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SUMMER CHALLENGE 2026: CIVIC CITY

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What is Summer Challenge?

WFSU's annual Summer Challenge provides educational activities for families across the Big Bend with this FREE-for-you summer learning book, made possible with generous support from our sponsors. These books are distributed throughout Leon County Public Libraries, neighboring county libraries, select Leon County Schools, and can be printed digitally from our website. Children earn points for completing activities, which they can exchange at the end of the summer for prizes, such as books, art supplies, and more.

This year, our Summer Challenge theme is "Civic City".

Why Civics?

WFSU Public Media is a public service entity dedicated to informing and educating citizens of all ages about the world around us! Who better to bring together PBS KIDS content and our partners from our beautiful capital city and beyond, during our nation's Semiquincentennial celebration?!

Semiquincentennial means 250 years. America's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence takes place this summer on July 4th, 2026, squarely in the middle of our Summer Challenge! We have so much to be proud of as a country! Our freedoms, rights, and responsibilities as members of our Democratic Republic are the foundation of our society. We're celebrating scientific, economic, and technological achievements. For example, we just blasted off to outer space, and an amazing team traveled all around the moon and back! Our knowledge, our determination, and our multicultural population... all of these have given our nation a global influence in arts, innovation, sports, and entertainment.

Becoming a Good Citizen

Learning to work together, following rules, understanding roles, and developing respectful communication: these are the skills necessary for our homes, schools, and communities to be safe, successful, and fair for everyone! Our children are never too young to practice these things and engage in fun learning experiences along the way. These pages are embedded with English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and so much more hands-on learning and exploring.

This book belongs to:



SUMMER CHALLENGE CHECKLIST

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR POINTS TO EARN PRIZES AT THE END OF SUMMER!
FIND US AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS TO
TRADE YOUR POINTS FOR BOOKS, GAMES, AND MORE!

FRIDAY, JULY 31
LAKE JACKSON BRANCH LIBRARY
10 AM - 1 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
DR. B.L. PERRY, JR. BRANCH LIBRARY
10 AM - 1 PM

- READ 10 BOOKS AND LOG THEM ON THE READING LOG
- COMPLETE A ROW OF THE CCC SCAVENGER HUNT
- DESIGN A CAMPAIGN BUTTON
- INTERVIEW SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY
- COMPLETE THE FAMILY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN
- PLAY A CARD GAME WITH THE LYLA IN THE LOOP CARDS
- WATCH A NEW PBS KIDS CIVICS SHOW,
AND TELL US WHICH ONE: _____
- EXPLORE A NEW PARK WITH FAMILY
- TRY ONE OF THE 1900S ACTIVITIES (WAX SEAL, EMANCIPATION
QUILT, WRITING UTENSILS)
- USE A RECIPE TO MAKE SOMETHING

TOTAL POINTS /10

Look out for WFSU events on social media and our monthly newsletter!



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Summer Reading Log

Read at least 10 books during the summer and record them below.

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**Make sure to check off the reading log item on your
Summer Challenge Checklist!**



What will you read next?

Think about topics and types of stories that interest you. Ask your teacher or a grown up to help you find books or resources based on your list. Make a list of books that you want to read with family members. Take a vote to decide which book you will read first!

I'm interested in learning more about topics like:



I'm interested in these genres:

My to-read list:

Genres:

(A genre is a category or type of literature.)

Drama: A drama usually refers to a serious story.

Comedy: A comedy usually refers to a funny story.

Poetry: Poems tell a story or describe a person, place, thing, or idea. Poems are usually shorter than stories and often rhyme.

Science fiction: Science fiction stories are imaginary stories that often take place in the future or in space.

Biography: Biographies are true stories about real people.

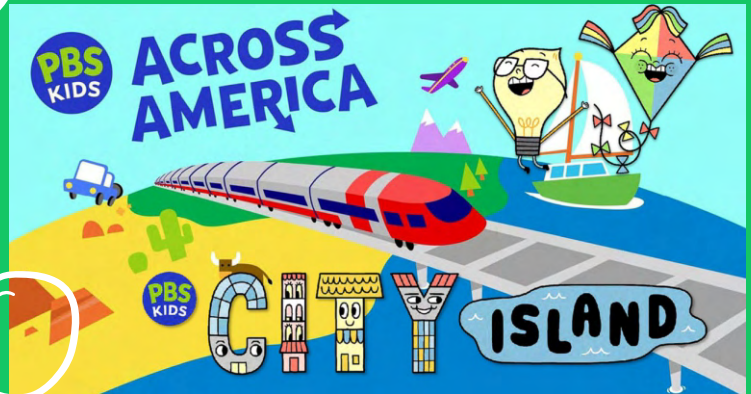
Non-fiction: Non-fiction books are about something that really happened. Non-fiction can be about the past (history) or the present.

Visit your local library to check out any of the books on your list!



Summer Programming

Check the box once you have watched!



Xavier Riddle Celebrates American Heroes



Check WFSU Education Socials on Instagram & Facebook for all the latest!



PBS KIDS ACROSS AMERICA

May-July 2026

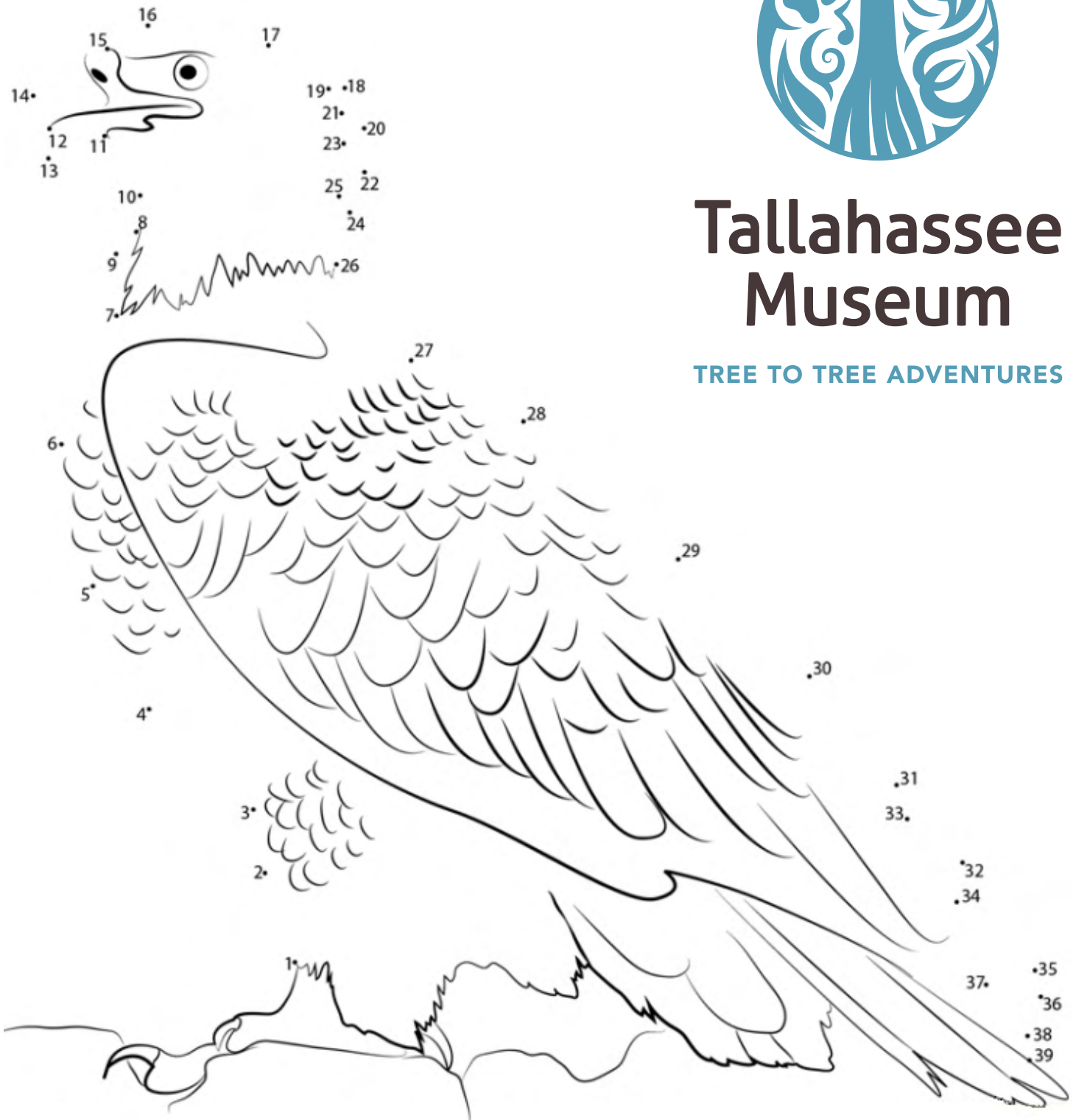


A cross-country road trip showcasing amazing people & places all across the USA!



