



WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD CELEBRATES

AMERICA'S

250th

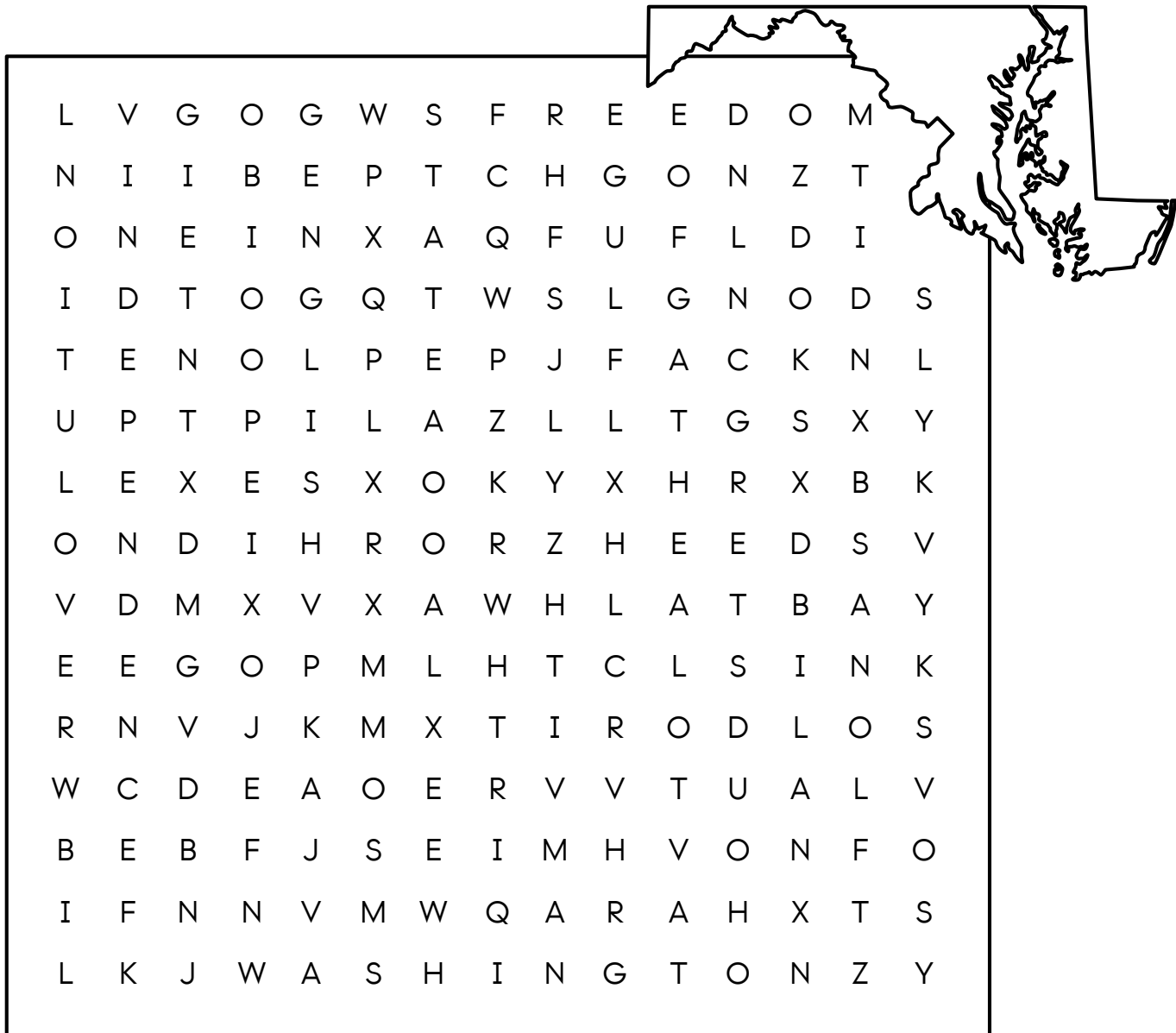
ACTIVITY BOOKLET

1776-2026



Maryland, the 4th Colony

Find all of the hidden words below that tell the story of Maryland's amazing journey from a small colony to a proud American state!



