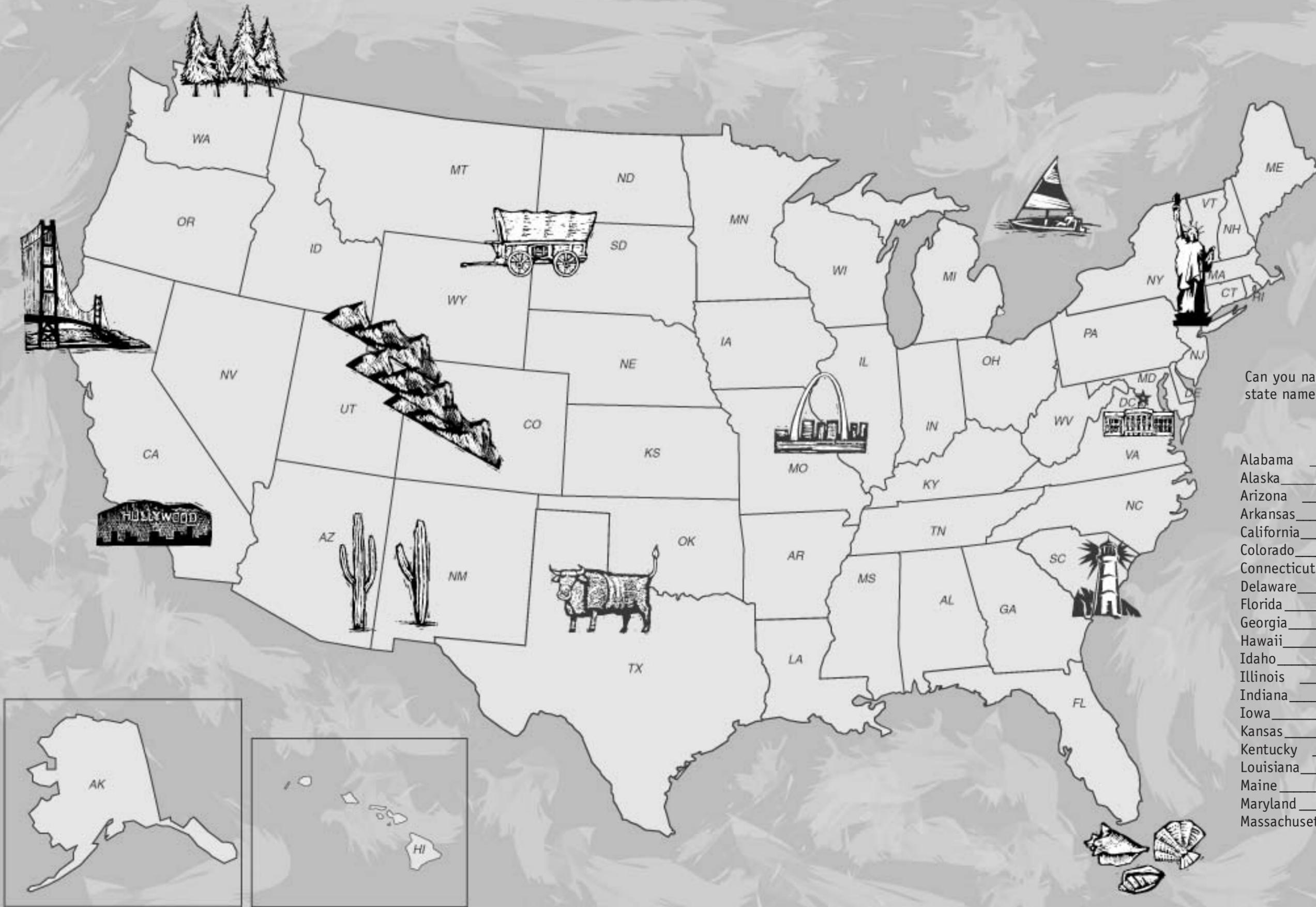




Greetings
FROM
AMERICA

COLORING & ACTIVITY BOOK





Can you name each state on the map? Match the state name with its abbreviation.

- | | |
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| Alabama _____ | Michigan _____ |
| Alaska _____ | Minnesota _____ |
| Arizona _____ | Mississippi _____ |
| Arkansas _____ | Missouri _____ |
| California _____ | Montana _____ |
| Colorado _____ | Nebraska _____ |
| Connecticut _____ | Nevada _____ |
| Delaware _____ | New Hampshire _____ |
| Florida _____ | New Jersey _____ |
| Georgia _____ | New Mexico _____ |
| Hawaii _____ | New York _____ |
| Idaho _____ | North Carolina _____ |
| Illinois _____ | North Dakota _____ |
| Indiana _____ | Ohio _____ |
| Iowa _____ | Oklahoma _____ |
| Kansas _____ | Oregon _____ |
| Kentucky _____ | Pennsylvania _____ |
| Louisiana _____ | Rhode Island _____ |
| Maine _____ | South Carolina _____ |
| Maryland _____ | South Dakota _____ |
| Massachusetts _____ | Tennessee _____ |
| | Texas _____ |
| | Utah _____ |
| | Vermont _____ |
| | Virginia _____ |
| | Washington _____ |
| | West Virginia _____ |
| | Wisconsin _____ |
| | Wyoming _____ |



HI! SUITCASE SAM HERE, getting ready for an awesome adventure across the USA. I'll be visiting every state, from sea to shining sea. And I want you to come with me!

We'll have tons of fun playing games, solving puzzles and learning more about our great country. Along the way, you can color in stamps celebrating all 50 states. It's a fantastic way to jump-start your journey into "philately" (that's the fancy word for stamp collecting).

I can't wait to get started. Let's go!



THE WEST

Icy glaciers, desert dunes, majestic mountains. Yes, the West has got it all! You can surf the Pacific Ocean in the morning. Ski down snow-packed slopes after lunch. And lie down next to a desert cactus to sleep under starry skies.

Sounds like a dreamland, doesn't it? Well, I guess you could say the West was built on dreams. Ever since the days of the Oregon Trail and the California and Alaska gold rushes, people have been following the sun westward searching for opportunities and new beginnings.

Today folks visit the West to see its natural wonders, like the the Redwood Forests, "Old Faithful" geyser and the Grand Canyon.

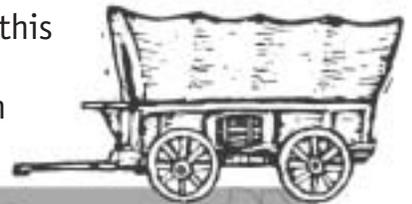




The OREGON TRAIL

Starting in the 1840s, thousands of pioneer families followed this tough trail over the plains, deserts and mountains to Oregon.

Can you tell which states the trail passed through? Match the number on the map to the state it represents.



___ WYOMING	___ OREGON
___ KANSAS	___ IDAHO
___ WASHINGTON	___ IOWA
___ MISSOURI	___ NEBRASKA



San Diego Zoo Scramble

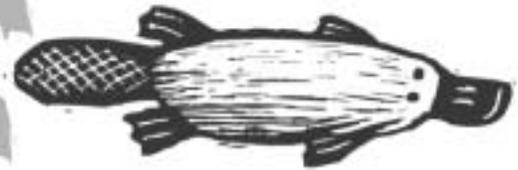
These shy animals at the San Diego Zoo will come out only if you call them. Don't make a wild guess at their names! Track them down by unscrambling the letters below.



