

BEDE'S HISTORY OF US



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This book is dedicated to
my friend Stephen J. Nichols
—who knows a lot about history.



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WELCOME

Welcome to *Bede's History of US!* Thank you for choosing to join Bede on a journey through time!

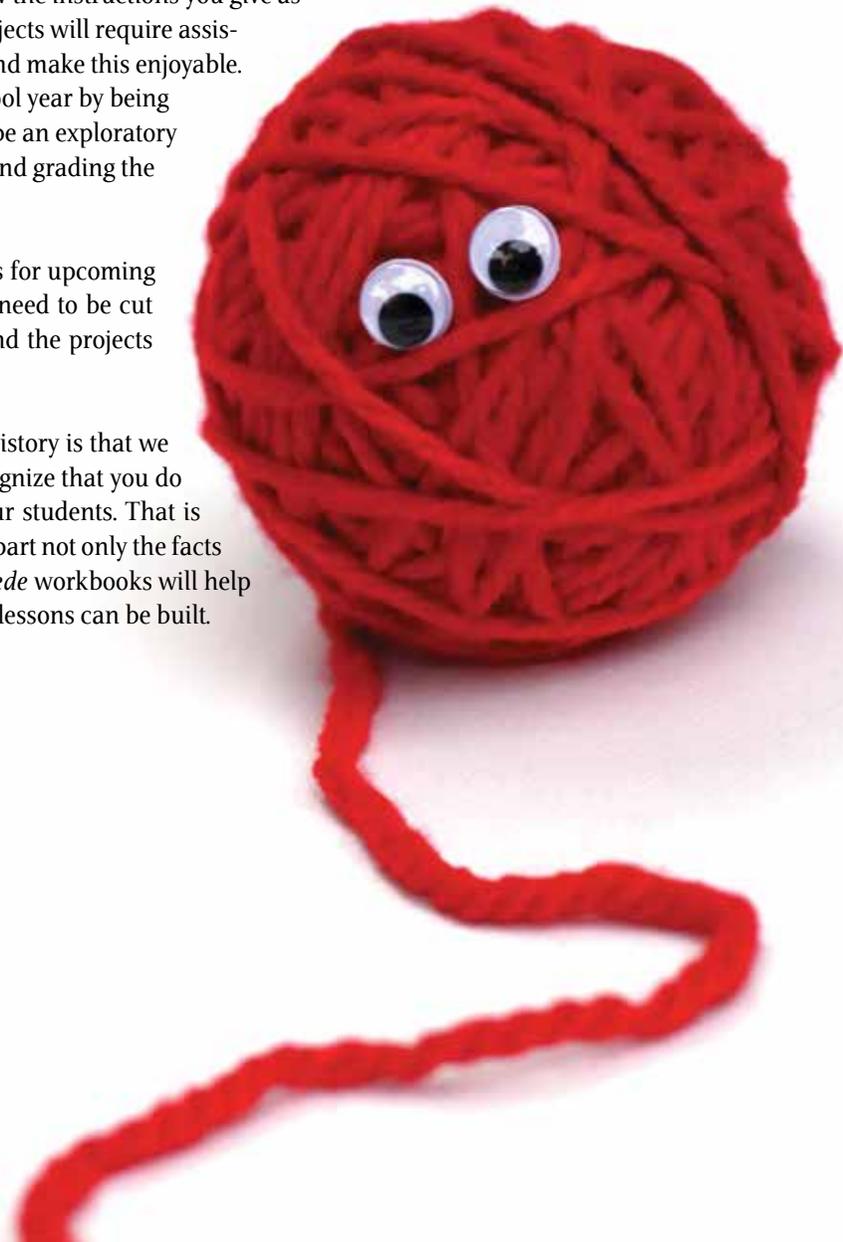
In his book *The Sacred Wood and Major Early Essays*, T.S. Eliot wrote, "The historical sense involves a perception, not only of the pastness of the past, but of its presence." History is, in a sense, a compilation of all of the victories and failures of humankind. It is important that students not only understand the events of the past, but the significance of how those events affect their own lives. This appreciation of history will help them shape their future.

Before students begin the Veritas Press history courses, however, it is crucial for them to be able to answer the question, "What is history?" This is why the *Bede* books were created. *Bede's History of US* is a primer, laying the groundwork for their later years of study. Upon completion of this workbook, students will better understand timelines, geography, and the history of the United States of America.

The instructor should read the book to the student from the perspective of Bede, the yarn ball. Students should simply follow the instructions you give as you read the book aloud to them. Some projects will require assistance from the instructor. Take your time and make this enjoyable. *Bede's History of US* is designed to fill a school year by being used only once a week. As this is meant to be an exploratory introduction to history, we do not recommend grading the student's work.

