



Raccoon Lapbook

Library List

[*Animals After Dark: Raccoons: Scavengers of the Night*](#) by Elaine Landau

Nature's Children: Raccoons by Laima Dingwall

[*Rascal*](#) by Sterling North

[*Raccoons and Ripe Corn*](#) by Jim Arnosky

[*Raccoon on His Own*](#) by Jim Arnosky

[National Geographic Website](#)

Vocabulary

adapt--to survive in a new place

Algonquin--a group of Native Americans native to the eastern seaboard

den--the home of an animal

hibernate--to sleep deeply through the winter

nocturnal--active at night

predator--an animal that hunts other animals for food.

rabid--having been infected with rabies

rabies--a disease that attacks the brain and spinal cord.

Classification

Class--Mammalia

Order--Carnivora

Family--Procyonidae (raccoon family)

Genus--Procyon

Species--Procyon Lotor

Physical Characteristics

Face--Short oval ears, pointed snout ending in a sweet black nose and whiskers. They have a "bandit's mask" in black around their eyes.

Tail--10 inch long tail that has brown rings around it

Hands--five fingered paw

Name Origin

Raccoon is from an Algonquin word meaning "he scratches with his hand."

Fun Facts

Raccoons can turn a door handle.

Raccoons have been known to turn on a water faucet.

Christopher Columbus called them "clown-like dogs."

Raccoons can swim.

Raccoons can run 15 mph.

Find more fun facts in your books about raccoons.

Where in the World?

Where do Raccoons live? They live in North America except in northern Canada and the Western Mountain ranges. They are also in central and the northern part of South America.

Diet

Raccoons are omnivorous eating plants and animals including fish, eggs, garbage, nuts, berries, seeds, crayfish, clams, frogs, mussels, corn, etc.

Homes

City homes: chimneys, sewers, decks, empty buildings and attics

Country homes: burrows, holes in the ground, brush piles, haystacks, hollow trees, caves, mines.

Predators

Who preys on adult raccoons? coyotes, bobcats and wolves

Who preys on baby raccoons? owls, foxes and badgers

What are other dangers that raccoons face? humans, cars and disease

Babies

Newborn--litters are 4-6 babies, no teeth, eyes closed, and little fur at birth.

1 month old--can stand

3-4 months old--field trips to learn how to hunt and climb.

1 year old--on their own

Rabies

Look the word up in a dictionary and practice dictionary skills. Talk about treatment for rabies and why it is unsafe to approach animals (including dogs and cats) without talking to a grown-up first.

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Growing Up Raccoon



Newborn

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1 month

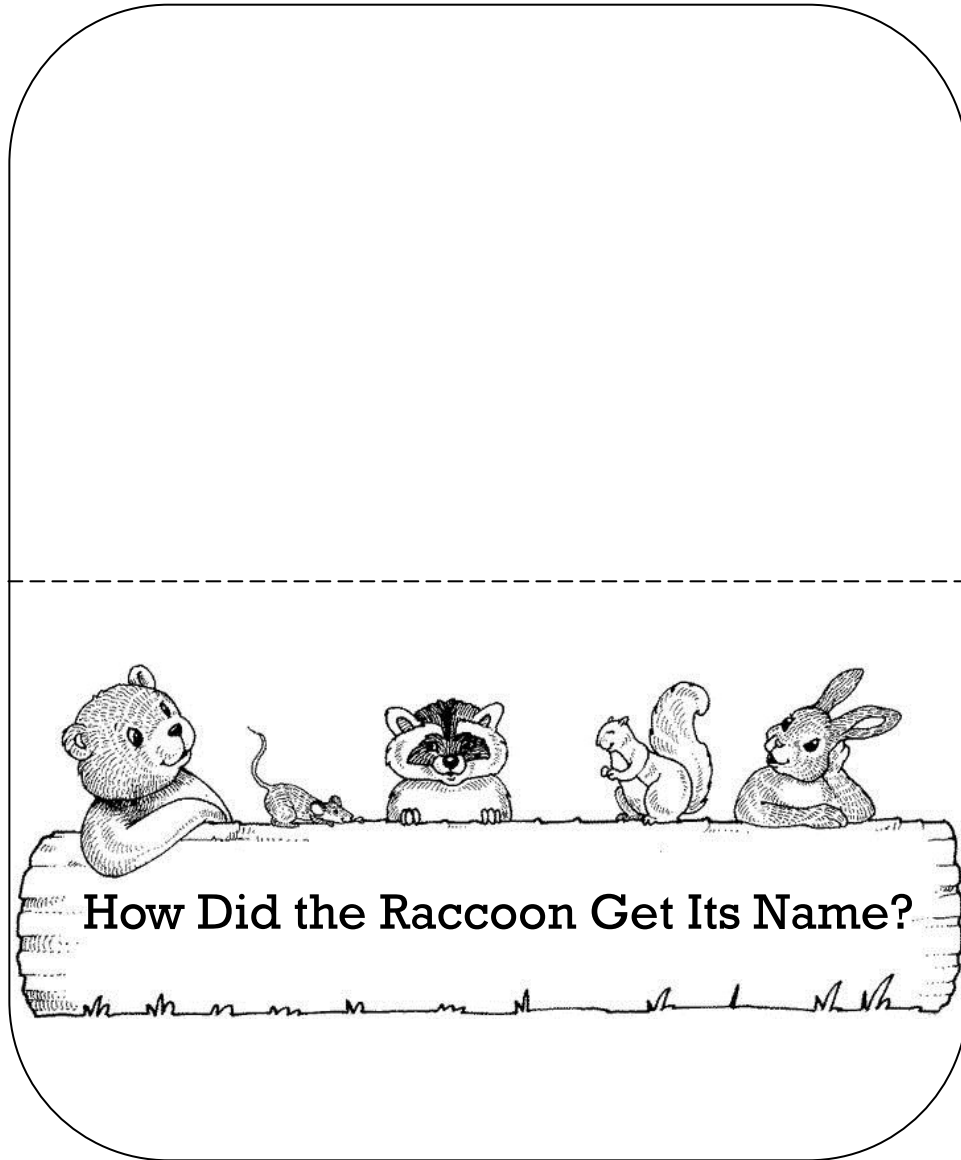
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3-4 months	REMOVE THIS AREA
1 year	