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Settlers
Freedom
Revolution

English
Independence
Bay
Washington

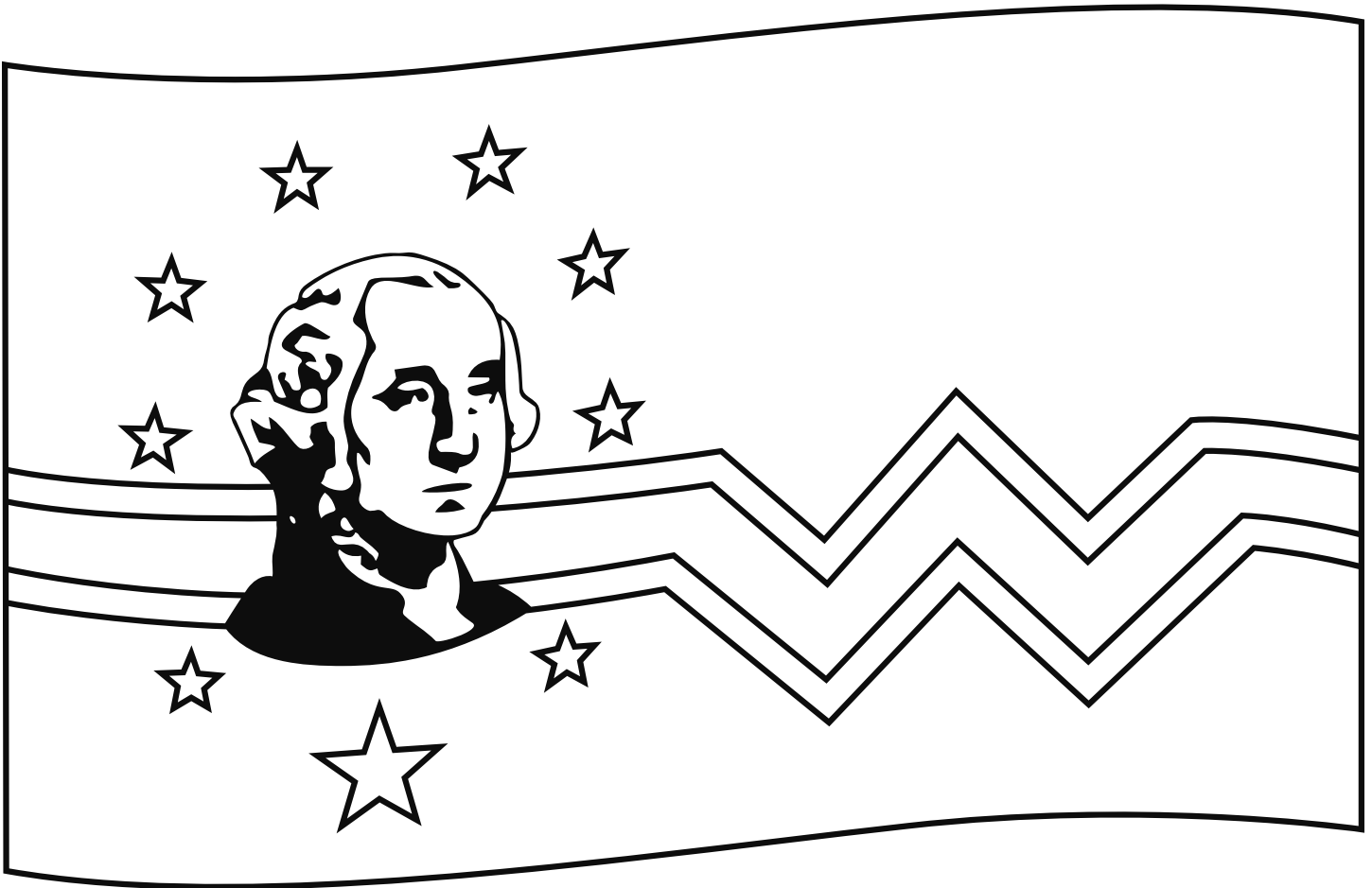
Flag
America
State
County

Fun Fact!

Established in 1634, the Maryland colony was founded by Cecil Calvert (Lord Baltimore). It was named after Queen Henrietta Maria. Settlers arrived