Tallahassee Museum

TREE TO TREE ADVENTURES

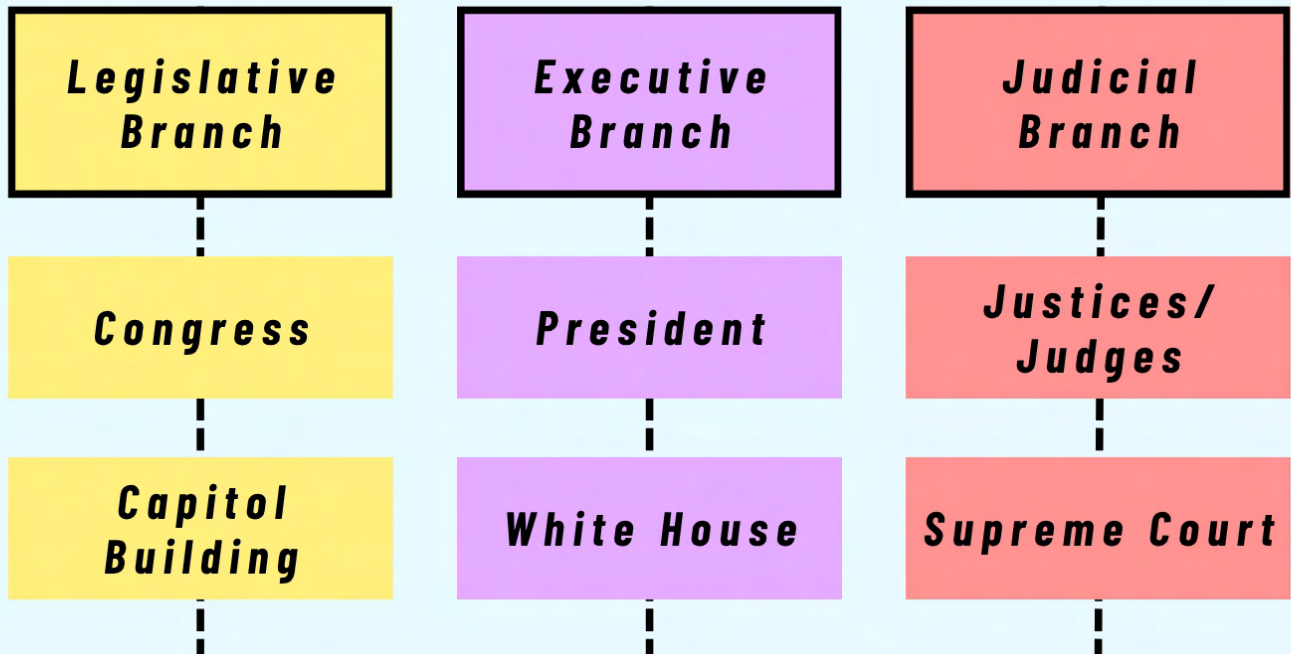


The Tallahassee Museum currently has three bald eagles. They were all originally found in the wild with wing injuries and could not be returned to the wild. The eagles are able to call the Museum home because of special permits provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bald eagles became the national emblem on the Great Seal in 1782. In 2024, the bald eagle officially became the national bird of the United States.



THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

How does the federal government work?
Connect the line to the right boxes and color them the corresponding colors to finish this organizer.
Remember, there is another version of this at the state level in every state!



Interprets laws

Makes laws

2- or 4-year positions
(can be reelected unlimited times)

4-year position
(can be reelected two times)

Enforces laws

serves for life
(appointed, not elected)

Levels of Government

Ask an adult or use the internet to learn about the different levels of government!



Local government can include city and county government, depending on where you live. These governments are often called a "council" or "commission".

LOCAL government is responsible for:

What are some names of your local government leaders?

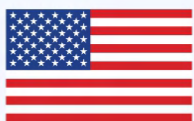


Each state has its own government, often called the "Legislature" or the "State Assembly". Floridians have one State House Representative and one State Senator who represent them in the State Legislature.

STATE government is responsible for:

My State Representative is: _____

My State Senator is: _____



The United States of America has one federal government made up of 435 members in the U.S. House of Representatives and 100 U.S. Senators. Citizens are represented by one Representative and two Senators.

FEDERAL government is responsible for:

My U.S. Representative is: _____

My U.S. Senators are: _____



VyStar
Credit Union

**AMERICAN
MONEY
ADDITION**

COUNT THE NUMBER OF TIMES EACH BILL APPEARS, THEN CALCULATE THE TOTAL FOR EACH NOTE:

	\$1	\$2	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
COUNT							
TOTAL							



Key: 4 \$1 = \$4; 2 \$2 = \$4; 3 \$5 = \$15.00; 2 \$20 = \$40; 5 \$50 = \$250; 4 \$100 = \$400

COINS ADDITION

Money is an important tool for navigating everyday life. It is controlled by the government to help society function.

Although some are rarer and some are no longer produced, the U.S. has 6 types of coins in circulation.

CAN YOU NAME THE AMERICAN COINS IN CIRCULATION?

NAME

VALUE


1 ¢	5 ¢	10 ¢	25 ¢	50 ¢	\$1

ADD UP THE COINS.

TOTAL

1.  = _____


2.  = _____

3.  = _____

4.  = _____

5.  = _____

6.  = _____

7.  = _____

Build your dream **NEIGHBORHOOD**

You have \$100 to build your neighborhood.
Circle what you would buy and show your math on the side.

