


Capital Quest

Tricorn Hat Craft



Try this craft with our *Capital Quest* virtual program and quiz!

When people see tricorn hats, they usually think of pirates, but Founding Fathers like George Washington wore them too! A tricorn hat has three sides - tri means three! Just like tricycles have three wheels and triangles have three sides. 

Tricorn hats were popular during the 1700s and were usually called "cocked hats." Men of all classes wore them so they varied a lot in style and size. The most expensive hats were made of beaver-hair felt and the less expensive hats were made of wool felt.

Materials Needed:

For the hat:

- Paper
- 3 copies of the template at the end of this packet
 - You can print the template or try to draw the same shape on your own paper
- Scissors
- Stapler (or tape)



For decoration (optional)

- Markers or pens
- Stickers
- Print some images we provide

Decorations are your chance to get creative or you can continue learning by contrasting items from today with objects from 200 years ago!

Instructions:



1. Print or draw three copies of the tricorn hat outline (on the last page of this packet)
2. Using scissors, cut out the three outlines
3. Decorate one side of each piece of your hat
 - a. You can draw objects that people used 200 years ago
 - b. You can write your name or a story about someone who lived 200 years ago
 - c. You can decorate it with markers and stickers
 - d. You can print out the images below, cut them out, and put objects from 200 years ago on one side and objects from today on another side.
4. Take a piece of paper and staple one end to the end of other piece of paper. Then staple the end of the third piece of paper to the open end of the first piece of paper. Now staple the second and third pieces of paper. You're basically making a circle by stapling all the ends together.
5. Try on your hat! How do you look?