on the ships Ark and Dove to build a new life in the Chesapeake region.

Washington County, Maryland

Count the stars in the flag to reveal how many towns and cities there are in Washington County!



Circle how many you found:

7

9

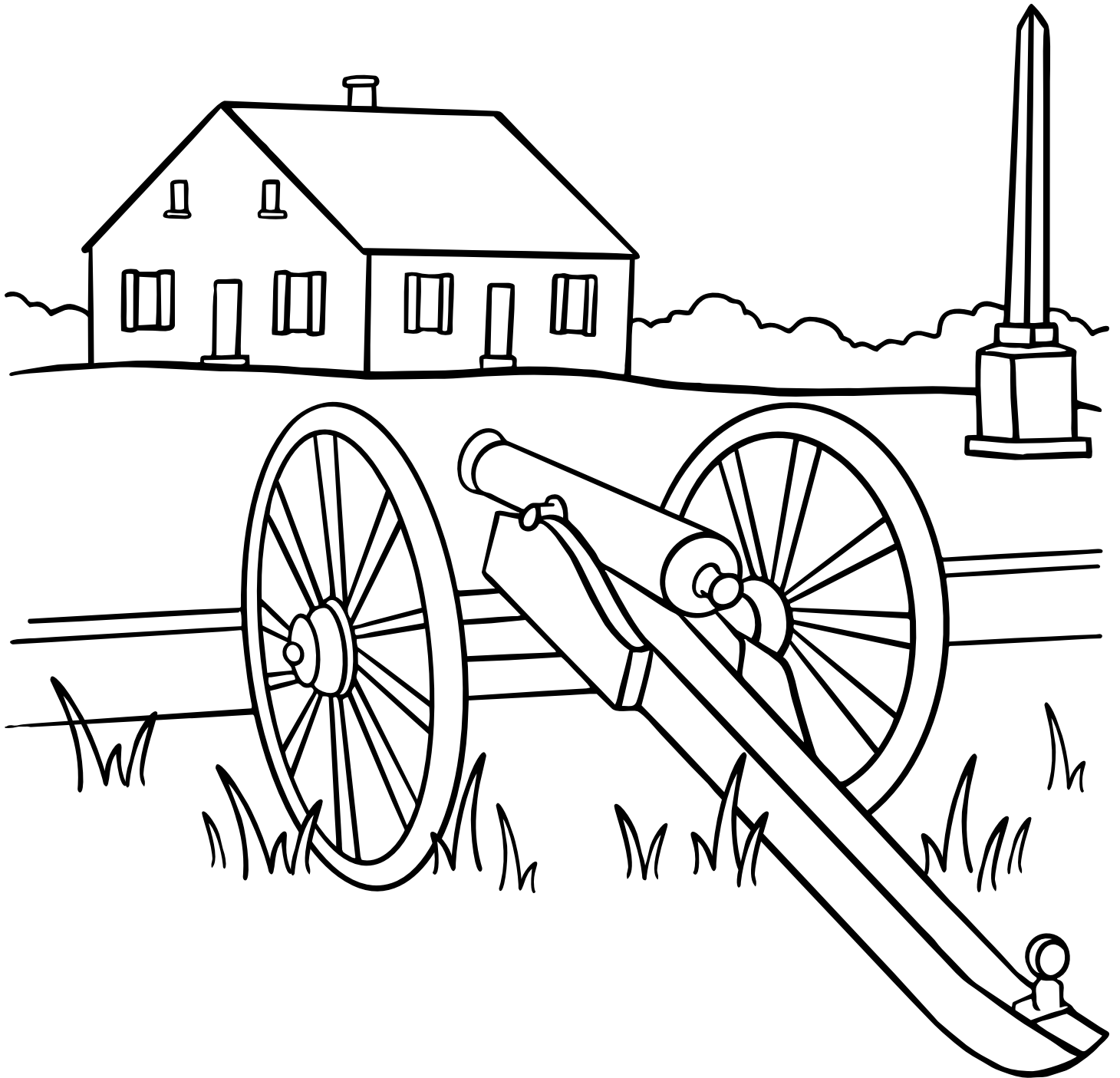
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Did you know?