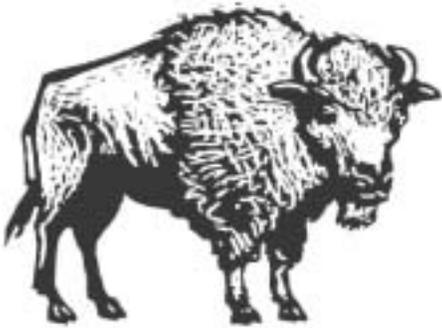
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FUBFLOA _____ **L**



ARNEC _____ **R**



ENRTAETA _____ **A**



NATORGAUN _____ **U**



EXPLORE ALASKA

QUIZ:

1. The famous Iditarod Race is run by:

- Humans
- Horses
- Dogs
- Carrier pigeons

2. Alaska's state capital is:

- Juneau
- Anchorage
- Fairbanks
- Nome

3. What are you eating if you ordered Muktuk?

- Bear meat
- Raw whale blubber
- Fried salmon
- Grilled ptarmigan

4. Which of these Native American groups is not associated with Alaska?

- Eskimo
- Navajo
- Tlingit
- Athabaskan

5. When did the Klondike gold rush begin?

- 1849
- 1867
- 1897
- 1969

6. Circle the animals below that do not belong in Alaska.



Lobster



Seals



Antelope



Mountain Goat



Woolly Mammoth



Salmon



Snowy Owl

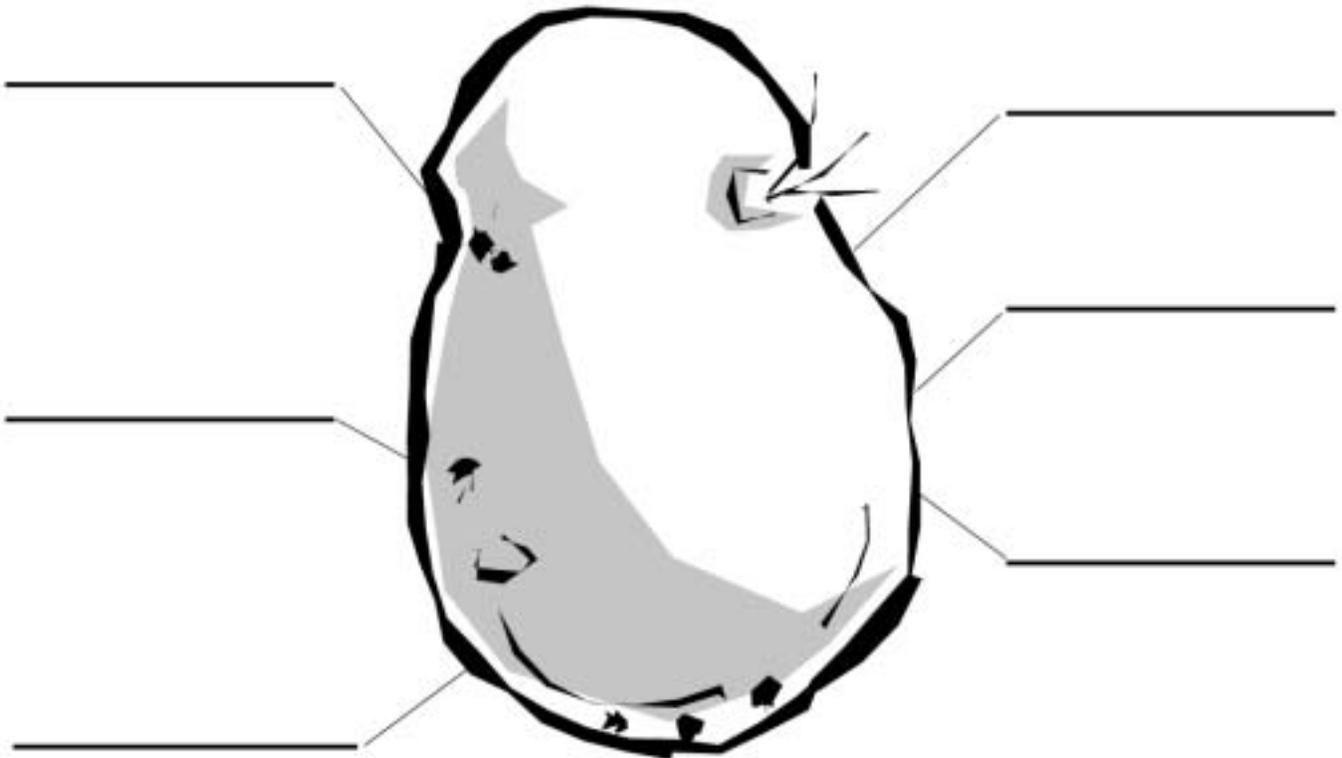
DID YOU KNOW? ...

During the summer, daytime temperatures in much of Alaska range from the 60s to the 80s.



POTATO SURPRISES

Did you know that Idaho is famous for its potatoes? In fact, the phrase “Famous Potatoes” is on state license plates! Many of us enjoy this familiar vegetable fried, baked or mashed. But do you know that potatoes and potato by-products also make stamps sticky and detergents more powerful? Write in the names of your favorite potato dishes on the lines below, and then take the quiz. Circle True or False to each statement.



POTATO TRUE OR FALSE

1. The potato chip was invented in Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1853.
TRUE FALSE
2. Potatoes were first grown in Russia in the 1500s.
TRUE FALSE
3. Potatoes can be used to make fuel for cars and airplanes.
TRUE FALSE
4. Instant mashed potatoes were invented in 1900 in Britain.
TRUE FALSE
5. Potatoes come in many colors including red, yellow and purple.
TRUE FALSE
6. Potatoes can be grown in outer space.
TRUE FALSE



THE ROCKIES

C N R G S U N L I G H T
I L C R E S T O N E A R
C O I A O S N F N L E E
O C P Y R A M I D G H K
L N Y S O A T U A P I I
U I E P O N O L I O T M
M L S O I L O H N T O D
B B L A C K T O O T H L
I N O L L E E R O A D O
A E O E C A R S E L A O
I K W I L S O N O F Q W
N R A E B E L T T I L K

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS ARE BIG!
They stretch over 3,000 miles from northwest Alaska to central New Mexico, and have taken shape over millions of years. Find the names of the mountains and peaks hidden in this range of letters!