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**It is an Algonquin
word that means:
"he scratches with
his hand."**



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Cut out book as one piece. Fold left side in. Fold right side in. Open book.
Cut on dotted lines to form five flaps. Refold book.

class

order

family

genus

species

Raccoon Classification



My Good Looks



Face

Tail

Hands



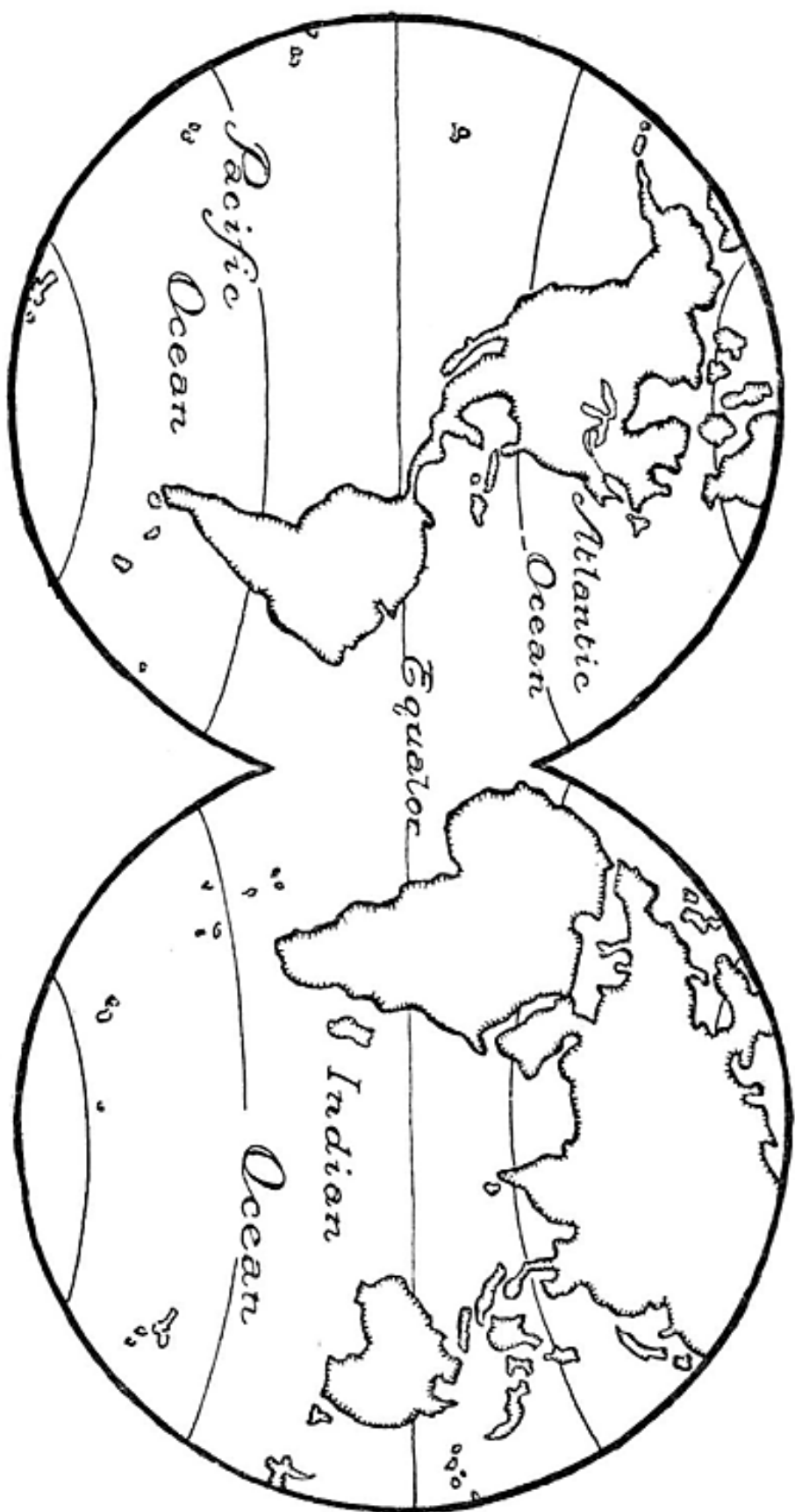
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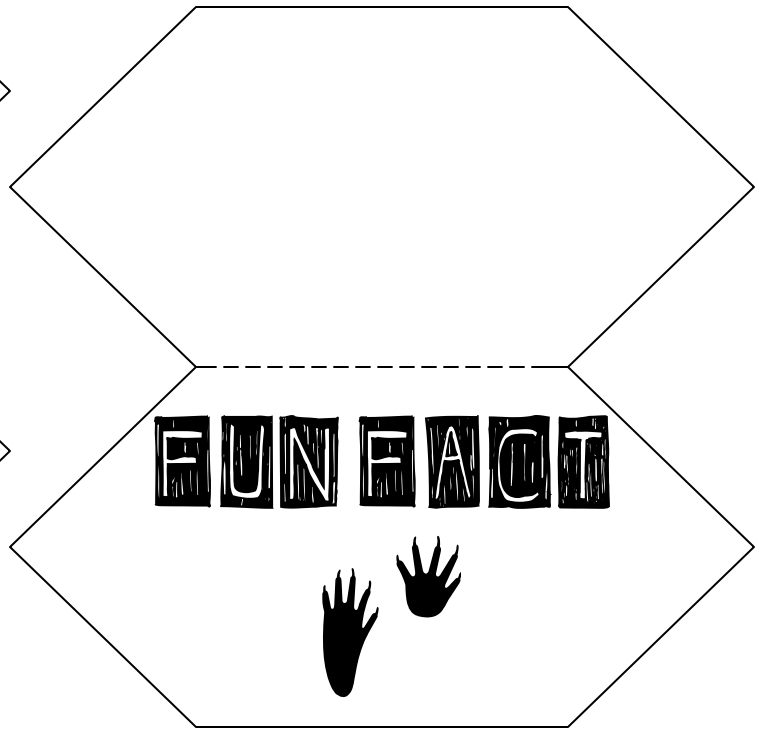
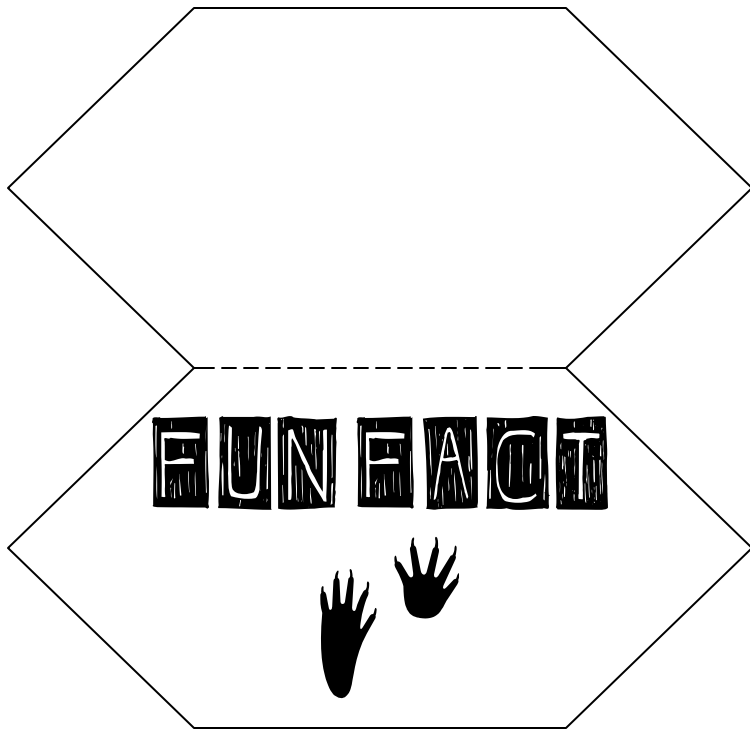
Mark the areas on the world map where you can find raccoons.

