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History Pockets: Explorers Of North America, Grades 4-6+



Synopsis

History Pockets-Explorers of North America, Grades 46+, contains eleven discovery pockets. The introduction pocket gives an overview of exploration throughout North America. The other pockets feature ten famous explorers and their journeys. Each of the pockets contains: a reproducible pocket label, a bookmark of short fun facts about the subject, a reference map of the voyage(s) made by the explorer, a fact sheet of background information for teacher and students, arts and crafts projects, and writing activities. Evaluation forms are provided at the end of the book for teacher and student assessment purposes. The book includes the following pockets: Introduction to Explorers of North America, Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, Hernando Cortes, Jacques Cartier, Sir Francis Drake, Henry Hudson, Daniel Boone, James Cook, Lewis and Clark, and John Wesley Powell.

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Customer Reviews

I thought these History Pockets would compliment our homeschool well. I was wrong. They are good for bursts of information, but we found them to be busy work, dull and redundant to our learning. I would not recommended them to fellow homeschoolers.

I teach 5th grade and used the activities in this book to supplement the text and online scavenger hunts that we did as a group. What I like about the activities in this book is that they work for a wide

range of skill levels. The gifted students in the class were having as much fun with the activities as the students who are severely impaired. All of the students were placed into groups and they were all able to do the activities with little help outside their groups. There are so many different activities in the book it was impossible to use them all, so it's important to select the things that look appropriate for your group of learners. Parents liked what they saw when we were finished, and the students had a very nice finished product.

I teach 5th grade and I used this last fall. You definitely would be lacking if this was the only thing you did for an explorers unit. I did not use it "pocket" style for that reason, but did use some of the information and activities to supplement my unit. The information about the explorers is good, but some of the activities are a little silly and don't really support their learning well.

My son LOVES History Pockets. We have paired this with the US Map Skills book by School Specialty Publishing and they go great together. If you have a kid who is hands on and loves crafts, this is the way to learn history.

I teach 2nd and 3rd grade and the History Pockets are a great resource - especially for Core Knowledge schools. I find the content most appropriate for high functioning 3rd graders. I can't imagine a 6th grader doing some of the activities. Some seem too primary for that old of a kiddo. Crafty and hands on, much better than worksheets.

I got history pockets for my 6yr old homeschooler who is currently doing 3rd and 4th grade work and LOVES history. We are working on this now. There are maps and information sheets about each explorer, and some kind of activity such as making a list of things you'd bring on a long journey, or making a model of a compass. I also have my son write about each project on the back, by simply gluing on a piece of lined paper - this makes the activities less busy work and more educational. We also have found "lapbook" elements online to print and add to the pockets, as well as other printables. We also get lots of library books to supplement. So its a good starting point to use. I can see where this would be more of a pain to use in a classroom where many copies of each thing would be needed, but for homeschooling its great! My son's friend's teacher has used the 1-3rd grade literature pockets in her 1st grade classroom before, and said her kids enjoyed them as well.

There are a couple of dud lessons, but on the whole I think the book is a great resource for talking

about the age of exploration, and I've very much enjoyed using it with my 5th grade students. Certainly worth the price!

My daughters, ages 8 and 10, love these! They have helped us supplement our Abeka History and make it more interesting. Both my daughters are very creative so these Pockets are perfect!

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