MOUNTAINS

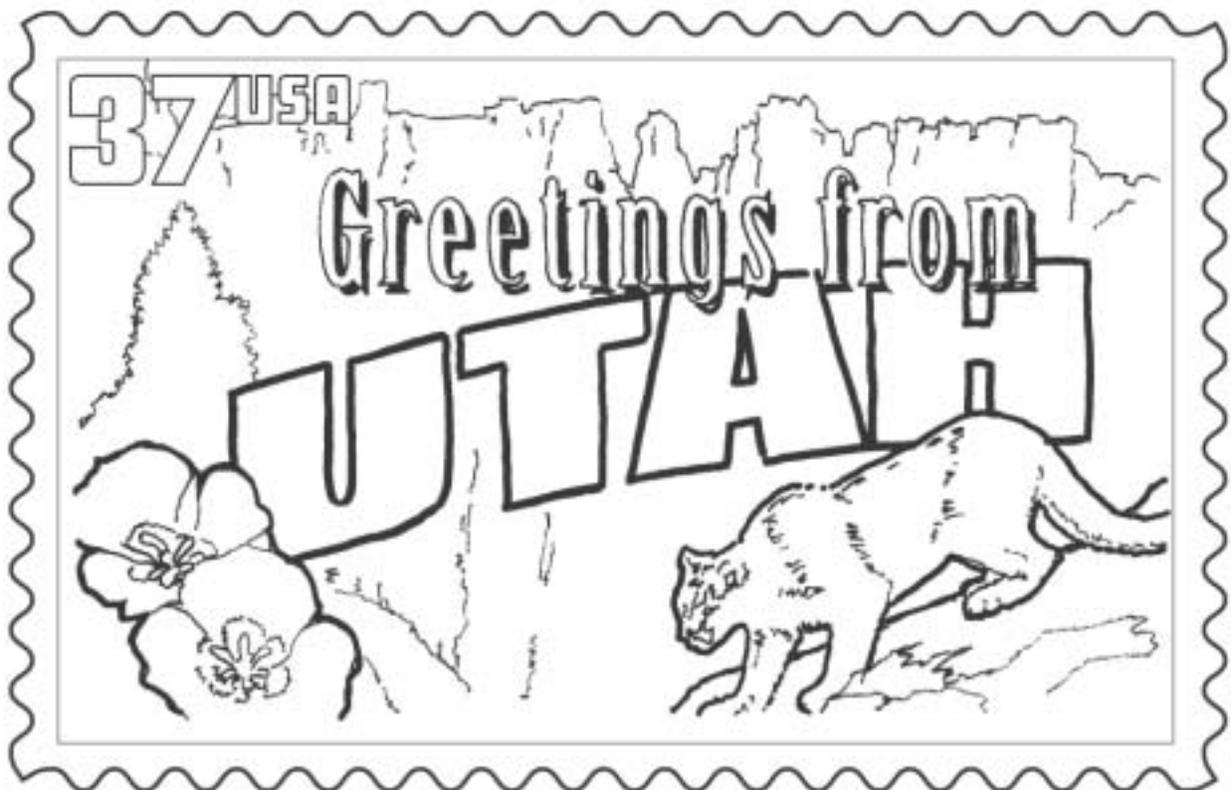
BLACK TOOTH
WOOLSEY
ELK
LINCOLN
WILSON
COLUMBIA
REGAL
FLATTOP

PEAKS

SUNLIGHT
LITTLE BEAR
PYRAMID
CLOUD
OLD MIKE
GRAYS
CRESTONE
PIKES



Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico are called the “four-corner states” because their





borders come together at one spot. Stand there, and you'll be in all four states at once!





Round Up!

Texas and Oklahoma are famous "cattle states." Owners brand their cattle with a special symbol so they can tell which ones are theirs. Using the branding alphabet below, find out what this rancher is saying.

ΛΥφ'ε ΩωΠ∞ΓΛΥ ϑβ
εζκΥ Φϑ∞!

_____!

Π	⇔	ς	Δ	Υ	Φ
A	B	C	D	E	F
Γ	λ	<	θ	⊥	Λ
G	H	I	J	K	L
κ	∞	ζ	β	Θ	ω
M	N	O	P	Q	R
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Ψ	∞				
Y	Z				





THE MIDWEST

The farmers in the Midwest work very hard to grow a lot of the food that makes us healthy and strong. That's why people call this region "America's breadbasket."

But not all of the Midwest is farmland. In fact, it's home to America's:

- Tallest monument (Gateway Arch in Missouri)
- Most famous racetrack (Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana)
- Biggest shopping mall (Mall of America in Minnesota)

The Midwest is also well known for the fantastic musicians and architects who live and work here. Just one trip to Chicago — with its great blues music and beautiful skyline — and you'll know what I mean.

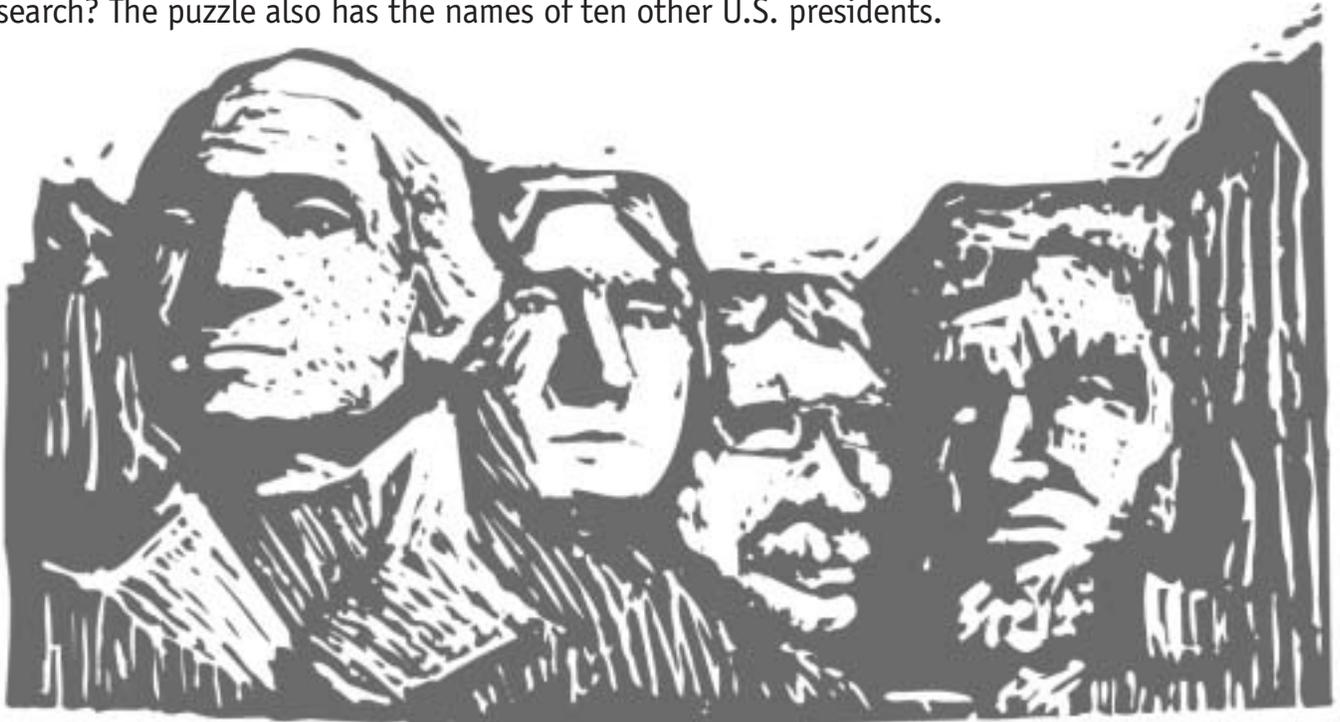






RUSHING TO MORE FUN!

The Black Hills in South Dakota are home to Mount Rushmore, the most amazing mountain carving in America. This national monument took 14 years to create! Mount Rushmore features four of our most famous presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Can you locate their last names in this word search? The puzzle also has the names of ten other U.S. presidents.



C A M B E N O S K C A J
 I D W A N L E M R T Y E
 W M I N D O N A E L O N
 I A L A L I E D A E H L
 L Y S N E K S A G V T O
 I A O H W A E O A E R C
 M E N O I J O H N S O N
 O N E A O N O M D O S I
 N A M U R T G E S O L L
 R O E T C A R T E R A O
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 E R O O J Y D E N N E K

Find the names of the following presidents in the grid. Names can appear in any direction — up, down, diagonal, backwards or forwards.