\$20

School



Hospital



Roads



\$15

Police



Firefighters



Grocery Store



\$10

Library



Shopping Mall



Housing



\$7

Playground



Restaurant



Museum



\$5

Lake



Sports Team



Theater



+



**Capital City
Bank**



THE
**LEARNING
PAVILION**
A Smart-Play Preschool



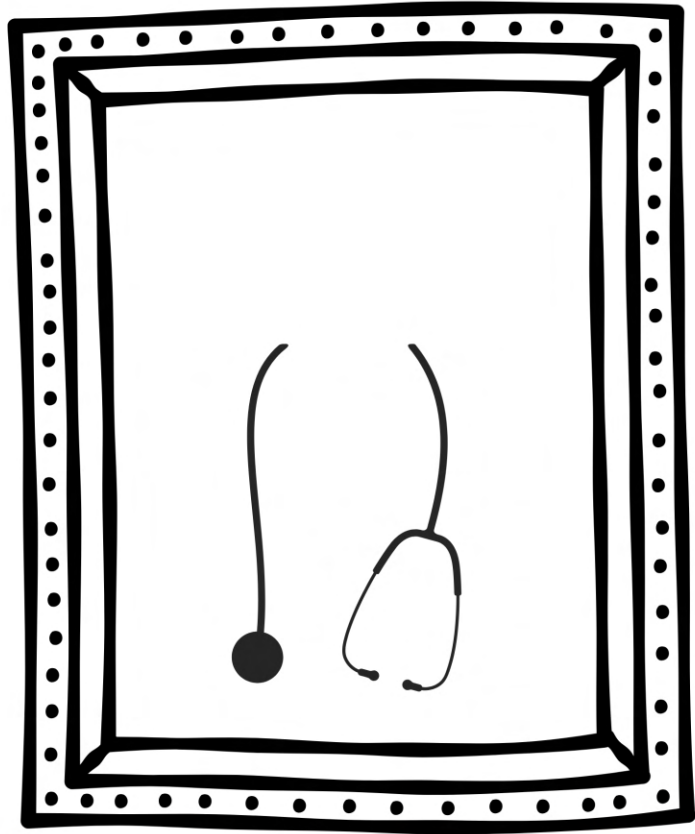
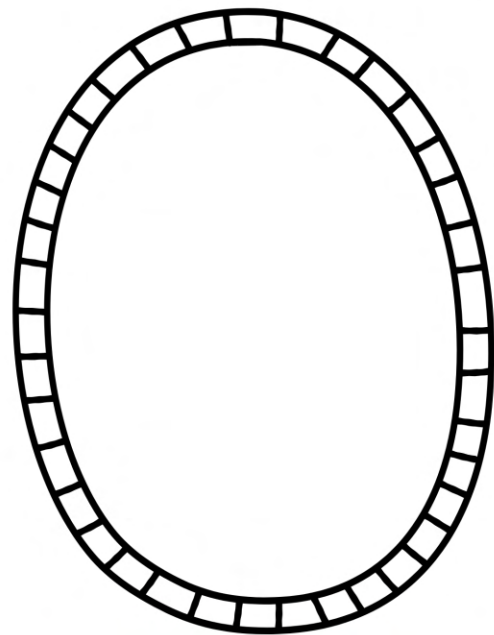
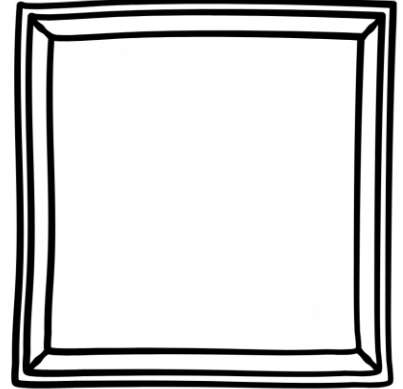
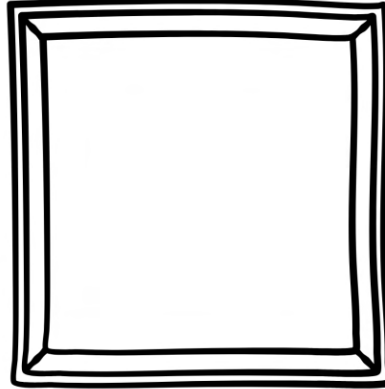
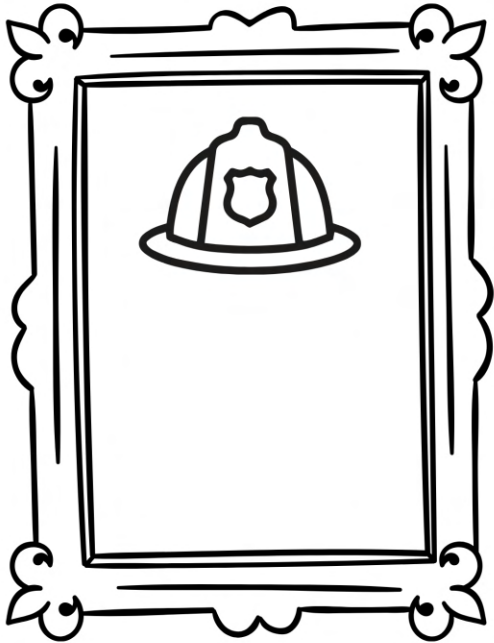
WHAT CAN I BUILD?

Celebrate the construction workers, engineers, and everyone involved in shaping the infrastructure that supports our daily lives.

What can you build with materials like: cardboard boxes, empty paper towel rolls, a spare bed sheet, and tape? Draw and label your structure. Then, build it with recyclable materials you collect. Invite others to help you.



A community helper is a person who works to help and take care of others in the community, like teachers, fire fighters, or doctors. Who are some helpers in your community? Let's draw some below!



Lemoine Arts

125 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-8800 | lemoyne.org
Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am - 6:00pm

Art Exhibits | Gallery Shop | Sculpture Garden | Art Classes & Workshops | Art Camps



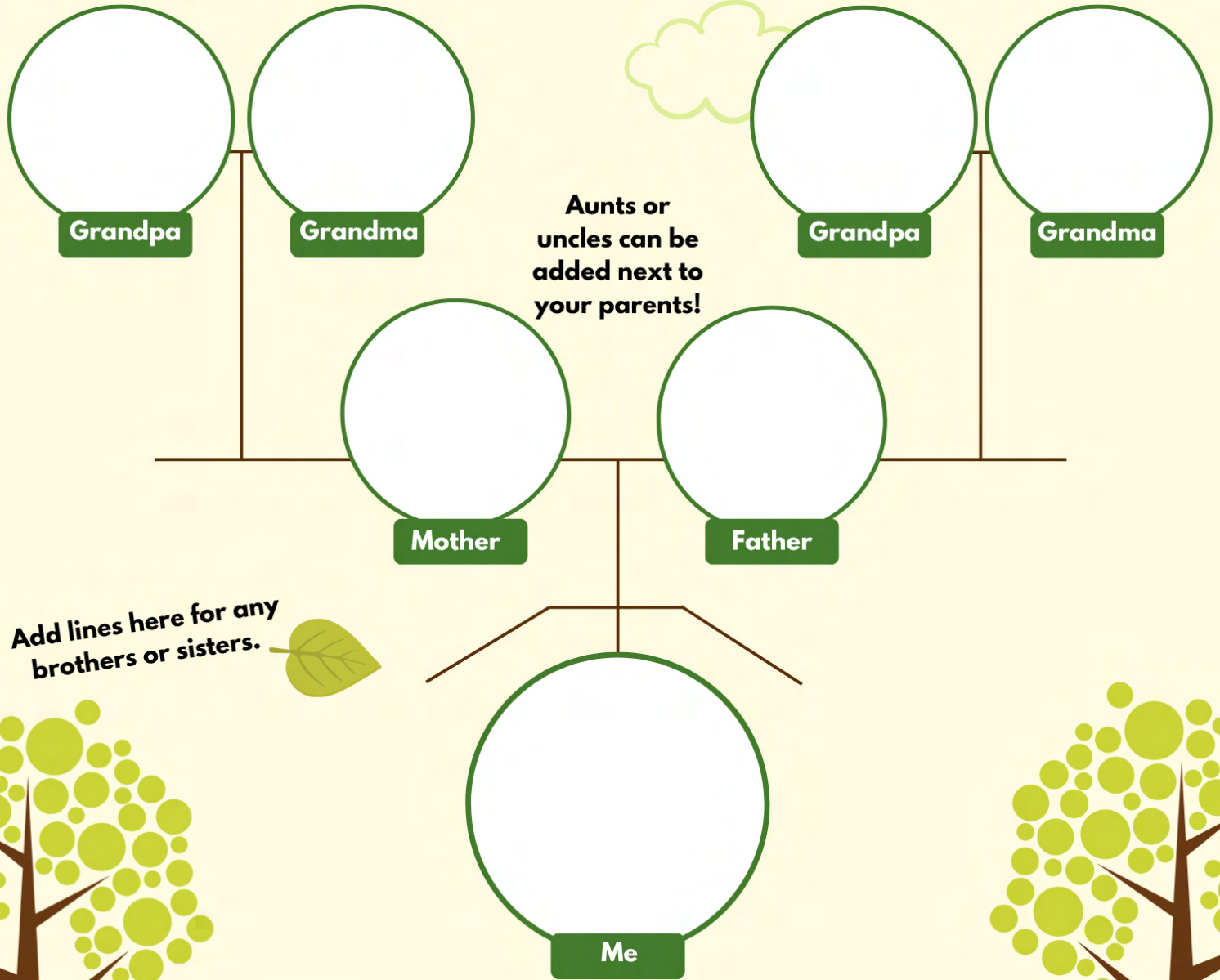
Your Circle of Care

Just like the team at Seminole Sitters, there are so many people who care about you and are working hard to keep your family safe. Start by writing or drawing a picture of yourself, then your family members and friends, then the helpers in your community. Tape this picture up to remind you of all the people you can reach out to for care and support.



