

Postcard Memories

Post-Visit Activity

Grades/Level: Lower Elementary (K–2), Upper Elementary (3–5)

Subjects: Visual Arts, English–Language Arts

Time Required: Short Activity (20 minutes)



Activity Overview

Children will reflect on their Castle in the Clouds visit and express what aspect of the visit was most memorable to them by creating a postcard for a friend.

Learning Objectives

- Children will create an image based on something they saw during their visit to Castle in the Clouds.
- Children will compose a short message to a friend, reflecting on their visit.

Activity Steps

- 1.) Download the “Postcard Memories” template. Print the template onto thick paper or card stock. Cut (or, with supervision, have the child cut) the postcard template out of the larger piece of paper.
- 2.) Have child reflect on their visit to Castle in the Clouds and brainstorm answers to the following questions:
 - a. What was the most memorable thing you saw? (Use this memory to inspire the work of art for the front of your postcard.)
 - b. Who do you want to write to about your trip to Castle in the Clouds?
 - c. What do you want to tell that person about your visit?
- 3.) Have the child draw an image of the most memorable thing he or she saw at Castle in the Clouds on the blank side of his or her postcard.
- 4.) Have the child address the postcard to the person to whom the child is writing on the lines of the postcard. Assist as needed.
- 5.) Write two to three sentences about their visit using complete sentences and descriptive words. You may wish to have them compose their messages on a separate piece of paper before writing on their postcards. Assist as needed.
- 6.) Discuss what the child wrote. Ask the child to elaborate on their experience, favorite sights, what they learned, etc.
- 7.) When the postcard is complete, display it!
 - a. If your cardstock is .007” or thicker, you can send it through the mail with appropriate postage.

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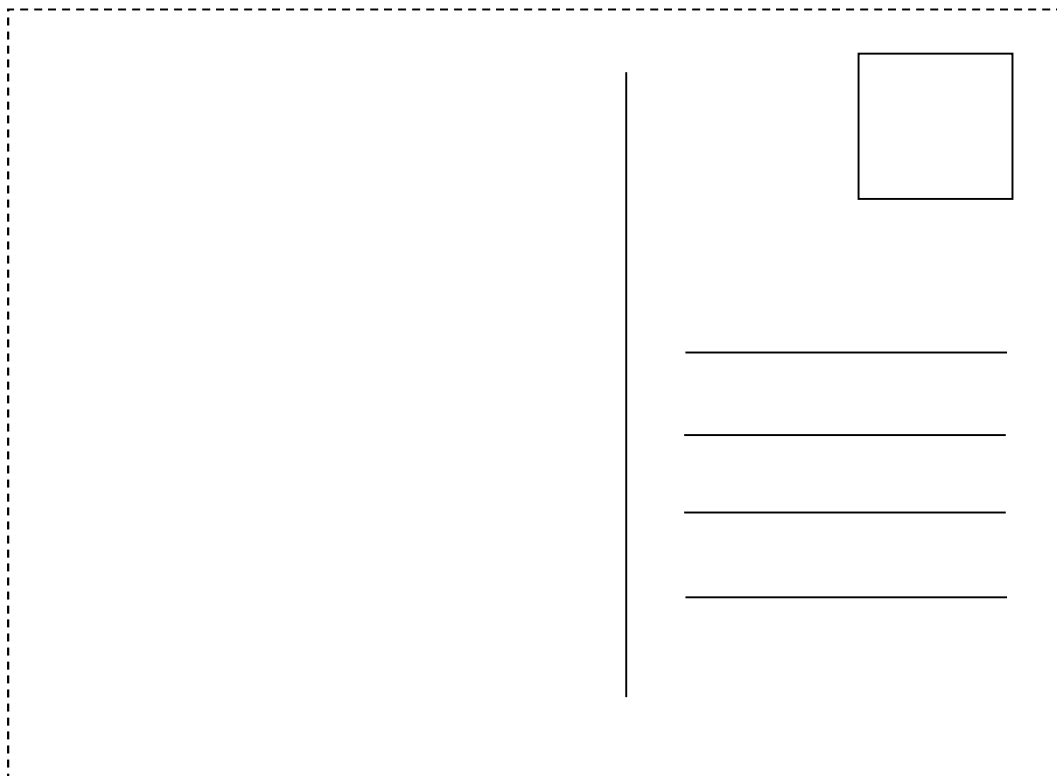
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Design a postcard about your trip to Castle in the Clouds to **send to a friend or relative***.

- 1.) **Cut out** this template.
- 2.) **Write** your message on this side, and use the other side to
- 3.) **Draw** a picture of something memorable from your visit.

Cut along the dashed lines!



Draw your postcard image on the other side!

*Note to caregiver: Print this template on cardstock of at least 0.007" if you will be sending postcard in the mail. Standard postcard postage rates apply.