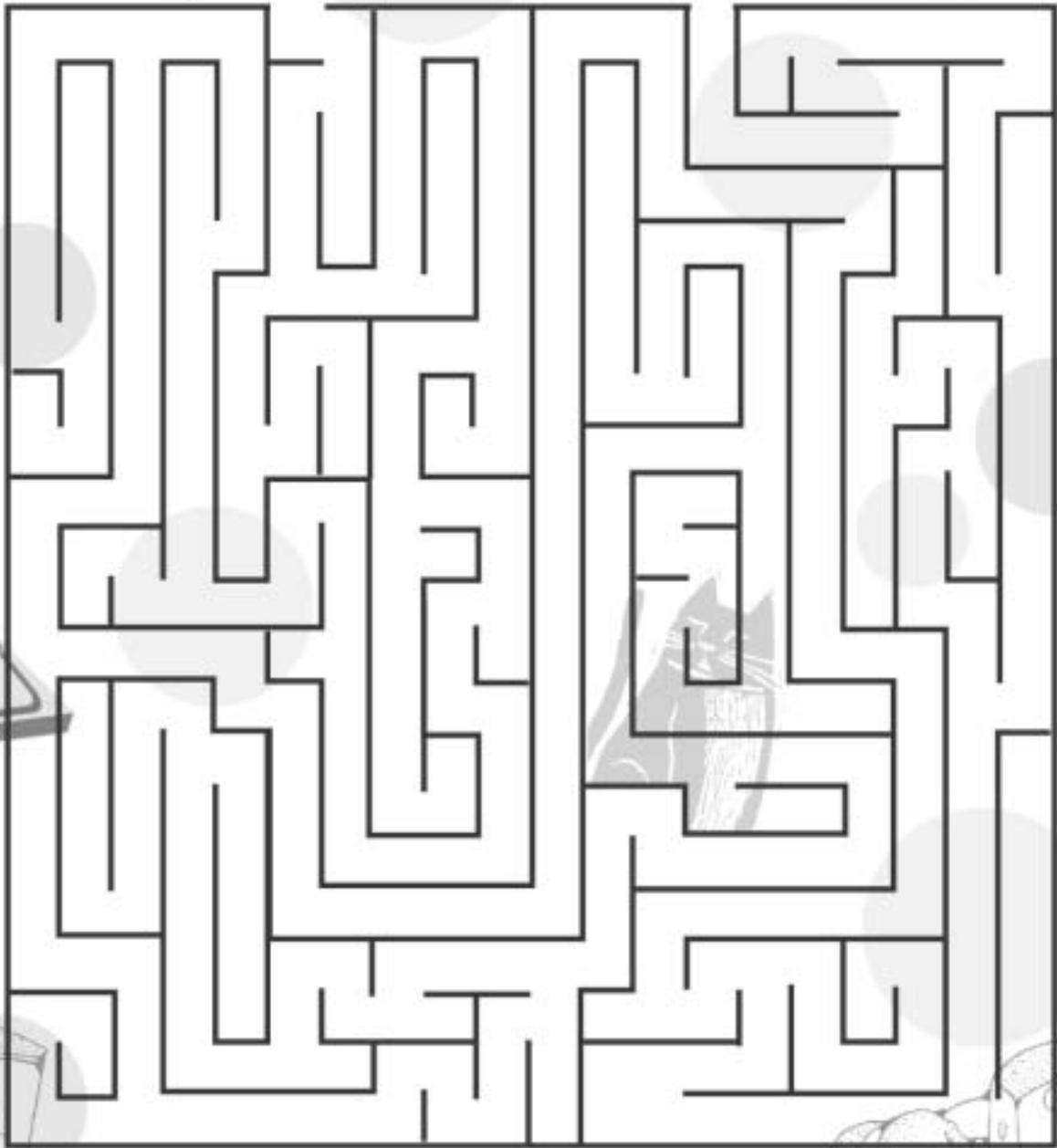
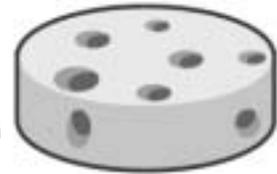
- WASHINGTON
- JEFFERSON
- LINCOLN
- ROOSEVELT
- ADAMS
- MADISON
- MONROE
- JACKSON
- WILSON
- TRUMAN
- KENNEDY
- JOHNSON
- CARTER
- REAGAN



CHEESE PLEASE!

Wisconsin is known as “America’s dairyland.” Its cows feed on the lush grass of the central plains and produce lots of good milk, and the dairy farmers use a lot of that milk to make cheese. In fact, Wisconsin produces more than 2 billion pounds of this tasty food every year — that’s about a quarter of all the cheese made in America!

Human beings aren’t the only ones who love cheese. Can you help Millie the Mouse find her way through the maze to eat her supper? BUT WATCH OUT — THERE’S A CAT ON THE LOOSE!





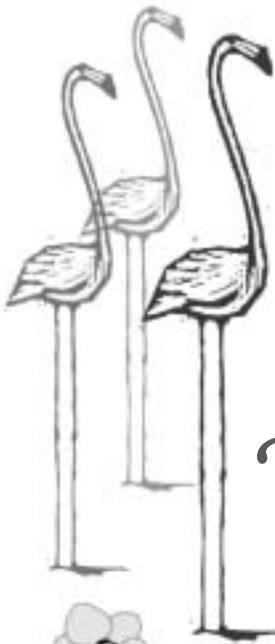
Traveling by the Stars

In 1804, Lewis and Clark left St. Louis, Missouri, to start their famous exploration from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. There were no maps of this land, so on their journey they used the stars to determine where they were and where they were going. If you were a member of their Corps of Discovery, could you help guide them? Connect the stars in each of the two groups below, and you will discover several things — and they will be helpful to you too if you ever go exploring!









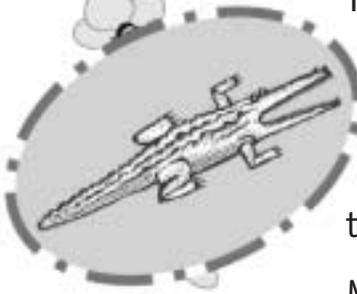
THE SOUTH

The South is home to many of the first European settlements in North America. The Spanish founded the country's oldest permanent city in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565; the English set up their first permanent colony in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607; and in the 1630s the Dutch and Swedes started colonies in Delaware.