My Family Tree

Map your family history! You can add your family members' names or draw a picture of them in the family tree below.



Family Interview



Learn more about your family by interviewing an older family member. This could be a parent, grandparent, or anyone you'd like to learn more about! Write their answers and use a separate piece of paper if needed!

What is your full name?

Favorite color?

Favorite animal?

Favorite food?

Favorite holiday?

Where did you grow up?

What do you do for fun?

What were you like when you were my age?

What is something you are proud of?

You have the power to make a positive impact. Help care for your community through a shared sense of responsibility for the environment you and your neighbors call home.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Find and circle the litter. Can you find at least 20 pieces?





SELF REGULATION BEACH BALL TOSS

Developing the ability to manage our feelings and actions is a lifelong journey, and practicing together is the best way to grow. When we learn to navigate big emotions with patience and empathy, we aren't just helping ourselves—we are becoming better neighbors and friends.

Self-regulation is a cornerstone of civics because a healthy community depends on citizens who can communicate respectfully and solve problems calmly. By practicing these skills, you are learning how to contribute to a world that is safe for everyone.

Materials:

 Beach ball

 Sharpie

Directions:

1. Draw different kinds of emotions and faces, or write the names of emotions on each panel of the ball.
2. Toss the ball back and forth. Whenever you catch the ball, look at where your right thumb lands and call out the emotion.
3. Share a time when you felt that emotion drawn on the ball.

- How did you handle it?
- If you didn't handle it well,
- Share how you could've handled it better.





COMMUNITY KINDNESS BINGO

Complete acts of kindness to get 5 in a row or finish the whole board! Being part of a community means helping, sharing, and showing respect for others. Each time you complete a square, you are helping make your community a better place.

 Follow the Rules	 Hold the Door	 Share a Smile	 Help Make Dinner	 Give a Wave
 Clean Up	 Cheer for Someone	 Say Please	 Give a Compliment	 Share with a Friend
 Make Someone Laugh	 Help a Friend	 Free Space!	 Say Sorry	 Help Carry Groceries
 Donate a Toy	 Be Patient	 Pick Up Trash	 Help a Neighbor	 Send a Thank You Note!
 Be a Good Listener	 Say Thank You	 Take Turns	 Clean Your Room	 Enjoy a Local Park

CSC Leon is a catalyst for positive change to improve the lives of children, youth and families in Leon County. We provide dedicated funding to expand programs and supports available in our community to ensure all children and youth are socially, emotionally, and physically equipped to reach their full potential. Learn more at <https://cscleon.org/>



CSC LEON
Putting Our Kids First

FIND YOUR WAY!

*Every community has people and places that help us grow and stay safe.
As you make your way through the maze, think about all the helpers in
your community who guide you along the way.*



**START
HERE!**



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MAKE A COMPASS

PART OF LEARNING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY IS KNOWING HOW TO GET AROUND.

LONG AGO, EARLY EXPLORERS RELIED ON NAVIGATION TOOLS TO MAP THE VAST WILDERNESS OF THE AMERICAN WEST. MAKE YOUR OWN COMPASS TO BECOME AN EXPERT EXPLORER!



Materials List:

- magnet
- paperclip
- Styrofoam cup
- scissors
- tape
- a bowl filled with water

Instructions:

1. Carefully cut off the bottom of your Styrofoam cup. Place the bottom aside.
2. With the help of an adult, carefully unfold and straighten your paper clip.
3. Rub your magnet against one side of the straightened paper clip. Make sure that you are always rubbing in the same direction, never back and forth. Do this for about 30 seconds, or 50 strokes.
4. Tape your paperclip needle to the bottom of the Styrofoam cup.
5. Float your homemade compass in a bowl of water. Watch it rotate. When it starts to settle and finally stops, you'll know that your compass has found north!



CARLTON FIELDS



America's NATIONAL PARKS

The United States National Parks are special places that are protected so everyone can enjoy nature, history, and wildlife. The Parks help preserve important landscapes, plants, animals, and stories from our past and show us how people work together to take care of shared land for future generations.

Color your own Everglades postcard!



Make a copy and cut it out! Then you can send it in the mail! Just remember a stamp and to address your letter like this:

Name
Street Number and Street Name
City, State ZIP code

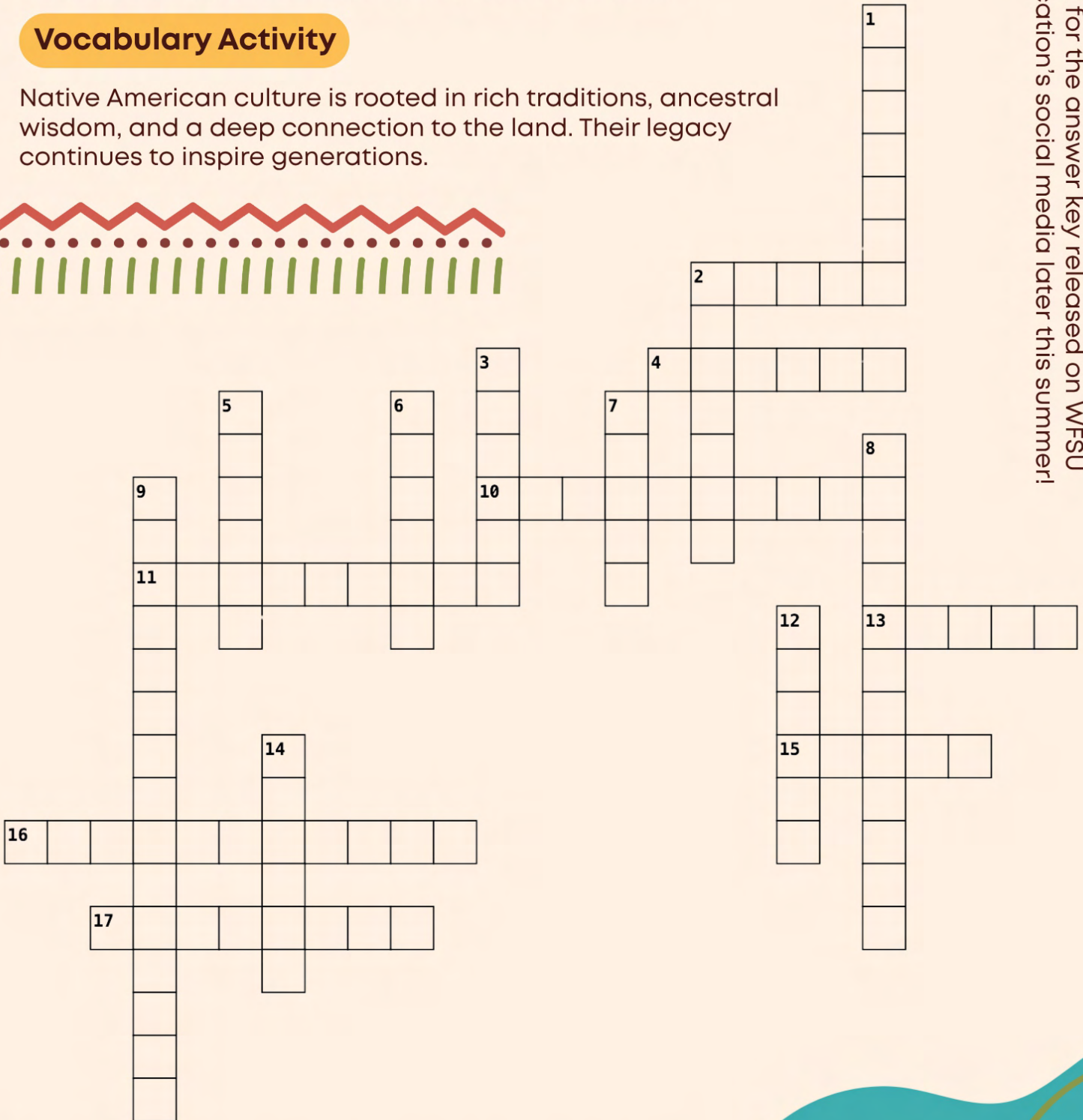
Right here in Florida, we have 3 national parks! The largest is called Everglades National Park. It is a unique national park known as a “river of grass.” It is home to amazing wildlife like alligators, birds, and fish. The Everglades helps protect clean water and is an important part of Florida’s environment and history. Postcards are a great way to show your family and friends the amazing places we have across the country.