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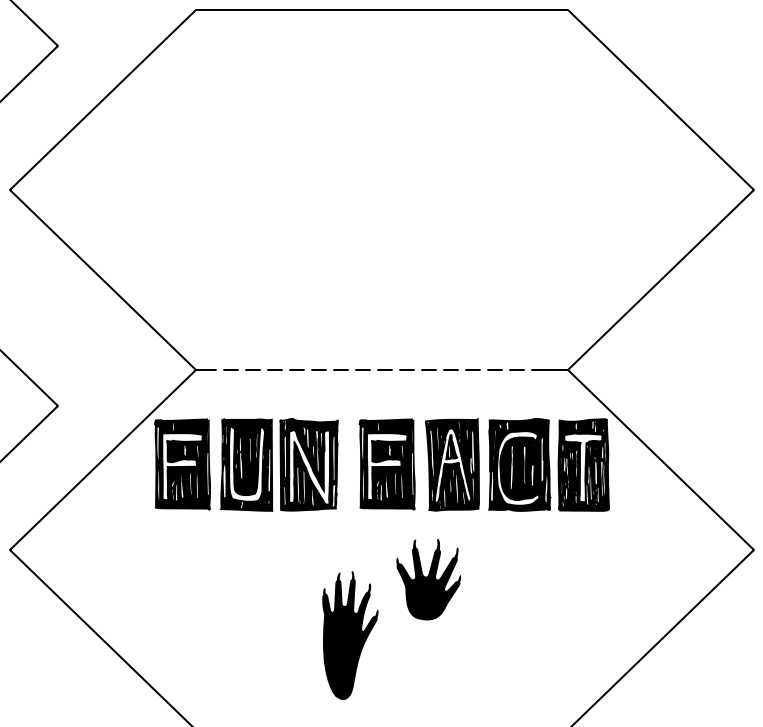
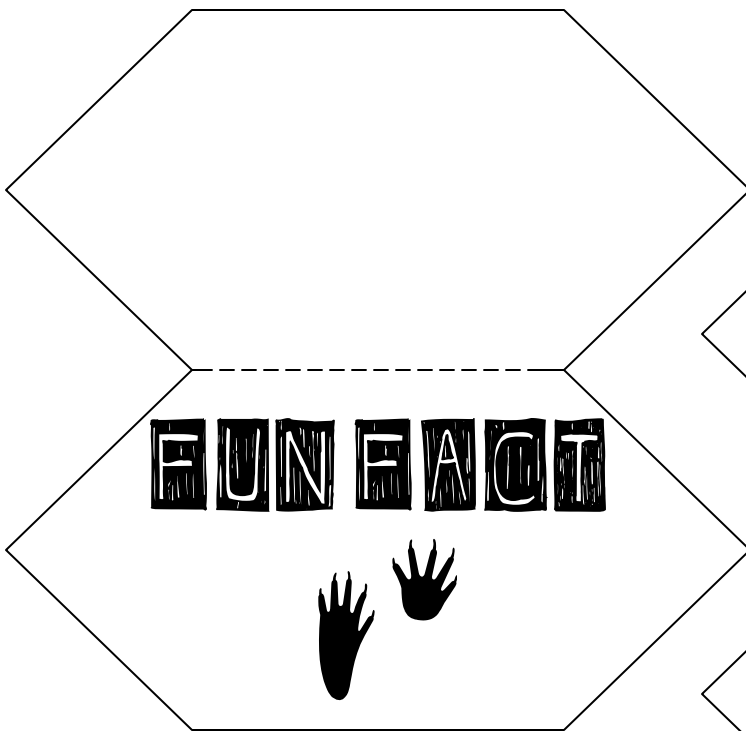
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Raccoon Predators



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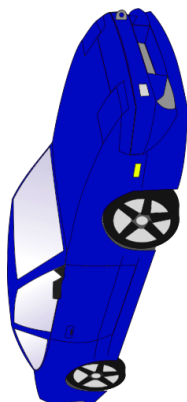
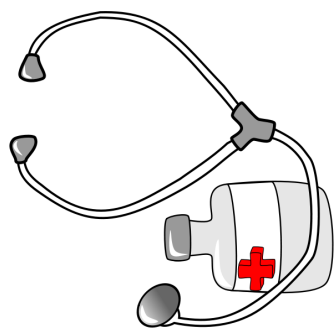
Adults

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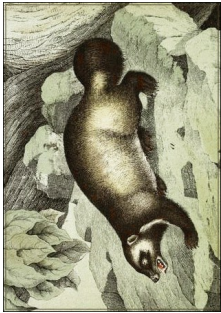
Other



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Babies

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City Life	Country Life
	

Cut out book as one piece. Fold matchbook style. Open.
Cut on dotted line to form two flaps.

New Words



Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. Paste vocabulary folds (next two pages) into this book.

