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Macedonia Lapbook

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Macedonia
Lapbook
Welcome to Macedonia! Well, at least to the Macedonia Lapbook!

Start by getting your materials ready. You’ll need a file folder or a large sturdy paper to use as your book. You will also need pen or pencil, scissors, glue, tape, a brass fastener and a stapler. Take your folder or paper and fold the short sides into the middle as shown below.

Take a look through these pages before you begin to get an idea of what you’ll need to do. Don’t miss the additional notes, money math and Bible connection!

You’ll see below an example of how to assemble your lapbook. One thing not shown below is to take the whole “Additional Notes” page and attach it to the back of your lapbook. This way you have all your Macedonia info in one place.
What countries border Macedonia?

On what continent is Macedonia?

Cut out arrow and puzzle rectangle each as one piece. Fold down the middle so the words are on the front. Use map included toward the back of this booklet to write in the answers.
Color in “Republic of Macedonia” if you want. Cut out the oval. Glue or tape into lapbook as shown. Cut out the ovals below. Place the Macedonian oval to the right behind the English to its left. You can staple each pair together before attaching to your lapbook. Or, you can glue down the Macedonian, cover it with the English, and then tape the English down across the top so it lifts up like a flap.

How are you?

Како си?

(kah-koe see)

Good

Добро

(loe-broe)

Thank you

Фала

(fah-lah)
Summer and Winter

Summer

High: 86°F
Low: 60°F

Winter

High: 40°F
Low: 25°F

Cut out cloud, sun and snowflake box. Use the circle to cut out the sun.

Use the information box above to write in the average high and low temperatures for summer and winter in Macedonia. Also write on each season two words which describe that season in Macedonia.

Place the sun on top of the snowflakes. Place the cloud on top of the sun. Staple together at the top. Glue or tape snowflakes to your lapbook.

Summers in Macedonia are warm and dry with an average high temperature of 86°F and lows about 60°F. The winters are cold and snowy with average high and low temperatures being 40°F and 25°F.
The capital of Macedonia is Skopje.
(scope-ee-a)

The money in Macedonia is the denar.

1 dollar is equal to about 44 denars.

The Macedonian alphabet has 31 letters.

Macedonian uses the Cyrillic alphabet.

Just the Facts Please

Cut out “Say it in Macedonian!” Attach to lapbook as a heading for Macedonian words on page 5.

Cut out the circles. Stack with “Just the facts please” on top. Attach to each other and to the lapbook with a brass fastener.
Overlooking Skopje

Cut out the pictures with the captions. Stack them with your favorite on top. **There are two more on page 9.** Staple and add to lapbook.

Lake Ohrid

*Bit Pazar* or “flea market”
TRUE OR FALSE

Macedonia is one of the largest countries in Europe.  **T   F**
Macedonia as a country is less than 20 years old.  **T   F**
Macedonia is a Muslim country. **T   F**
Macedonians are mostly part of the Eastern Orthodox Church. **T   F**
There are many Albanians living in Macedonia.  **T   F**
Macedonia is a small country with only about two million people living in it. There are two main groups of people living there: the Macedonians and the Albanians. There are several other smaller groups of people such as Turks and Roma, or Gypsies.

Macedonians, Albanians and Turks are people whose ancestors were born in Macedonia, Albania and Turkey. The ancestors of the Roma were from India.

The Republic of Macedonia was not a country until 1991. It was in September of that year that it became independent of Yugoslavia. It became a separate country. Yugoslavia was a large communist country, and Macedonia had been one part of it.

Communism: a type of government
This type of government controls the economy and owns everything in order to give out land and jobs equally to all people. They also wanted to get rid of or control all religions in their countries.
Most Macedonians call themselves Eastern Orthodox Christians. Most Albanians are born Muslims. One Muslim practice is for a woman to wear a scarf to cover her head and trench coat to cover her body, even in summer. But, both groups have a lot of traditions not related to their religions. One practice of the Macedonians is to bake a coin into a loaf of bread on Christmas Eve. Whoever finds the coin is said to have good luck for the coming year.

The remains of a fortress
Cucumber and Tomato Salad

Chop tomatoes and cucumbers into bite-sized chunks. Optional: add chopped banana peppers and a small onion cut into very thin slices. Toss all together with vinegar and oil. Grate feta cheese on top of salad until it is covered.