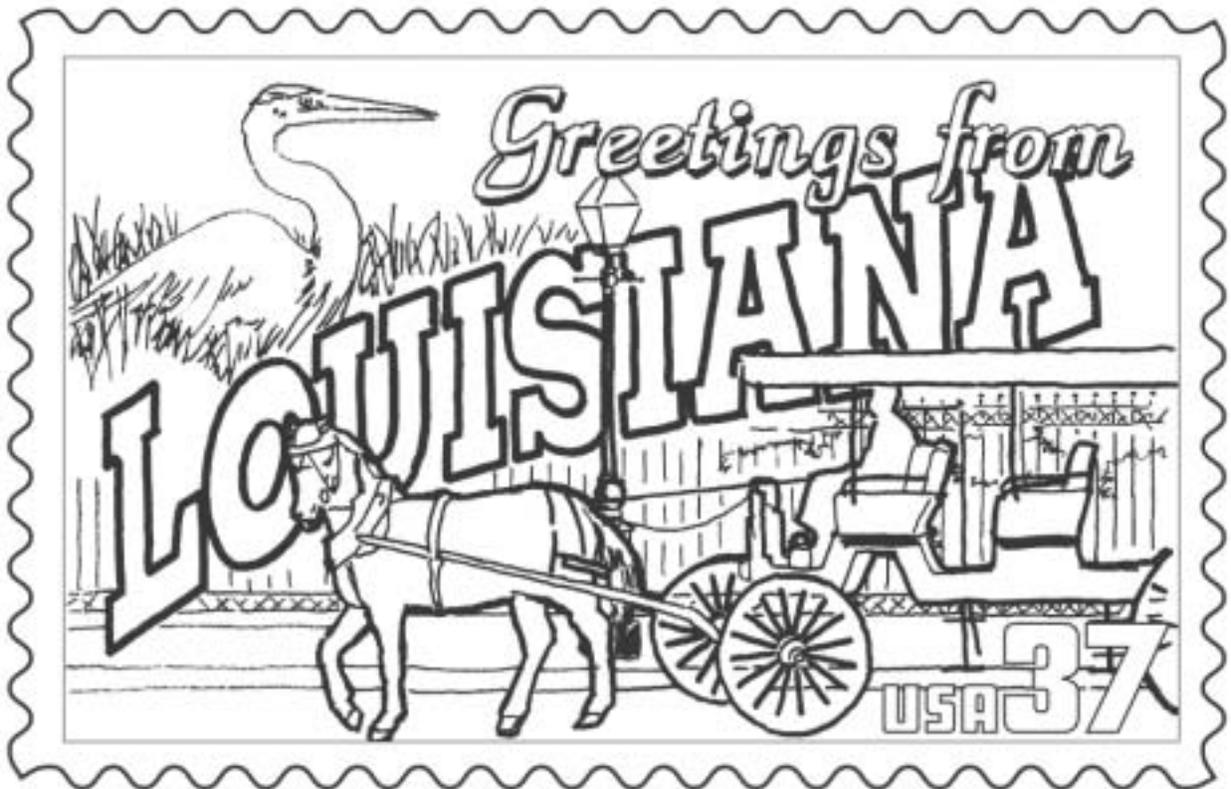
The South is also home to Everglades National Park — the only place in the world that both alligators and crocodiles call home.

And both jazz music and the airplane had their first homes in the South.

Making people feel at home is a part of the region's famous "Southern hospitality." You might find yourself chatting with new-found friends as if they were long-lost neighbors. Maybe you'll sit on your host's front steps and share a glass of sweet iced tea. But don't sit and chat for too long, because there's a lot to see down South!







All That Jazz

New Orleans, Louisiana, is filled with the sounds of jazz music. Let's test your jazz IQ. First, name the instruments below. Then circle the ones you think are most commonly found in a jazz band.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____



