

# Kids' World Passports and Visas

## AN AMERICAN PASSPORT

To enjoy the passport activity, your students should understand what a passport is. The United States of America issues an American Passport. The main purpose of an American Passport is to certify that the traveler carrying the passport is a citizen of the United States. This passport requests that all countries help the traveler by offering safe passage into and through the countries that the traveler enters and that all lawful aid and protection be given. Every day thousands of Americans get their first passports, use their passports as they travel, or have valid American Passports ready to use. To get an American Passport, they must prove: **1)** That they are citizens of the United States of America. **2)** That they can prove they are who they say they are.

### **Examine:**

- An American Passport.
- Other passports.

### **Passport Application**

- Get an application for an American Passport from the County Clerk.
- Go over the application together as a class.
- Reproduce the front of the application so that your students can see it.
- Explain vocabulary.
- Write an experience story listing the things that must be gathered together to receive the passport.

Attach a list of questions to the passport application to enable students to use them for independent reading comprehension activities. They can skim the front and back of the passport application and answer the questions.

1. How much does an American Passport cost?
2. How can you prove you are a United States citizen?
3. How can you prove your identity, that you are who you say you are?
4. How many photographs do you need?
5. What size should your photographs be?
6. How long can you use this American Passport?
7. How should you write the information on the application?
8. Who do you make your check out to?
9. What does number 8 ask for?
10. What does number 9 ask for?
11. What does number 6 ask for?
12. This application must be presented in person. What does in person mean?

13. Why must this application be presented in person?

## A KIDS' WORLD PASSPORT

Your students will fill out a Kids' World Passport Application. They will then follow a procedure much like that to receive an American Passport. They must prove: 1) That they are citizens of Kids' World. 2) Their identities, that they are who they say they are.

In order to receive the passport, they will

- Fill in personal information.
- Submit two identical photos.
- Submit proof of Kids' World Citizenship.
- Submit proof of identity, they are who they say they are.
- Sign the application.
- Appear in person in front of school official.
- Acquire the signature of the school official.



***Note: The passport/visa lesson is intended as a classroom exercise only. A passport (without their picture) will be given to each child at Kids' World. You do not need to bring the passport application to Kids' World.***

## **KIDS WORLD PASSPORT APPLICATION**

**NAME** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX** \_\_\_\_\_ **HEIGHT** \_\_\_\_\_ **COLOR OF HAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR OF EYES** \_\_\_\_\_ **PARENTS' NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **DO YOU HAVE BROTHERS OR**

**SISTERS?** \_\_\_\_\_ Names

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU EVER HAD A KIDS' WORLD PASSPORT?** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT TWO RECENT PHOTOS**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign in the presence of the duly appointed official at your school when you bring this completed application, proof of Kids' World citizenship, and proof that you are who you say you are. Affirm, "Everything on this application is true."

**PROOF OF THE KIDS' WORLD CITIZENSHIP** Certificate of attendance from school, church, synagogue, or mosque. Certificate of membership in any organization. Signature of a parent on picture of child.

**PROOF OF IDENTITY** Recent picture of child with adult signature.

**SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL OFFICIAL** \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant can receive a Kids' World Passport.

Now your students understand what a passport is. They have completed the passport application. They have their passports in their hands. Now it is time to understand what a visa is.

## KIDS' WORLD VISAS

A visa is given to an American traveler carrying an American Passport into another country. The visa shows that the passport has been examined and that the picture and the information match the traveler and that it is a valid American Passport. The visa is usually in the form of a stamp carrying the name of the country that has examined the passport. The visa gives safe passage into the country for a given length of time. With American Passport and visa stamps, a traveler can go all over the world.

### Examine:

- A passport full of visas.
- The names of all the countries on the visas.
- A map of the world to find those countries.

When your students get to Kids' World, they will have their Kids' World Passport with them. As they travel through Kids' World, they will get their visa stamps from every country they choose to visit. They will stay as long as they wish or as long as their teachers say they can.



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