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

Vocabulary Activity

Native American culture is rooted in rich traditions, ancestral wisdom, and a deep connection to the land. Their legacy continues to inspire generations.



Look for the answer key released on WFSU Education's social media later this summer!

There are two federally recognized tribes in the state of Florida: The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. With historic homelands that extend throughout the state.

- Florida State University

Definitions are from TheCleverTeacher.com and Ducksters.com

Across

2. A narrow boat with pointed ends that is propelled by paddles.
4. A dome-shaped home made from wooden poles covered with bark.
10. Inhabiting a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists
11. A tall wooden post carved with symbols.
13. The main crop of many of the original Native American tribes.
15. Buying, selling, or swapping of goods (items) and services (actions) between people, businesses, or countries
16. An area of land reserved for a tribe under a treaty or other agreement with the United States as a permanent tribal homeland
17. To send a group of settlers to (a place) and establish control over it

Down

1. A way of life for a group of people, including their behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols
2. A dwelling built by the Seminole Indians in Florida with a raised floor, thatched roof, and open sides.
3. A person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not
5. A written promise or agreement between two or more nations to act in a certain way, like sharing resources, or setting rules for trade
6. An area of land that has common features
7. A society linked by social, economic, religious, or familial ties, with a common culture and dialect, typically having a recognized leader
8. The process of absorbing people, ideas, or culture into a wider society or culture
9. Materials from the earth that are used to meet human needs
12. Trading items or services directly for other items or services without using money
14. A large area of flat land with few trees

Learn more about local Native American Culture in Tallahassee at The Museum at Fred George Greenway and Park.



TRANSPORTATION

Connection Through History

SCHEDULES

Street car schedules must be kept flexible in order to best serve the needs of the community. The following, which is therefore necessarily subject to change, gives you the times of the first and last cars on each of the above routes and the headways during the street cars' hours of duty.

The Peak Hours on all lines are between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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Last Car - - - - - 12:09 a.m. 1:00 a.m.

Outbound cars leave Franklin and Whiting. Inbound cars leave 22nd St. and Broadway.

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Last Car - - - - - 12:09 a.m. 1:00 a.m.

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First Car - - - - - 8:15 a.m. 8:35 a.m.
Last Car - - - - - 12:09 a.m. 12:40 a.m.

Outbound cars leave DuPont Plaza. Inbound cars leave West Tampa.

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Travel through time and discover how people have moved across the Sunshine State for over 200 years! From splashing down winding rivers to speeding along modern tracks, these incredible vehicles helped build the Florida we know today.



**STEAMBOAT,
ST. JOHNS RIVER 1800s**



**RUNABOUT AUTOMOBILE,
SARASOTA 1950s**



**BRIGHTLINE TRAIN (HIGH
SPEED RAIL), ORLANDO 2017**

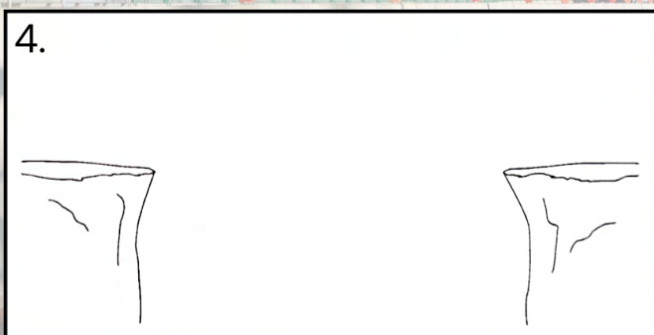
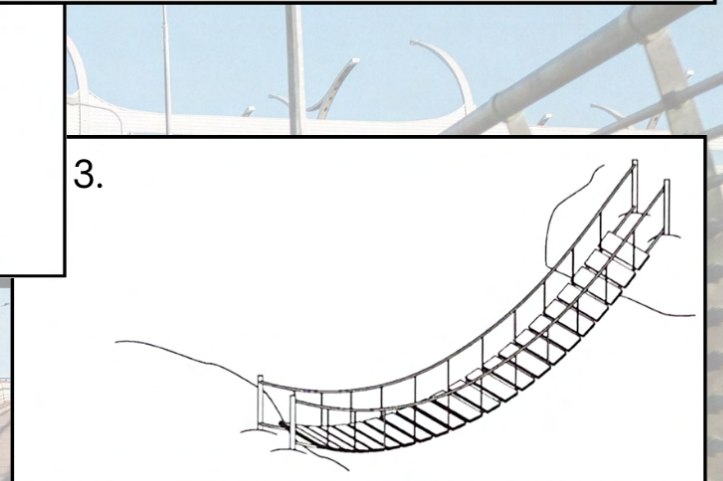
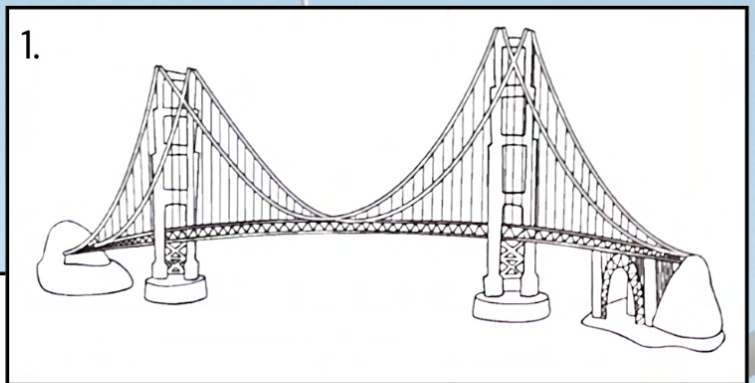
Take a close look at the pictures above, then see if you can solve these questions!
You might need an adult to help.

- **The Steamboat:** These boats had a giant wheel. Why do you think a boat in the 1800s would need a big paddle wheel instead of a modern engine under the water?
- **The Runabout Automobile:** This early car looks a lot like a buggy that a horse would pull and is the basis for the modern-day car. What safety features do cars have today that were likely missing from this 1900s vehicle?
- **The Brightline Train:** This train is built for speed and comfort. Based on its sleek shape, how do you think it compares to the old steamboat in terms of how fast it can get you from Orlando to Miami?

Traveler's Choice: If you had to spend a whole day traveling across Florida in the heat, which of these three vehicles would you pick, and why?

BUILDING BRIDGES

There are more than half a million bridges in the United States, and you rely on them every day to cross obstacles like streams, valleys, and railroad tracks.



Instructions:

1. Color bridges 1 through 3.
2. Draw bridge 4 to connect the two cliffs.
3. Then, make your own bridge at home!

Building your own bridge

Grab Your Materials

Look around the house for things to build with. You can use cardboard, foil, popsicle sticks, or even flat paper. Use cups, toilet paper rolls, or a stack of books for the sides and tape, rubber bands, or string to hold it together!

Do a Strength Test

Slowly add weight, like pennies or toy cars, to your bridge.

How much can it hold before it collapses?

Build a second bridge using a different design and see which one is the champion!