Look ahead in the book to gather materials for upcoming projects. Craft or other project pages that need to be cut out are located at the back of the book, and the projects will refer you to those pages as necessary.

It has been said that what we learn from history is that we do not actually learn from history. We recognize that you do not wish this to happen in the lives of your students. That is why Veritas Press strives to equip you to impart not only the facts about history but its lessons as well. The *Bede* workbooks will help you establish a foundation on which these lessons can be built.







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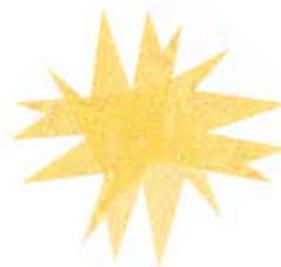
My name is Bede.

I'm a TIMELINE.

I will help you learn about
WHAT happened WHEN.

TIMELINE

The first WHAT that ever happened was when God created the heavens and the earth.



On the first day God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.



On the second day God separated the heavens and the earth. On the third day

God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees.” And it was so. On the fourth day God made the two great



lights—the greater to rule the day and the lesser to rule the night—and the stars.





On the fifth day God created the great sea creatures and birds. And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. Then on the sixth day God made the beasts of the earth. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.



In order from left to right, draw pictures about each day of creation at each point along the timeline below.

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

STATE HISTORY 1

Everybody and everything has a history. HISTORY is a story about what happened BEFORE NOW. History is a collection and arranging of information about past events.