Created in 1776, Washington County was the very first county in the United States to be named after George Washington.

Antietam National Battlefield

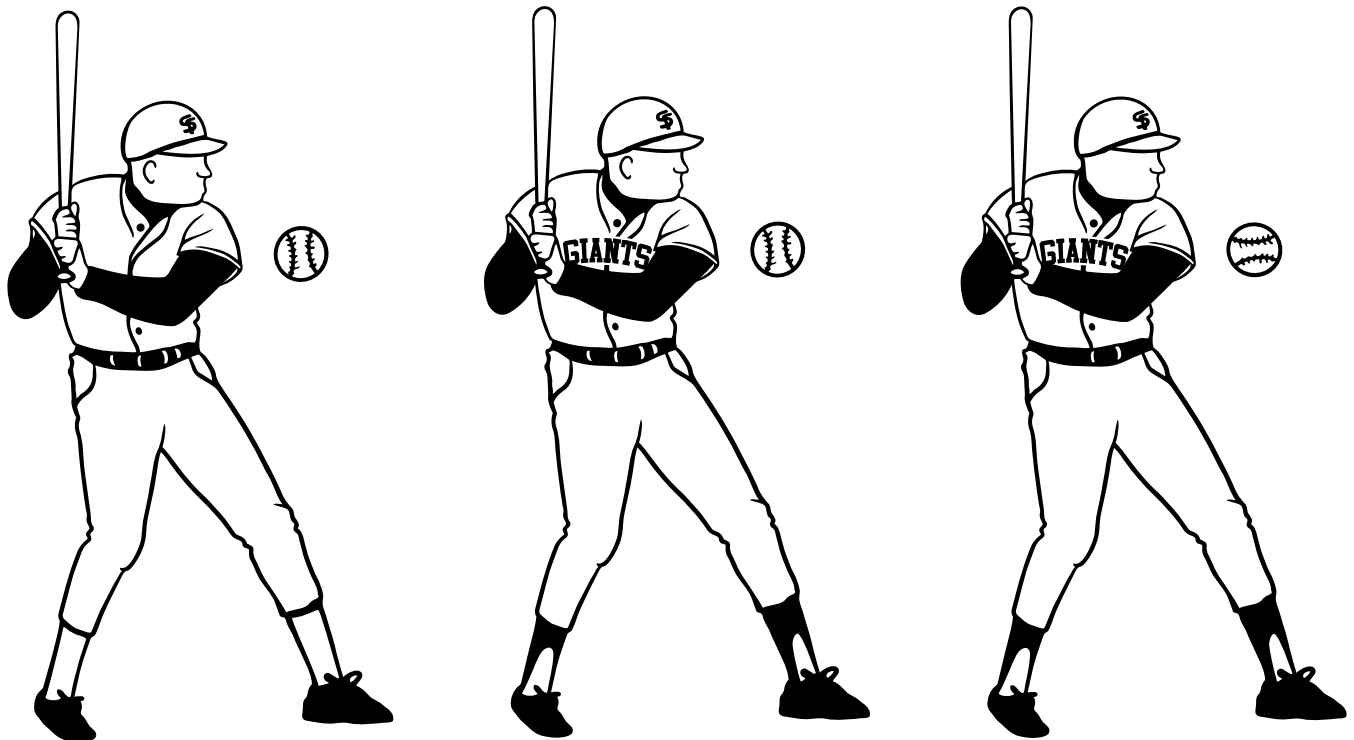
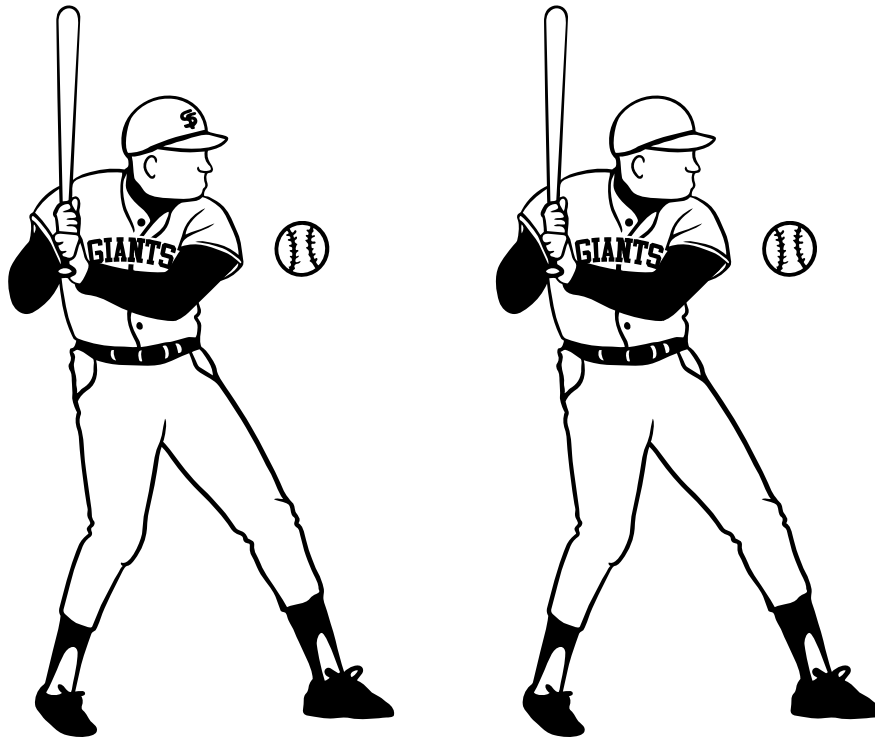


