

Accordion Book

Standards of Learning

Language Arts: K.11, K.12, 1.12, 1.13, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 6.6, 7.8, 8.7

Objective

The student will be able to:

- create an foldable book with the purpose of demonstrating understanding of a subject
- write with the purpose of describing, informing, and/or explaining
- organize their writing to convey an understanding of a central subject

Materials

- 3 pieces of square card stock or construction paper per student
- glue sticks
- markers or crayons

Background Knowledge

Foldables are a great, hands-on strategy for reviewing any subject. The format of the book requires students to process, sort, and organize the information learned. This, along with the process of creation, leads to greater understanding and retention. Further, the accordion book can be easily differentiated according to grade and/or ability levels.

The following teaching method may be used to review any subject of the teacher's choosing. Possible topics include: Virginia Regions and Products; Plant Germination; Jamestown; Geometric Shapes; Plant Needs.

Procedure

1. Distribute 3 pieces of square construction paper to each student. You may choose to use 3 different colors, but it is not necessary. You may also use more paper to make your books longer.
2. Take piece #1 and fold in half. Crease and open.
3. Fold in half again in the other direction. Crease and open. You will now have four squares.



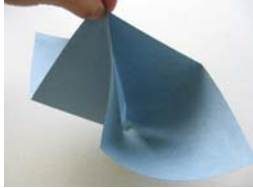
4. Take one corner and fold to touch the opposite corner. Crease to form a triangle and open.



5. Flip the paper so that the diagonal crease is pointing up.



- Pull the corners with the diagonals to touch. Pull up the other two corners to touch. Fold to make a small square.



- Repeat steps 2-6 with the other two pieces of paper.
- Line all three pieces of paper up so that the middle square's point is up and the other two squares' points are down.



- Glue together.



- Have students fill their books with facts and/or pictures about the desired topic. You may also include a front and back cover.