11. _____



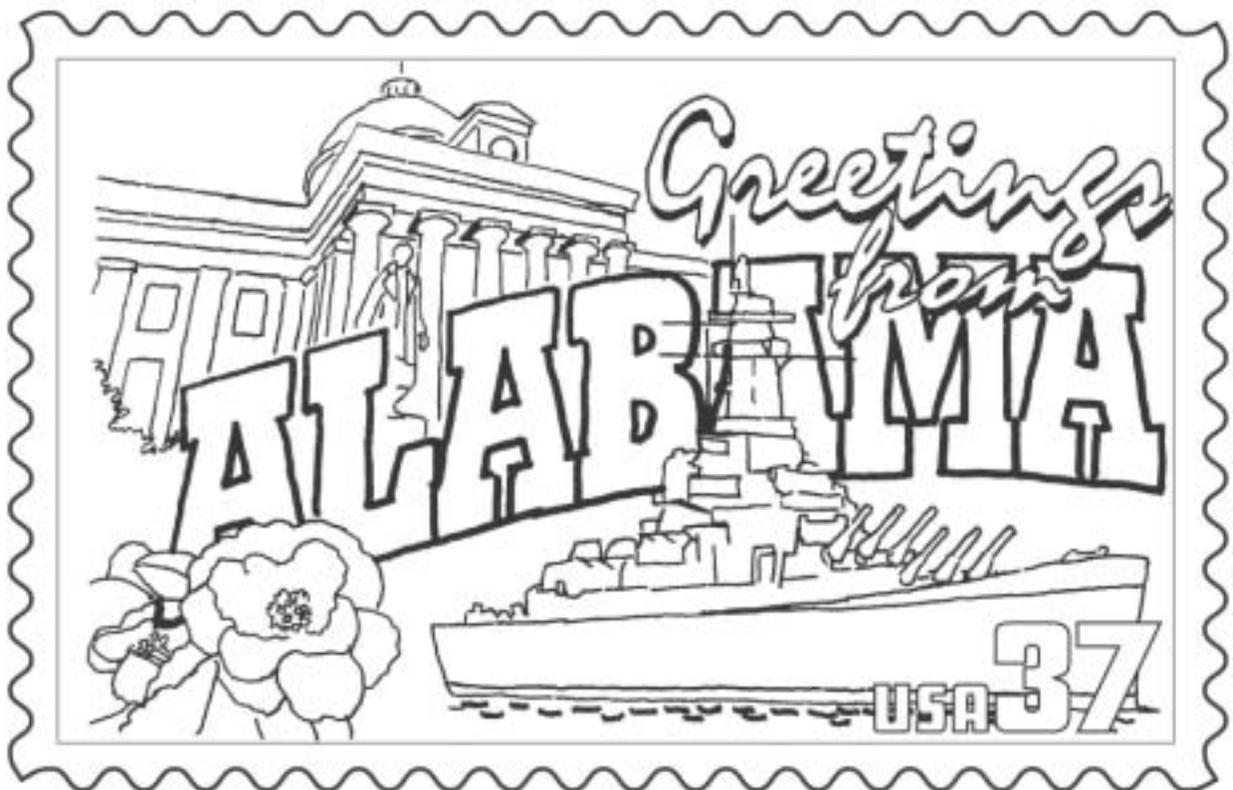
12. _____



13. _____



14. _____



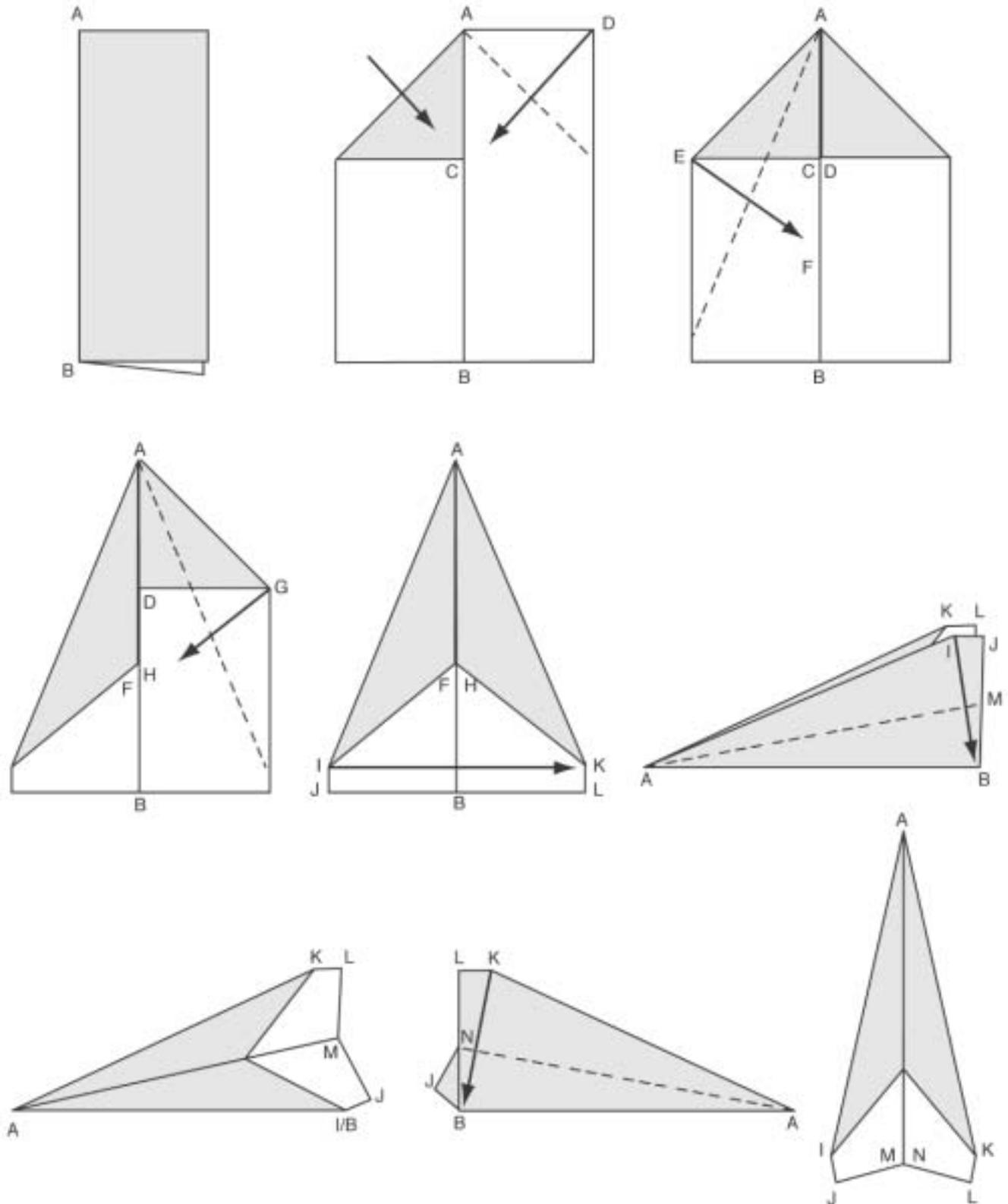




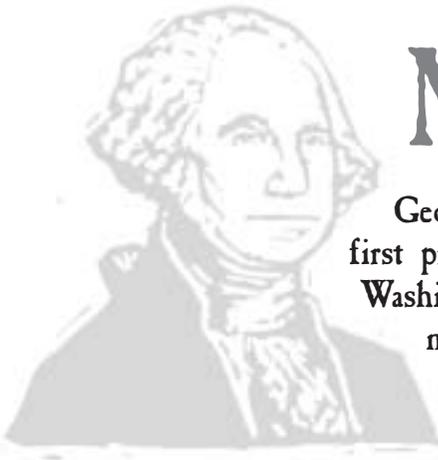
First in Flight

The Wright brothers made history in 1903 when they completed the first powered air flight near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Their plane, the "Flyer," stayed aloft for only 12 seconds in its first flight, but it forever changed the way we travel. Want to make your own airplane? Just get a piece of paper and follow these instructions. Happy flying!

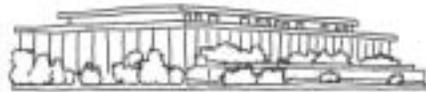






Memorable Monuments

George Washington lived at Mt. Vernon, Virginia. He was our country's first president, and he is the namesake of our nation's capital city – Washington, D.C. Many of our country's presidents are honored with monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C. Can you match the drawings below with the presidents they honor? Write the president's name on the line below each drawing.



Washington Monument

George Washington,
1st president



Jefferson Memorial

Thomas Jefferson,
3rd president



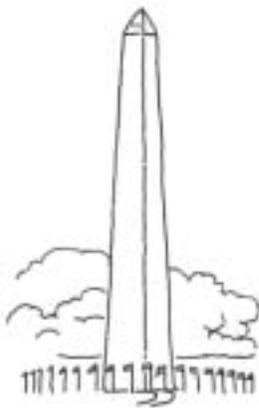
Lincoln Memorial

Abraham Lincoln,
16th president



Grant Monument

Ulysses S. Grant,
18th president



Roosevelt Memorial

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
32nd president



Kennedy Center

John F. Kennedy,
35th president



Word Jumble

The letters below are all mixed up! Can you put them in the right order to form words? Hint: Each word is an item that you can find on some of our stamps from the South.

SESORH



HPACE



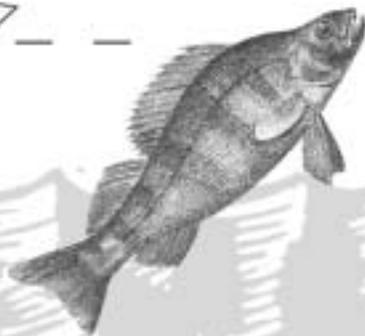
CABHE



NCNOAN



ATFR



Copy the letters in the stars to the spaces below.

— — — — —

Now use these letters to complete the word below. Some letters of the word are already in place, but you'll need to put the letters from the stars into the proper places to complete the word. When you do, you will discover the name of the largest bay in the United States.

— H E — A — E — K —

Do you know which states have shorelines with this bay?



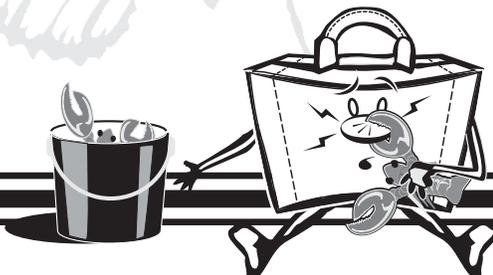
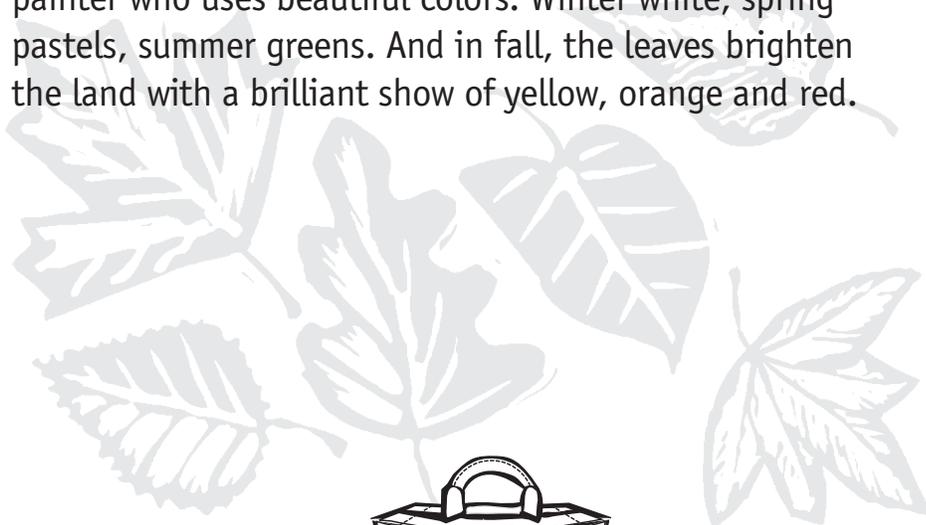
THE NORTHEAST

The Northeast will not only reward your eyes, but your stomach as well. And the local favorite is definitely seafood. But when you're eating lobster, remember to use a bib. It can get really messy!



The Northeast is also home to the Statue of Liberty, located in New York Harbor. This important landmark is a symbol of the freedoms that U.S. citizens enjoy. It makes me proud to say, "I'm an American."