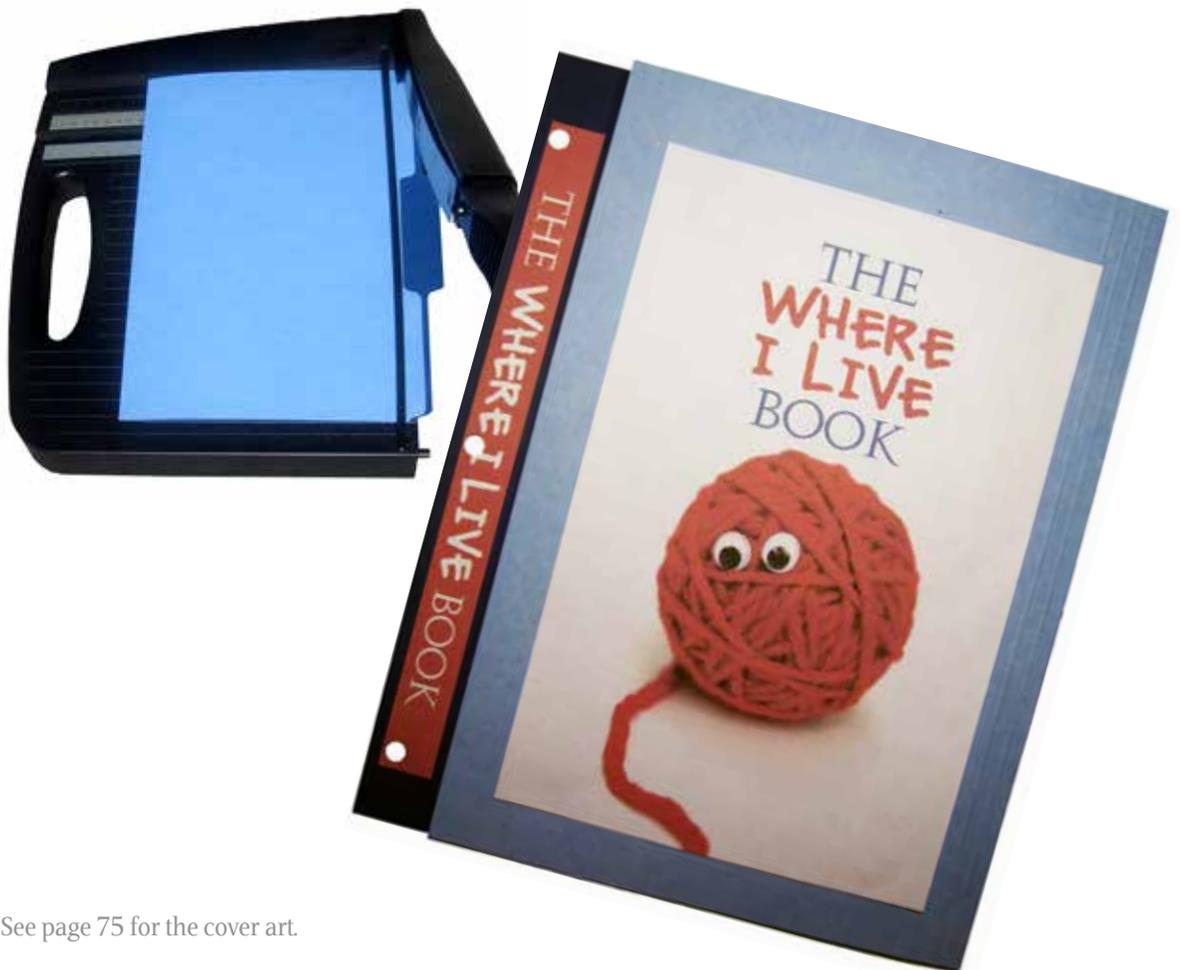


Where you LIVE is part of YOUR history. Everyone in history lived someplace and had neighbors, even if they lived far away. Neighbors share a lot of their history. And if you live in a town, the other townspeople share in your history, too.

Your town has town neighbors and they all are in a state. States have histories as well. States have neighbors and all together the states for the United States of America—and that is YOUR country. Everyone in America shares in America's history. We are going to make a booklet about where you live so you can learn about that part of your history.

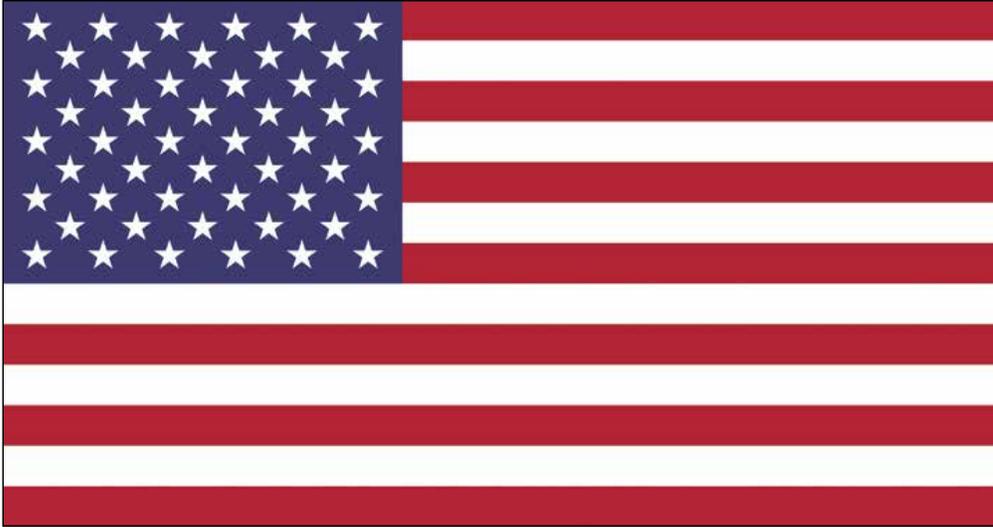
Assemble the lap book.

1. Cut a file folder down to 8" x 10."
2. With the fold on the right, cut out a one-inch long strip from the top folder.
3. Three hole punch along the left edge.
4. Glue the cover on the front of the book.
Glue the title strip along the left edge.



See page 75 for the cover art.

STATE HISTORY 2



This is the flag of the United States of America. Some people call it "Old Glory."

How many stripes do you see? The stripes represent the original thirteen British colonies. Count the stars. How many stars do you see? There are fifty stars which represent each of the fifty states. What are the colors of the flag? Those are our national colors.

If you were born in this country, you are an American. In this project, you will write your name, your city and your state inside the American flag. You, your city and your state are all part of the United States of America.

Assemble the flip-the-flap American flag.

Color the flag with red and blue crayons or colored pencils just like our national flag. Cut out along the outside dashed line. Fold in half so that the American Flag is facing you. On the stripes of the flag, cut along the outside dashed line. Fold each flap back along the dotted fold line. Write your name, city and state on the inside of the flag using the writing lines to help you. Copy the name of your country. Apply glue in the box as shown. Glue into the lap book on the bottom right of the inside flap.