CREATE A FAMILY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Shared Natural Resources in Our Community

BIG IDEA: Water is an important natural resource. We need clean water for drinking, washing our hands, and growing food. We can help to make sure there is enough water for everyone by conserving water, which means using less every day.


EXPLORE: Think of all the times that you use water at home each day. Starting when you wake up in the morning, go through your normal routine. Every time you think of an activity that uses water, write it in the chart below.

TIP: Don't forget "hidden water" activities like washing clothes, flushing the toilet, or using a dishwasher. These appliances can use a lot of water.

Morning	
Afternoon	
Evening	

RECORD:

1. Read the water-saving tips chart below.
2. Together as a family, pick at least three ways that you can try to save water at home. Circle these tips in the chart.
3. On a separate piece of paper, write your three water-saving tips, and add one of your own!
4. Decorate the plan and put it up in a place where everyone in your family can see it. It will remind you to follow your water-conservation plan every day.

 <p>Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.</p>	<p>Choose fewer games and art activities that use a lot of water.</p>	<p>Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Every time you flush you use a lot of water!</p>
<p>Wash your dishes in a bowl or bucket of soapy water instead of running the water in the sink.</p>	<p>Take a shower instead of a bath. Use a timer to keep your shower short.</p>	<p>Have reusable water bottles for each family member to use all day long, instead of new cups.</p>
<p>Only run your dishwasher or laundry machine when you have a full load to do.</p>	<p>Put a bucket outside to catch water when it rains. Use this to water plants later.</p>	<p>Make sure that you turn off the sink completely when you are done using it so that water doesn't drip.</p>

REFLECT: If 1 tip that you use can save you 2 gallons of water a day,

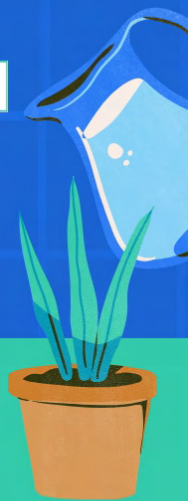
how much water would you save in a day by using 2 tips?

How much water would you save in a day by using 3 tips?

How much water would you save in a week, using 2 tips a day?

How could you share some of these water saving tips at school or in other places in your community?

Holland & Knight



DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY

Explore books, history, and fun activities this summer at your Leon County Public Library! Circle the hidden words and discover how libraries help our community learn and grow.

L	I	B	R	A	R	I	A	N	D	C	U
C	F	R	E	E	D	O	M	L	Z	O	R
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- FREEDOM
- HELP
- HISTORY
- LEARN
- LIBRARIAN
- LIBRARY
- READ
- RESEARCH
- VOLUNTEER



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Civic Leader or Scientist?

Use the "I am..." episodes of Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum to learn about each historic figure. Then, fill in which person the following statements apply to.

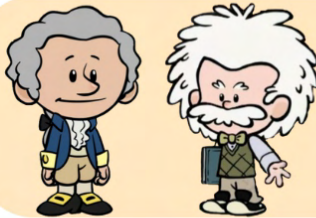
George Washington or Isaac Newton?

I was the first President of the United States.



Alexander Hamilton or Albert Einstein?

I developed groundbreaking ideas about light, gravity, and time.



Abraham Lincoln or Zelia Nuttall?

I was known for being very honest and wanting racial equality for all.



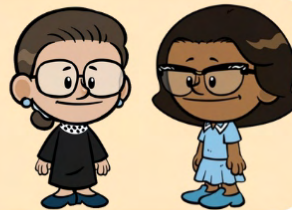
Theodore Roosevelt or Marie Curie?

I set aside millions of acres of land for national parks.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg or Katherine Johnson?

I used my math skills to calculate how to get astronauts safely to the Moon.



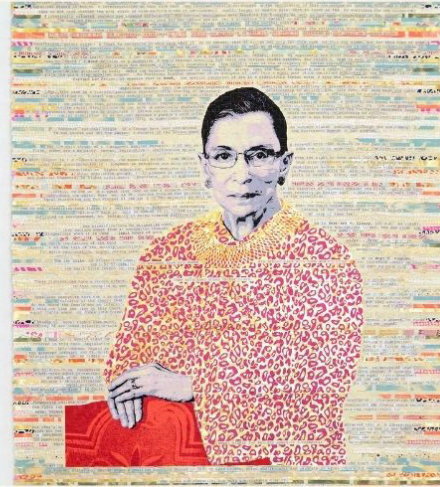
Frederick Douglass or Neil Armstrong?

I taught myself to read and helped end slavery in the United States of America.





PORTRAIT PATTERNS



Julie Torres
All I Ask of Our Brethren, 2022
woven screenprint, gold leaf, cut fabric
78 x 62 inches (framed)

Pattern - Shapes, lines, or colors that repeat to make a design.

Portrait - A picture or painting of a person's face and torso.

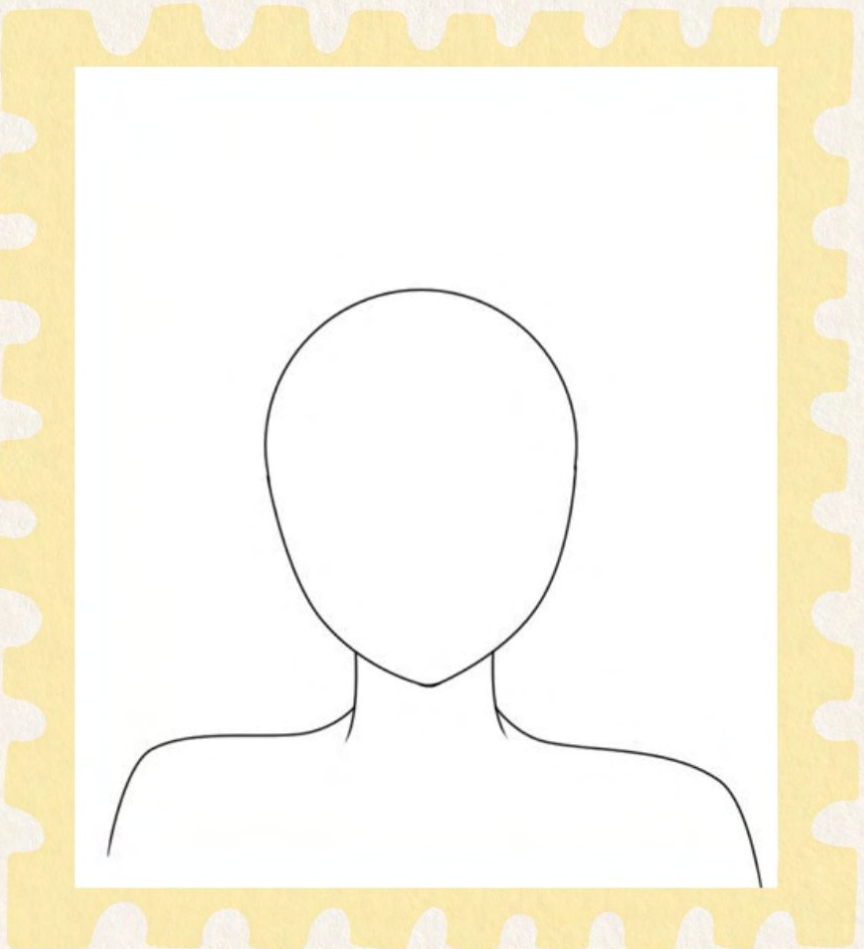
Weaving - Putting strips of paper or lines over and under each other to make a pattern.

1. Draw Your Role Model

- Using the template, draw the face and hair of someone who inspires you.

2. Add a Woven-Like Background

- Draw **vertical** (up & down) colored stripes in the background.
- Write words that describe your person, like kind, fair, or helpful, **horizontally** (side-to-side) across the stripes.

