want to have them print out a blank world map with country borders (this is a good one: http://www.freeusandworldmaps.com/html/World_Projections/WorldPrint.html) and rather than just looking up the countries being studied as assigned, you can have them color the countries in on their map. At the end of the school year they'll have a great visual of the places they studied over the course of the school year.

You will also create a **passport booklet**. This is a booklet you will create with paper folded in half to create a book. Provide a graphic you can use on the cover page, as well as titles for pages. At the end of each continent study, your child will add a "Passport Sticker" to their passport book. Encourage them to include drawings or pictures printed from the internet/cut from magazines to enhance their book. When they have completed this course, they will have a full passport book to show the places they have learned about as well as lots of craft projects (I recommend that you take pictures and create a scrapbook of their projects, otherwise they will take over the house!) that they will want to show off.

Art Project:

Today your child is going to create a passport. You will need 6 pieces of white paper folded in half to create a booklet. If you want a sturdier book, I recommend using cardstock for the outside page of your booklet. Staple them in the middle at the spine of the booklet to hold together. Include titles you can cut for each continent page, as well as reading log where you can track the books you read this year! This project is important as they will be using it the rest of this school year. When you finish studying a continent, they will paste a "Passport Sticker" into their passport. You can encourage them to include drawings or pictures they find in magazines or on the internet to decorate their passport. At the end of the year their passport will help remind them of what they learned.