“Selsko Meso” (Village Meat)

Chop two medium onions. Put in pot over high heat with a quarter cup of oil (at least!) and stir for a minute or two. Add half a pound of stew beef and stir until brown. Add two drinking cups of water. Add in sliced mushrooms (as many as you like). Bring to boil and simmer for about two hours. Check to make sure water doesn’t all disappear. Add a tablespoon of chopped parsley at the end. Salt to taste. They use lots!
“Pita” (with onions)
Chop and fry six onions until soft. Over the hot onions crumble a small handful of feta cheese. Lay out two leafs of filo dough. Use spoon to make a row of onions along the bottom of the dough. Also sprinkle onions around the rest of the dough. Roll up the dough into a long “snake”. In the middle of a circular pan coil the “snake.” Repeat, adding each long roll to your coil. Bake at 400° F for about 20 minutes or until golden.

Peppers
Place five banana peppers directly onto the electric burners on your stove. Press down on each of them. When one side is blackened, rotate each pepper until blackened on all sides. Remove from burner and peel off skin. Hold pepper by stem (if there) and stab and slice pepper in a few different places (kind of like making an octopus but without as many legs). Lay them flat in a dish. Prepare dressing by mixing salt, oil, vinegar, and crushed garlic. Pour over peppers.

Layered Chocolate Cake part 1
Cake: 4 eggs, 2 cups of flour, 1 ½ c. sugar, ¾ c. chocolate, 1 T. baking powder, ½ c. milk, ½ c. butter. Use mixer to blend for several minutes. Line pan with wax paper (or oiled regular paper—really!) Pour into three 8 in. round cake pans. Bake at 350° F until it pulls away from sides and fork comes out clean. Cool.

Layered Chocolate Cake part 2
Use this map to answer the questions about Macedonia. Cut out the map rectangle and attach to lapbook. If you don’t know what continent this is, use a world map to help you figure it out.

Note: It is very hard to find an up-to-date map of the area. Kosovo just became an independent country in 2008.
Additional notes:

*The word “good” is the normal answer to “How are you?” Use the phonetic spellings added to help you say the words with the right sounds. The bold letters are the syllable that is stressed, meaning you say that part of the word a little stronger than the other parts. Can you hear that the stress is at the beginning of the word “trumpet” but at the end of the word “begin”?

*The name Macedonia is disputed between Greece and the “Republic of Macedonia.” Some countries, including America, recognize it simply as Macedonia, while many call it the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, or FYROM. The official name remains “Republic of Macedonia.”

*In Macedonia you won’t find measuring cups and spoons in most people’s kitchens. When they say to use a cup of something, they mean a cup from your cupboard. When they say to use a tea spoon, they mean a spoon from your silverware drawer that you use to stir your tea. The cake recipe has specific measurements because I created the recipe based on my observations at people’s homes when I was living in Macedonia.

*Currency rates change all the time. The information included here was true on June 10, 2009.

*You can watch traditional Macedonian folk dancing online. Here’s a link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzlCPXXoDd4 Here’s a hint…to get rid of ads make the video full screen by clicking on the button next to the volume.

Money Math
If a loaf of bread costs 22 denars in Macedonia, how much is that in dollars and cents?
Estimate the cost in dollars of a t-shirt that costs 200 denars.
How many denars is $3?

Bible Connection
This Macedonia is not the Macedonia found in Acts 16. Northern Greece is also called Macedonia and is where Paul traveled. Paul didn’t travel far enough north to reach modern day country of Macedonia.
Answers:

What countries border Macedonia? Serbia, Kosovo, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria

On what continent is Macedonia? Europe

Winter: High 40 F Low 25 F Cold, snowy
Summer: High 86 F Low 60 F Warm, dry

Macedonia is one of the largest countries in Europe. False
Macedonia as a country is less than 20 years old. True
Macedonia is a Muslim country. False
Macedonians are mostly part of the Eastern Orthodox Church. True
There are many Albanians living in Macedonia. True

A loaf of bread would cost about 50 cents.
The t-shirt would cost about $4.
$3 is about 135 denars.

Hope you enjoyed your visit to Macedonia!

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