Famous for its changing seasons, the Northeast is like a painter who uses beautiful colors. Winter white, spring pastels, summer greens. And in fall, the leaves brighten the land with a brilliant show of yellow, orange and red.







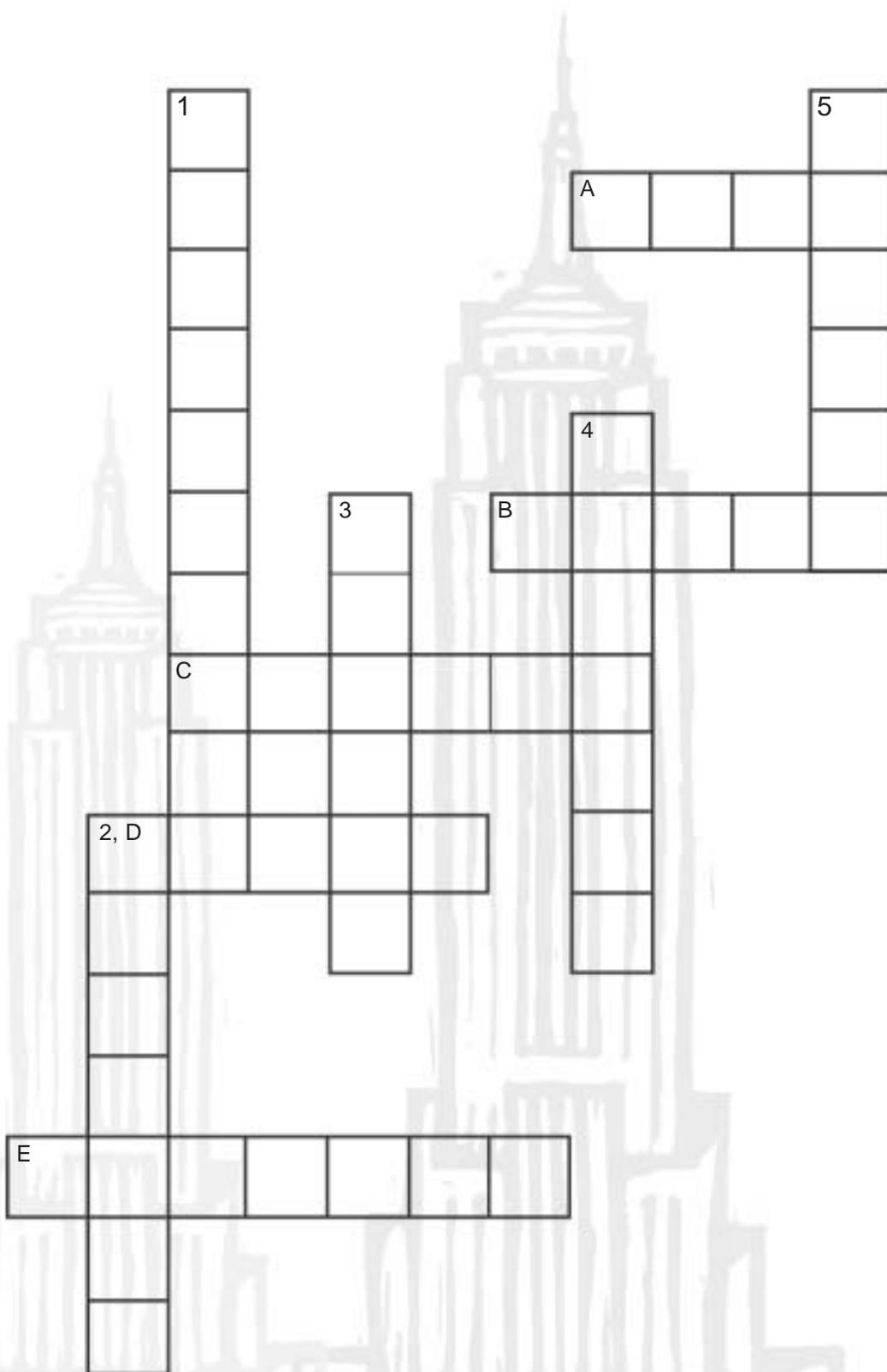
BIG CITY CROSSWORD

DOWN

1. A nickname for a very tall building
2. A word describing cars on the road
3. Places you go shopping
4. Places that display paintings, statues, historical items, etc.
5. Things that shine bright all night long — and even during the day!

ACROSS

- A. This vehicle will take you exactly where you want to go
- B. These vehicles will pick you up and drop you off at stops around the city
- C. They cause crosswalks to be crowded
- D. These grow tall in city parks
- E. Places where people work

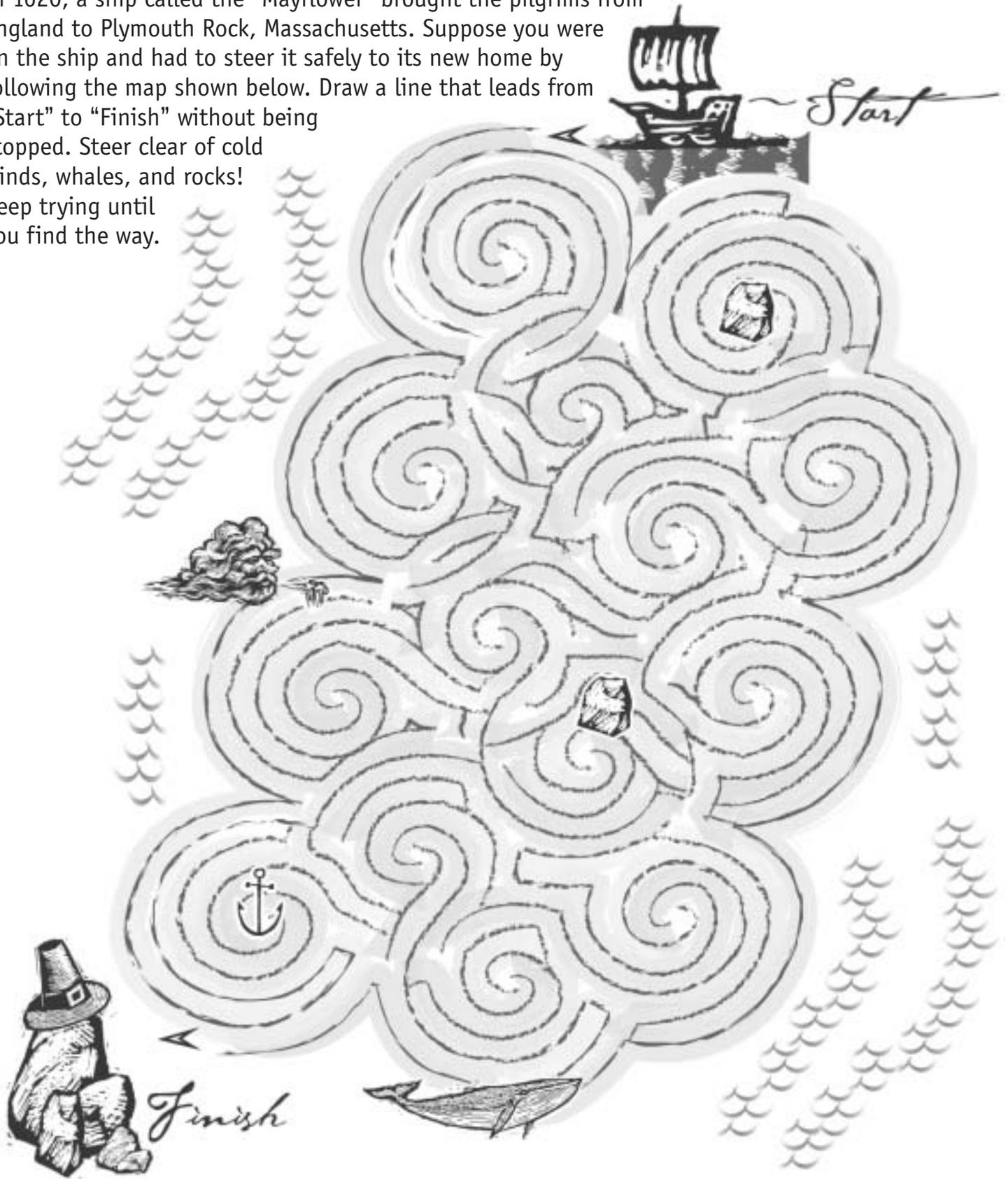




Voyage of the Mayflower

In 1620, a ship called the "Mayflower" brought the pilgrims from England to Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts. Suppose you were on the ship and had to steer it safely to its new home by following the map shown below. Draw a line that leads from "Start" to "Finish" without being stopped. Steer clear of cold winds, whales, and rocks!

