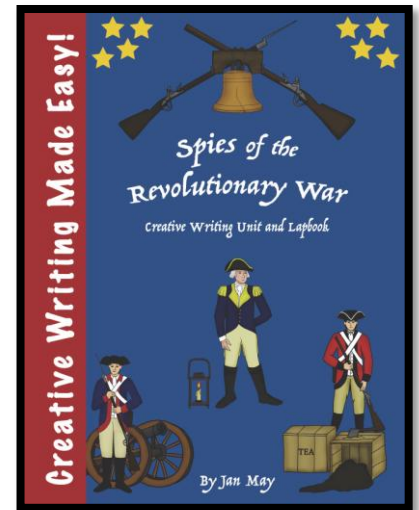


Spies of the Revolutionary War Review

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A while back, we had the opportunity to review New Millennium Girls' book Isabel's Secret. We LOVED it, and Kaitlin goes back quite a bit to re-read it. But, there was nothing we could find for boys! So, imagine how excited we were to review **New Millennium School Books** new product for boys: The Spies of the Revolutionary War!



The Spies of the Revolutionary War is a creative writing unit study, including a lapbook. The study has 6 unit lessons, and encourages the child to create their own work of historical fiction. First, they create a character, their very own spy.



And when I say they create him, they CREATE him. Including pictures, personality, everything. Then, the project takes them through, step by step, writing their own story. Plus, there are really fun activities included, such as creating your own secret code, dead drop, or making a battle drum! Seriously, what boy would NOT have a blast making a battle drum??

Now, although this is a LOT of fun and games, don't think your boy won't be learning, as well. Included readings are Paul Revere's Ride, they'll learn about courage, the Minutemen, and even have a chance to memorize Patrick Henry's speech. They'll learn about major players, and a few not-so-major players. The included lapbook is very well done and colorful, and will be VERY enjoyable for the hands-on learners that you have.

This would be a great project for boys (or girls, really!) to complete during their studies, or even as a summer project over the Fourth of July. We're going to be using it as a part of our studies when Danny goes back through



American History, and he's very excited about it. The information given is not overwhelming, with enough detail to get a boy's interest piqued, but not so much that it will bog them down. It can also work for a wide range of ages, I believe, depending on how much further study and detail you want to get into. Definitely look at their Isabel Creative Writing series for girls, along with their other great products! Also, there are bunches more resources at their [Homeschool Resources Page](#), to help with all of your New Millennium Girls studies, so make sure you stop by.