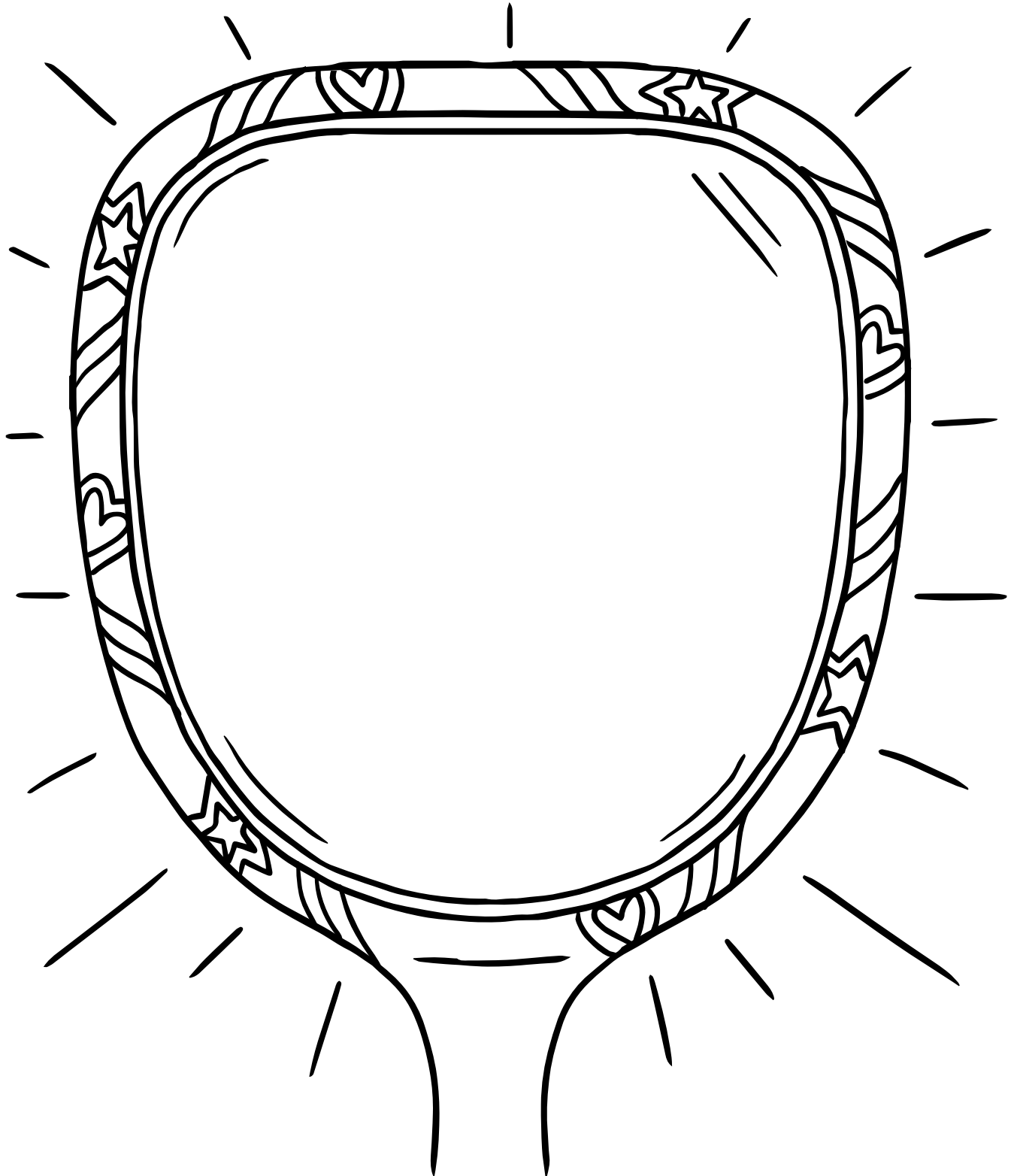




I'm a Leader

Look in a mirror. What makes you proud to be a leader?
Draw a picture of yourself being a leader.

OUR LEADERS



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RED, WHITE AND BLUE POPSICLES

This activity requires a grown up.

Ingredients:

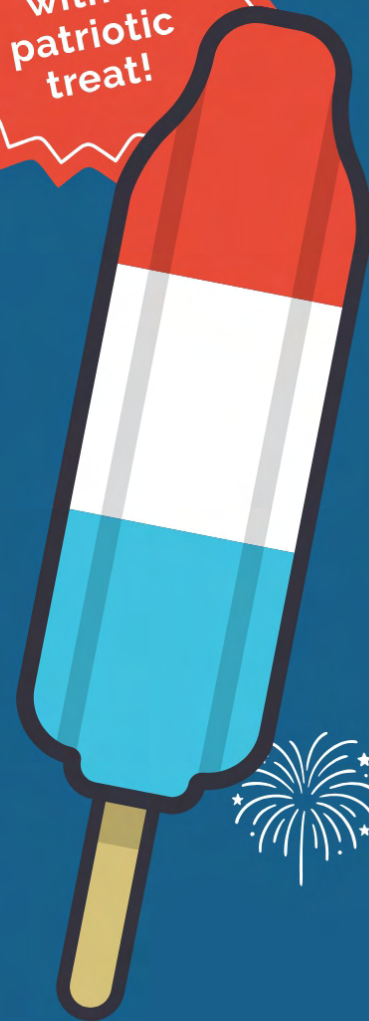
- 1 ¼ cups strawberries
- 6 Tbsp honey
- 1 lemon
- ¾ cup plain or vanilla yogurt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup blueberries
- water

Modifications:

- If you don't have popsicle molds, try using ice cube trays and stacking the colors
- If you don't have popsicle sticks, try using straws.

Directions

1. Combine strawberries, 2 tablespoons of honey, juice of 1/2 a lemon, and 2 tablespoons of water in a blender. When smooth, press through a mesh strainer into a liquid measuring cup. Divide between popsicle molds (about 1/3 of the mold). Freeze until it sets, about 45 minutes.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the yogurt, 2 tablespoons of honey, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, and 2 tablespoons of water. Divide between the molds (about 1/3 of the mold). Freeze until it sets, about 45 minutes.
3. Combine the blueberries, 2 tablespoons of water, 2 tablespoons of honey and the juice of 1/2 a lemon in a blender. When smooth, press through a mesh strainer into a liquid measuring cup. Divide between the molds (about 1/3 of the mold). Insert the sticks and freeze until solid, about 4 hours.
4. Once frozen, unmold by running warm water over the molds for about 25 seconds, until the popsicles loosen. Pull the pops out of the molds using the sticks and enjoy!



Family Recipe Book

PBS
KIDS

PHOEBE
& JAY

Recipes are texts that are passed down through generations.
You can start your own family cookbook here!

1. Think about a special meal, snack, or dessert your family loves to make.
2. Draw pictures of the ingredients and directions, or write them down. Don't forget to include how much you need of each and to number the steps.

Use index cards to start building a recipe book with a variety of meals!

Recipe:

Ingredients:

Steps:



Phoebe & Jay is a new literacy-focused animated series. The show follows the adventures of the curiously charismatic 6-year-old fraternal twins, Phoebe and Jay Yarber, and highlights a variety of texts that kids encounter in their daily lives to foster their early literacy skills and help them navigate the world around them.



Plant Journal

The United States has a long history of farming and growing food, also known as **agriculture**, which has helped communities thrive and work together. Now it's your turn: track your own plant's growth and see how you can be part of that tradition!

TALLY HO! LET'S HAVE FUN!

1. Pick a plant to grow! This could be a seed from a fruit, a flower, or even a bean from your kitchen.
Hint: You can find seeds at your local garden center, hardware store, or library.
2. Find a small pot or cup, add soil, and plant your seed.
Hint: A cardboard egg carton can work great as a mini pot
3. Water it gently and place it somewhere with sunlight.
4. Cut a long strip of paper. Then fold the paper back and forth like an accordion so it makes small sections.
5. Each folded section will be one day in your plant journal. Use the prompts below to draw or write what you notice about your plant as it grows.
6. Keep checking on your plant every day, and add to your journal each time you see something new!

Think about it!

Before you plant your seed, observe it. Is it small or large? Is it round or oval? What color is it?