Keep trying until you find the way.







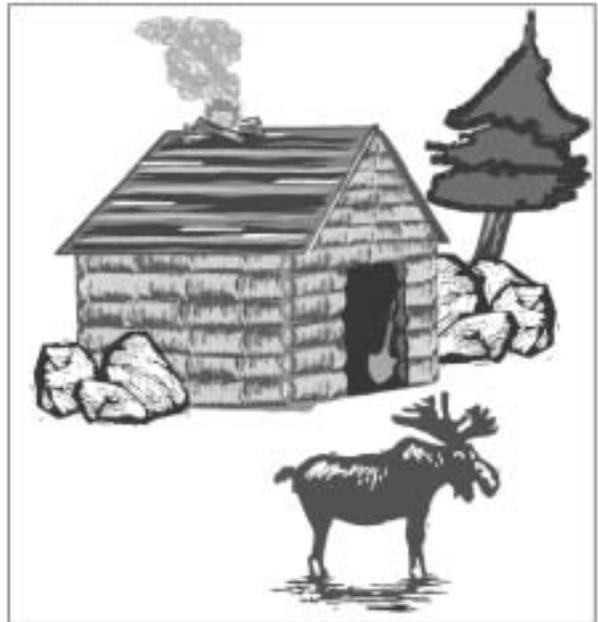
Moose On the Loose

These pictures look alike, but don't be fooled! Can you find 10 things that are different between picture 1 and picture 2 so that each moose can go home to its own cabin?

Picture 1



Picture 2





WELL PARTNER, THANKS for coming with me on this incredible journey. Traveling sure does help a person learn more about our great country. Of course, now you know about another fantastic way to experience America: collecting stamps.

Now create a stamp of your own hometown. Is it known for famous people, products, buildings or parks? You can draw pictures of farms or houses or a city skyline, or animals, people or cars — or anything you want! Don't forget to include the name of your hometown too.



Have fun, and maybe some day we'll see your stamp at the Post Office!

Answers

- p.3 1. Missouri 3. Iowa 5. Wyoming 7. Oregon
2. Kansas 4. Nebraska 6. Idaho 8. Washington

- p.5 OPOSSUM PORPOISE
BUFFALO PLATYPUS
ANTEATER CRANE
ORANGUTAN

- p.7 1. Dogs 6. The lobster and antelope don't belong in Alaska. Although the woolly mammoth is extinct, it once roamed the lands of Alaska, and its fossils are still found there. In fact, it is the state fossil of Alaska!
2. Juneau
3. Raw whale blubber
4. Navajo
5. 1897

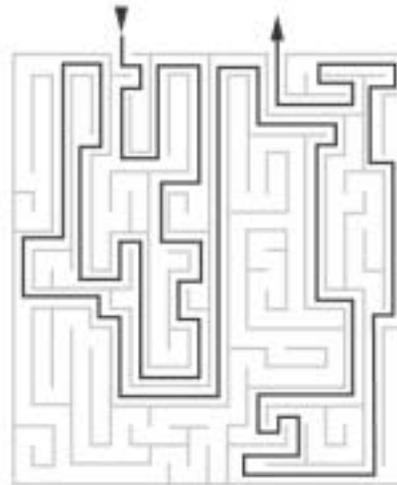
- p.9 1. TRUE 4. FALSE—They were invented in North America in the middle of the 20th century.
2. FALSE—Potatoes were first cultivated in South America several thousand years ago.
3. TRUE 5. TRUE
6. TRUE—Potatoes were grown on the U.S. space shuttle in 1995.



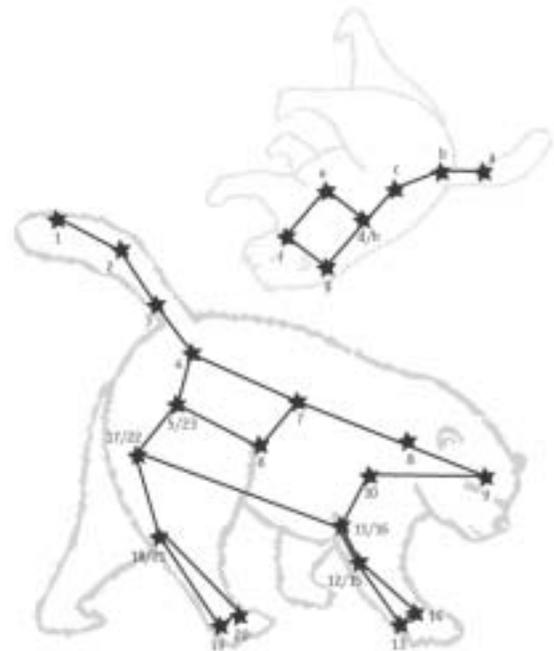
p.15 Let's wrangle up some fun!



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The numbered stars form the constellation Ursa Major, "The Great Bear." Within this constellation is "The Big Dipper" (stars 1 through 7), which is one of the best known and most visible groups of stars. You can use The Big Dipper to find the North Star, which is probably the best star to help guide you on a journey. First, find the two stars in The Big Dipper that form the outside of the bowl (stars 6 and 7). The line between those two stars points to the North Star (star "a"). The North Star is part of the constellation Ursa Minor, "The Little Bear," which is also called "The Little Dipper."

Answers

- p.29
- | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. French horn | 6. Tambourine | 11. Trombone |
| 2. Drums | 7. Piano | 12. Guitar |
| 3. Bass | 8. Flute | 13. Trumpet |
| 4. Saxophone | 9. Harp | 14. Accordion |
| 5. Banjo | 10. Violin | |

The instruments circled are the most common to a jazz band, but many other instruments may also be used to play jazz.

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George Washington



Thomas Jefferson



Abraham Lincoln



Ulysses S. Grant



Franklin D. Roosevelt



John F. Kennedy

- p.37
- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Horses (KY) | Letters in stars: S P E C A |
| Peach (GA) | |
| Beach (FL/SC/DE) | The CHESAPEAKE Bay has |
| Cannon (VA) | shores with Maryland |
| Raft (WV) | and Virginia. |

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- p.45
- In picture 2:
1. The chimney is replaced by a campfire.
 2. The window is missing.
 3. There is a shovel in the doorway.
 4. The tree is a different shape and is taller.
 5. There is a fourth rock by the tree.
 6. The log pile behind the house is missing.
 7. One of the rocks on the left side is bigger.
 8. The bucket is missing.
 9. The moose has a tail.
 10. The moose's antlers are different.