Did you know?

Following the 1862 Battle of Antietam in Sharpsburg, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which was a big step toward freeing enslaved people in America.

Willie Mays

Only two of the five match, circle the two that are exactly the same.

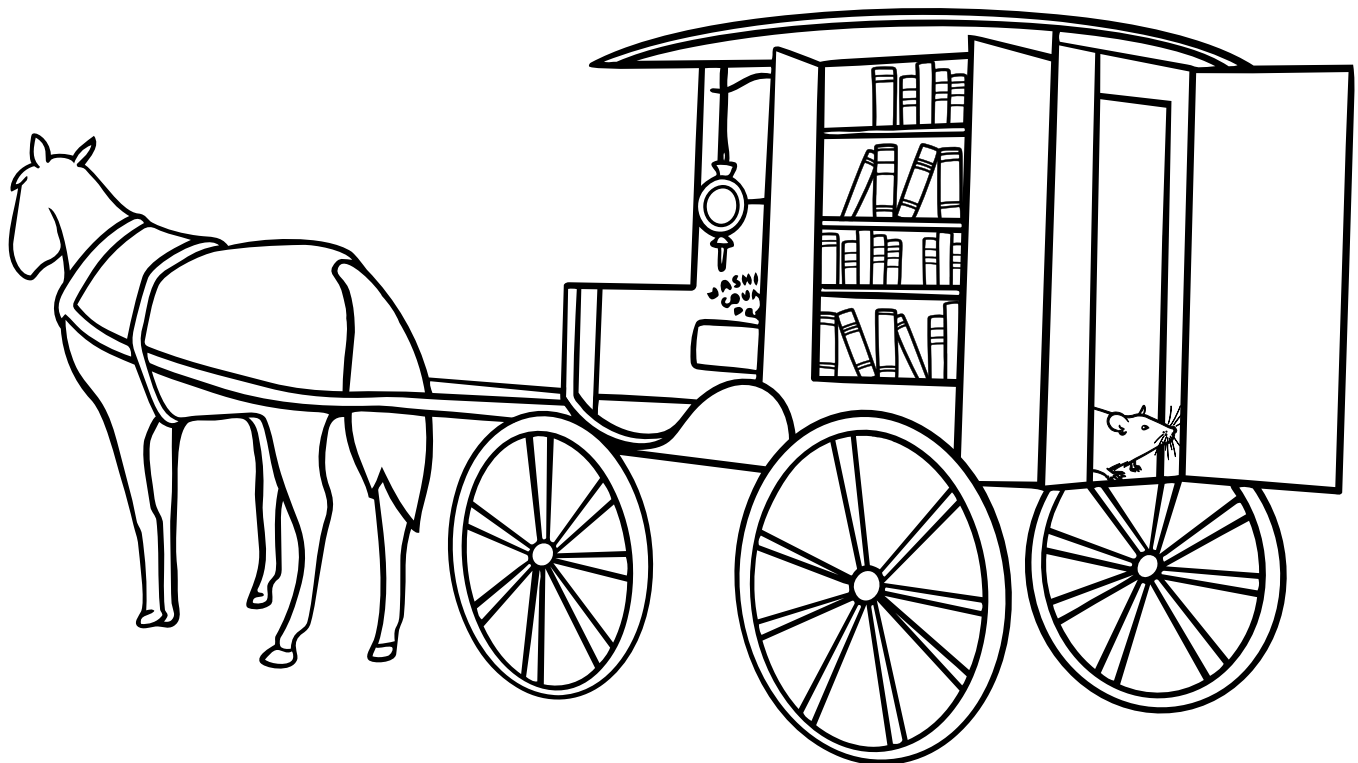
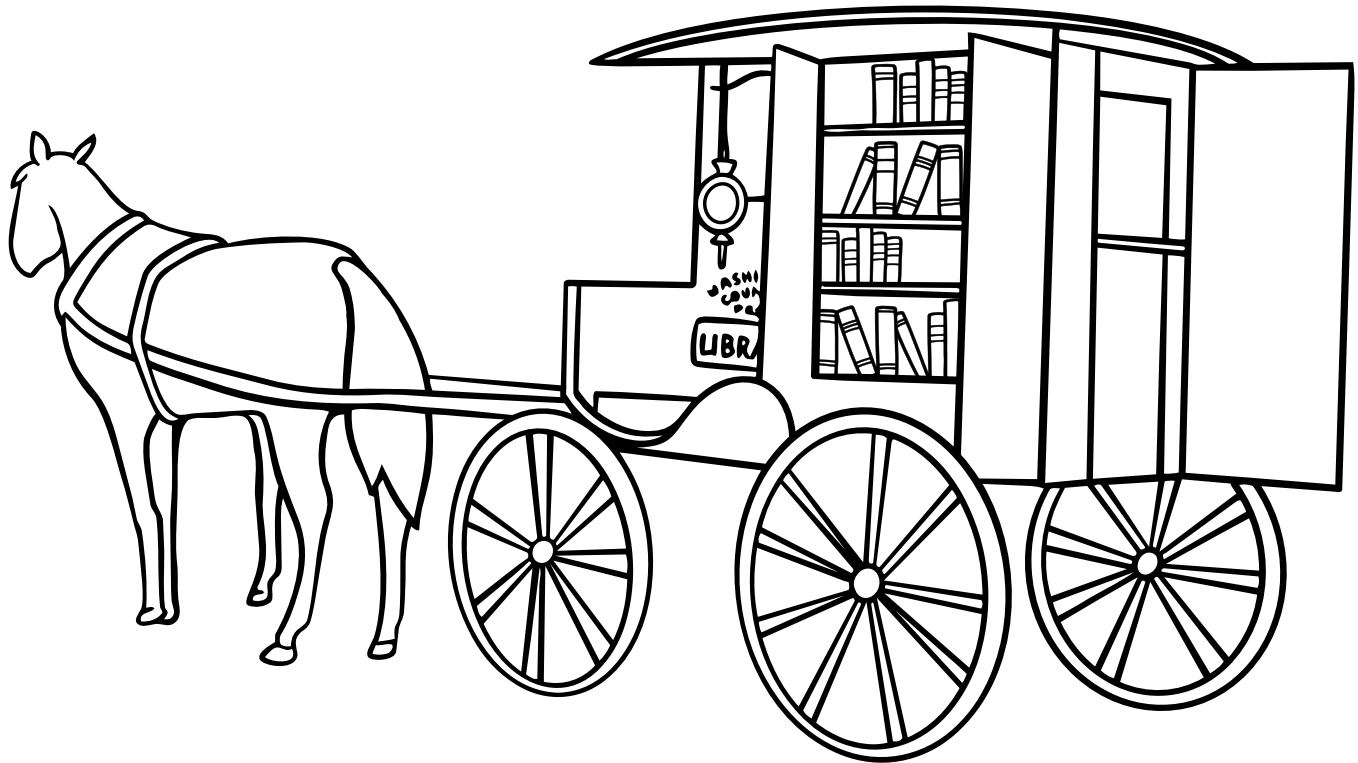


Fun Fact!

Willie Mays was the first African-American baseball player in the professional minor league and played his first game for the Trenton Giants on June 24, 1950, at Municipal Stadium in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mary Lemist Titcomb's Book Mobile

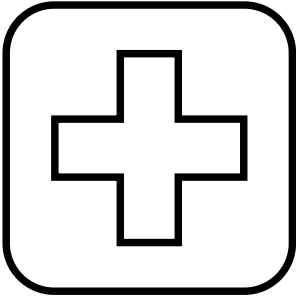
Find the six differences in the two wagons below and circle them.



Did you know?

Introduced in April 1905 by Mary Lemist Titcomb of the Washington County Free Library, the first bookmobile in the United States was a horse-drawn "book wagon" that brought books directly to residents living on farms or outside of Hagerstown.