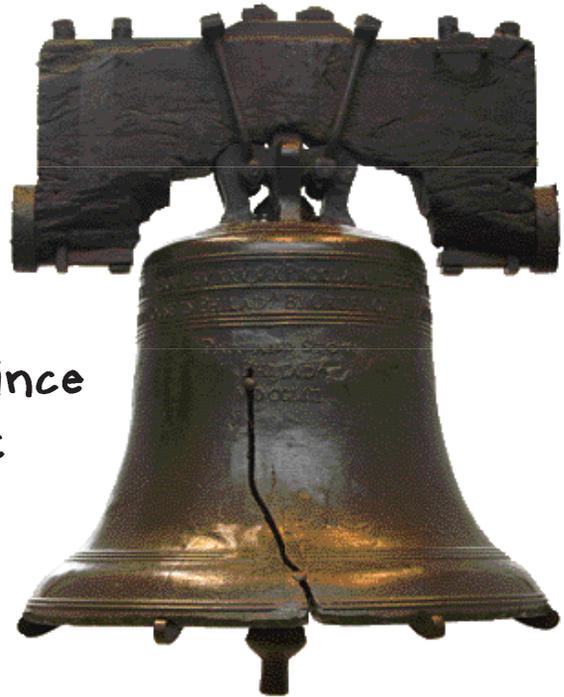


See page 77 for the flag art.

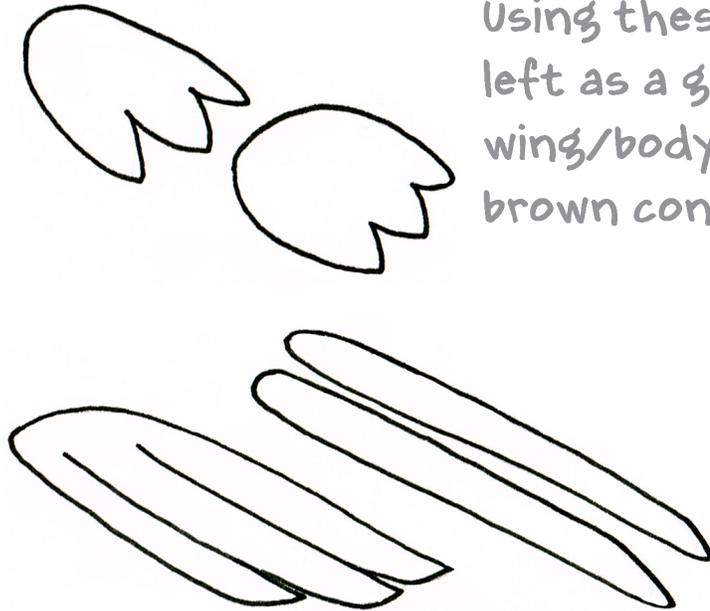
STATE HISTORY 3



The American flag is a symbol of our country. We have other symbols of our country like the White house in our capital, Washington D.C., the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Statue of Liberty in New York. In addition, one the most famous symbols of our country is the bald eagle, our national bird. The bald eagle became an emblem (that is another word for symbol) of the United States of America because it only lives in North America and because it symbolized courage and might. The bald eagle is not really bald. Bald can mean having no hair or feathers, but it can also mean white. Since our eagle has a white head, it was named the bald eagle.



Bald eagle project:



Using these shapes to the left as a guide, cut about 15 wing/body feathers from brown construction paper.

Also cut out 5 wing tip and 5 long feathers as shown to the left.

Cut out the bald eagle. Starting just above the tail, glue the wing tip and long feathers. Next, layer the body feathers until you reach the neck. Color the leg feathers brown and then color the beak and feet yellow. Leave the tail and head white. Glue into your lap book on the inside right flap. It goes right above the American flag.



See page 79 for the eagle art.

STATE HISTORY 4

Do you have a family pet? Is there a tree by your home? Do you have a favorite flower? All these things are part of your life, and therefore part of your history. Part of a state's histories involve these things, too.

Turn to the appendix and find your state.

What is the the name of your state bird? What colors does your bird have? Does your bird live in a tree or on the ground? Do you know the sound your bird makes?

What is your state mammal? Does your state mammal live near your home? Have you ever seen your state mammal in your backyard?

What is your state tree? Does your tree lose its leaves in the fall or stay green all year long? Can you eat anything from your state tree?

What is your state flower? What color or colors is it? Does it bloom all year round or only part of the year? Can you count the petals or are there too many?

Bede, the loveable timeline

(*who strongly resembles a ball of yarn*) is back to teach more of *what* happened *when*. Join him as he guides your child through historical events and fun learning activities.

After introducing the foundation of history with the timeline of Creation, Bede guides your younger one through United States history in a fun and memorable way.

Bede's History of US includes state history, national holidays, Native Americans, the Great Awakening, presidents, inventions, American art history, and more! Your child will gain appreciation and understanding of God's work in the history of the United States.

Bede's History of US is the perfect tool to entertain and inspire your young child with a love for history and an understanding of *what* happened *when*.

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