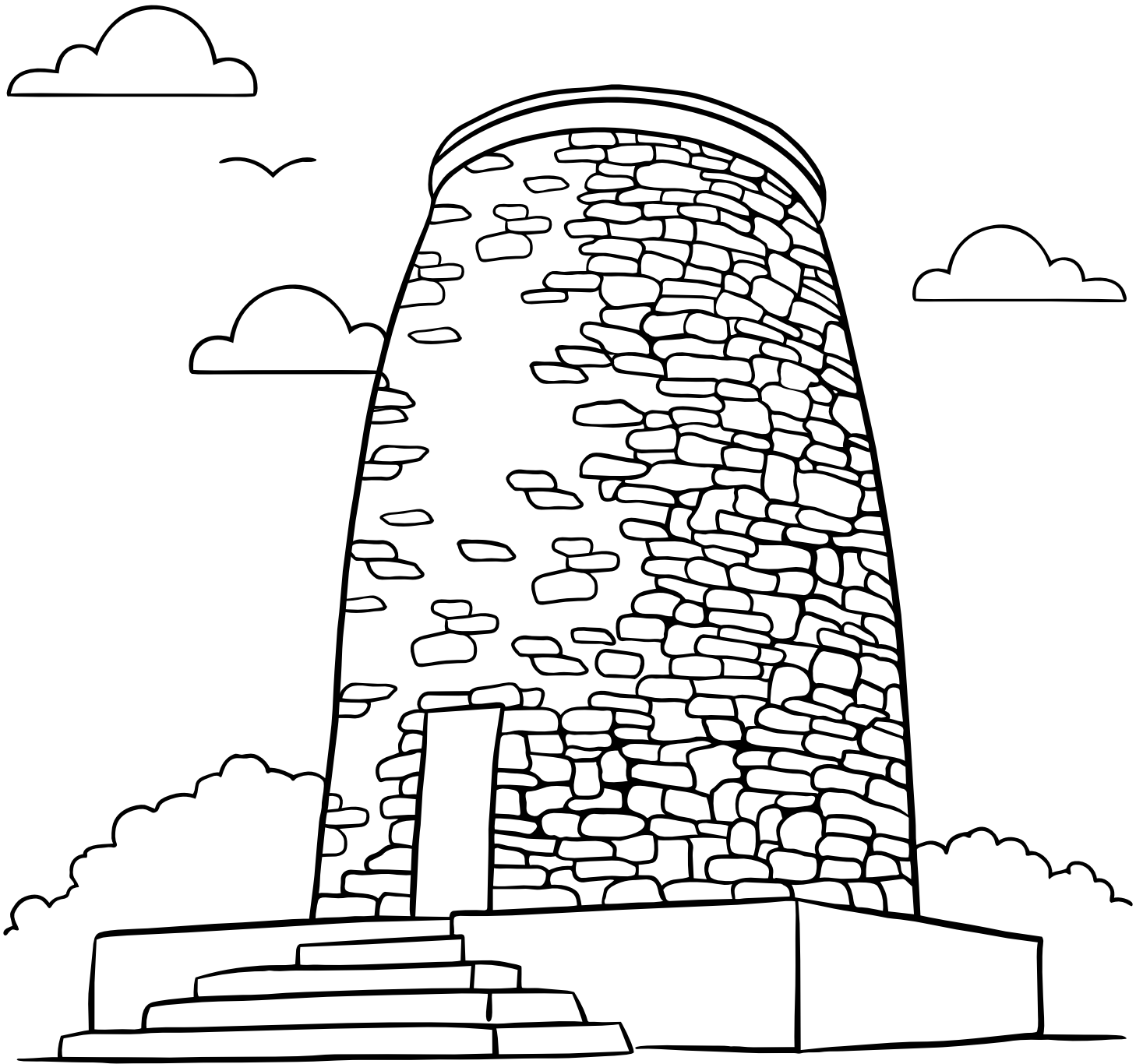
Clara Barton



Fun Fact!

Clara Barton was a brave teacher and nurse who dedicated her life to helping others, earning her the nickname “Angel of the Battlefield”. She tended to wounded soldiers at the Civil War Battle of Antietam near Sharpsburg, MD in 1862. Later, in 1881, she founded the American Red Cross, an organization that still provides help to people during emergencies, disasters, and wars today.

Washington Monument

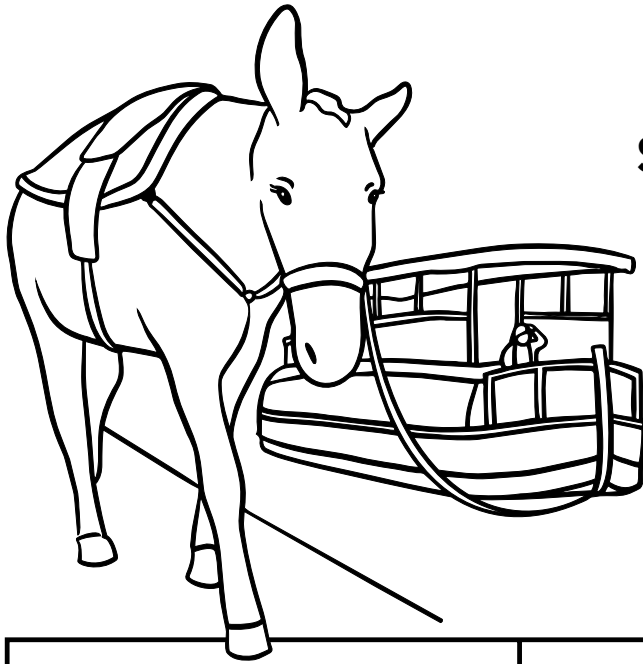


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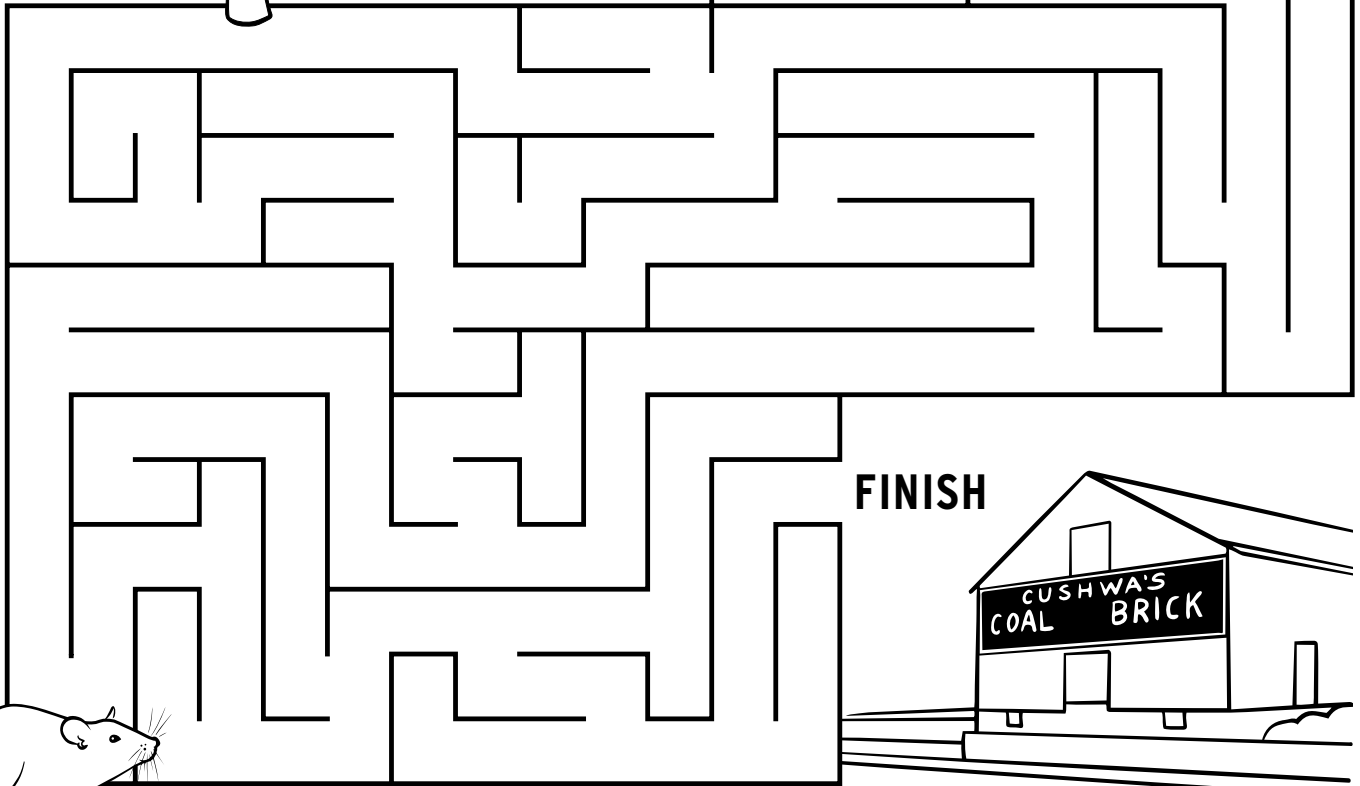
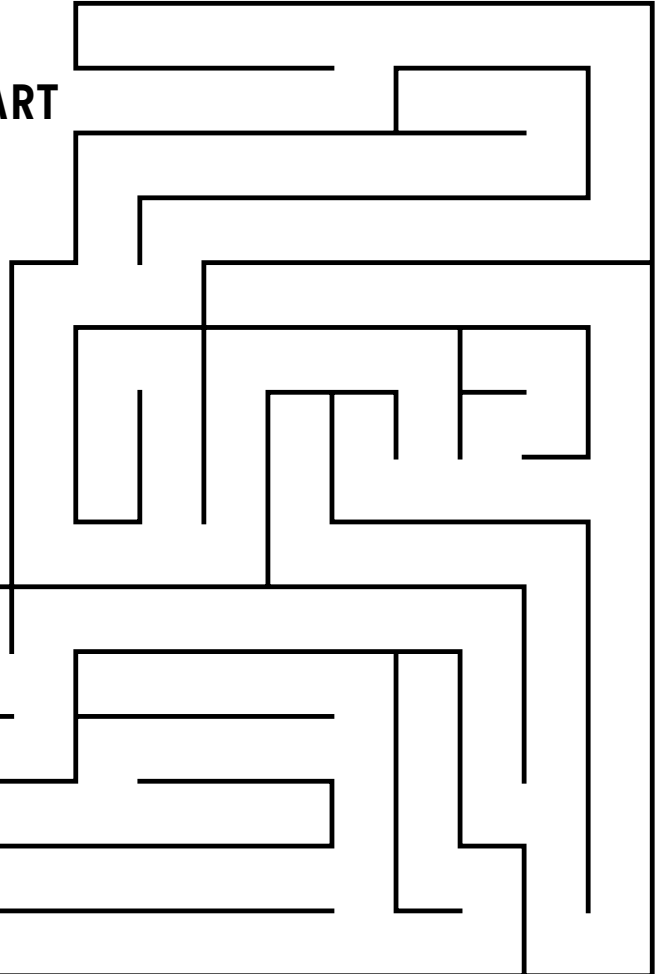
Located in Washington Monument State Park atop South Mountain, the Washington Monument in Boonsboro, MD, is recognized as the first completed monument dedicated to George Washington, built by local citizens on July 4, 1827.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal

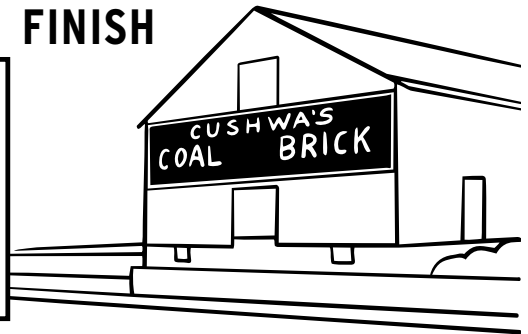
Can you help the canal boat captain and mule find their way to the Cushwa Basin in Williamsport?



START



FINISH



Did you know?

The C&O Canal, built between 1828 and 1850, was a 184.5-mile "water highway" for boats pulled by mules to carry coal from Cumberland to Washington, D.C.. More than 78 miles ran through Washington County, MD.

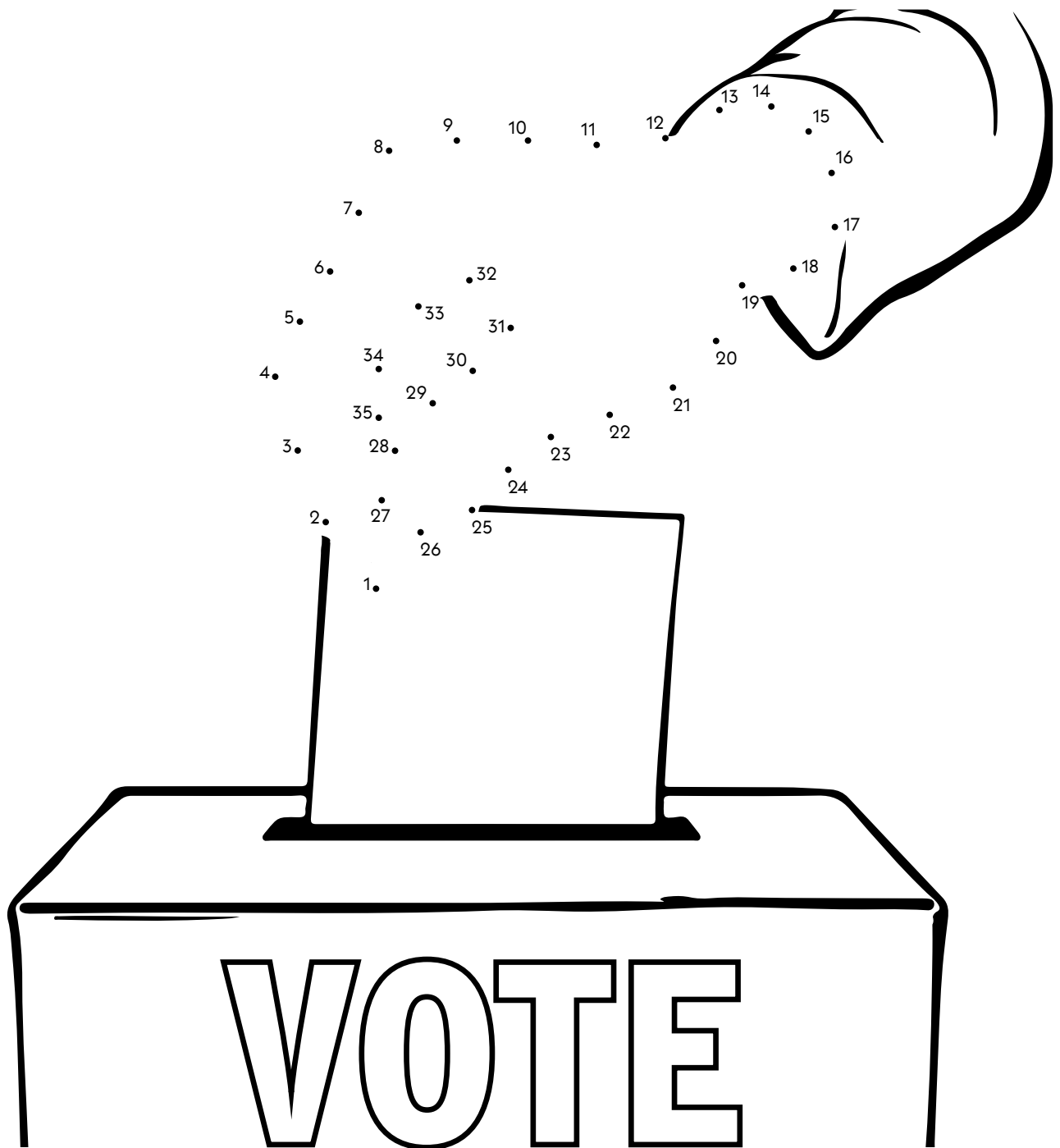
Jonathan Hager



Fun Fact!

Jonathan Hager was a brave German immigrant who founded Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1762. He was a smart businessman and a leader who built a strong stone house, now known as the Hager House Museum. Originally called "Elizabethtown" to honor his wife, the town was later renamed in his honor. He is remembered as the "Father of Hagerstown" for helping the city grow.

Jacob Wheaton



Did you know?

Jacob Wheaton was an African-American born free near Middletown, MD in 1835. Wheaton moved to Hagerstown in the 1850s where he lived the rest of his life. During the Civil War, Wheaton served as a nurse, helping to combat a smallpox epidemic in early 1863. Wheaton is most widely remembered as the first African-American to vote in the state of Maryland in the spring of 1868.

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