My Nature Cat Plant Journal

Today, I planted _____
(type of seed)

I put the seed in the soil
and watered it.

My plant likes _____ sunlight,
(a lot of/a little)

so I will put my plant

(outside/in a window sill/on a table)

I will water my plant

(how often the plant should be watered)



This is what my
plant looked like
on the day I planted it.



This is what my
plant looked
like after 3 days.



Write your own prompt! How is your plant looking after 1 week? 1 month?
Keep adding as it grows and changes!

Explore Community with FSU MoFA

Building community is an important part of being a good neighbor. A great way to do that is by creating a garden that can be shared with friends and those around you. Color in the flowers below as just one example of some of the plants you could have in a community garden.

Can you think of other plants you would like to see in this garden? Add your own plants, friends, or animals to the garden. Visit MoFA this summer to see watercolors painted by members of the Big Bend community and create your own!



FSU MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



Scan here for more information about the museum.

Visit the 38th Tri-State Annual Juried Water Media Exhibition on view May 28th to July 25th at FSU MoFA

Explore Civics with FSU MoFA

Freedom of speech is not just an important topic in the United States.

The artist Honoré Daumier lived in France in the 1800's. During this time, Daumier used his illustrations to criticize the laws he found unfair, often using humor. Look at the lithograph illustrated by Daumier below. How does the illustration make you feel? What do you think Daumier is trying to communicate about law and order?

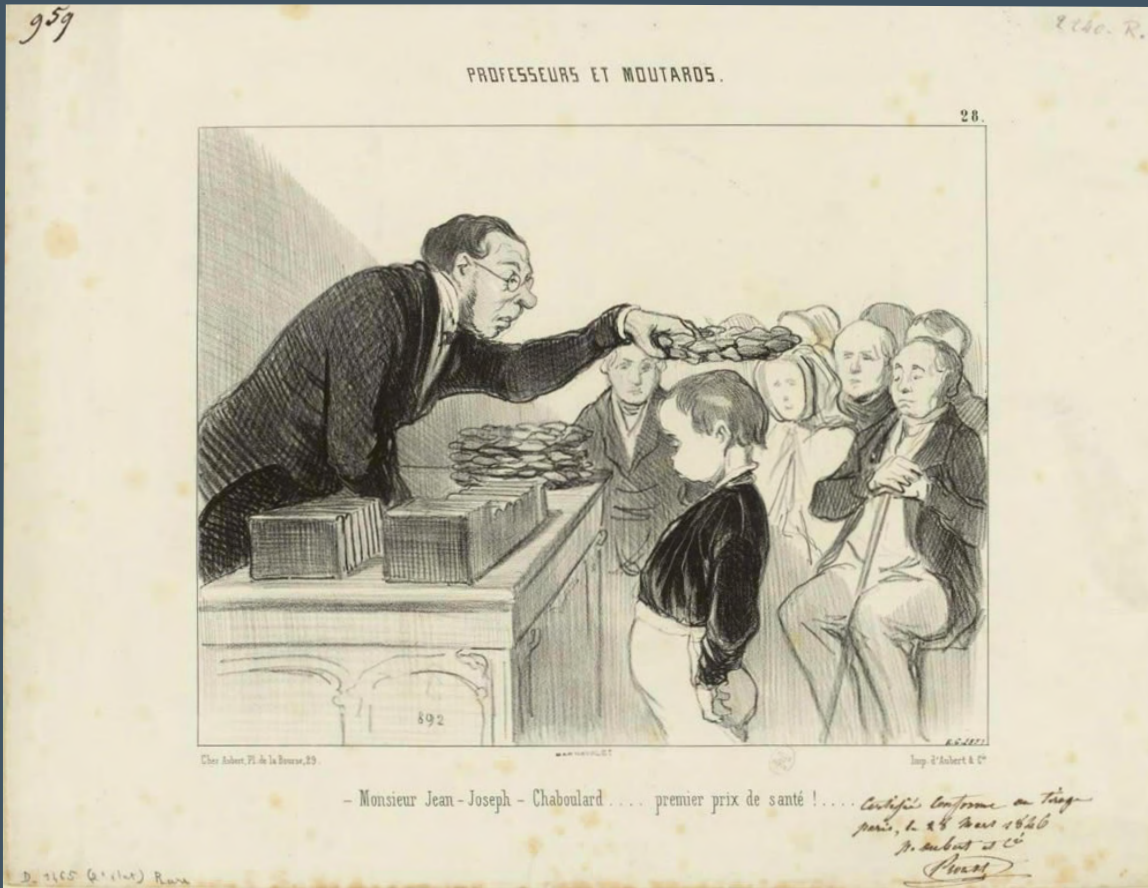


Image credit: Honoré Daumier (French, 1810 - 1879), series Professeurs et Moutards, plate 28, 1845, ink on paper, lithograph, Daumier Register number 1465.

Visit MoFA in July to see an exhibition of Daumier's lithographs.

JOURNALISM

FACT CHECK

Facts are information known or proven to be true.

Opinions are how someone feels, but cannot be proven.

By learning to tell fact from opinion, you can help support a free press, which relies on journalists sharing facts so everyone in our community stays informed.

Connect each statement to the right bucket! Ask an adult to check your answers.

Birds have feathers.

Apples grow on trees.

Spiders are scary.

Recess is too short.

Fish live in the water.

Everyone should own a cat.

The moon shines at night.

Cows produce milk.

Reading is easier than math.

Monsters are under the bed.

Water turns to ice when it is very cold.

There are seven days in a week.

Fire is hot.

Pizza is the best lunch.

A library is a place with books.

Soccer is the most fun sport.

Yellow is the happiest color.

A square has four sides.

It is too loud in the hallway.

The sun is bright.

Dogs are the best pets.

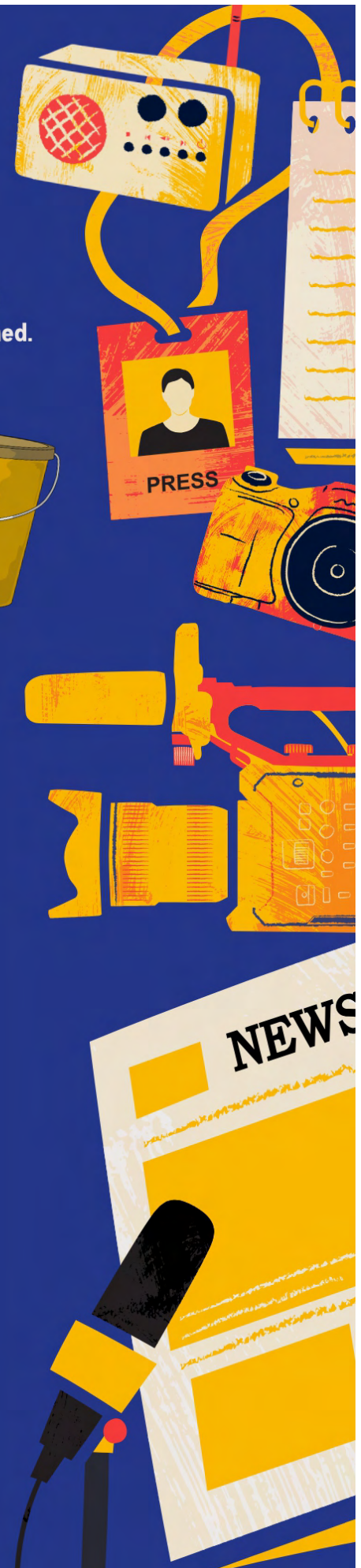
Rainy days are sad.

Blue is the prettiest color.

Ice cream is cold.

FACTS

OPINION



WATCH & TALK: CITY ISLAND BINGO



Instructions: For each box, find a parent or friend (or even yourself) who knows the answer or has participated in the activity. Once found, fill in the box with their name. Fill in all the boxes to complete the challenge!

Activity Tips

- **Resources:** City Island is available online and in the PBS KIDS app.
- **Episodes to watch for this worksheet:** "Let's Vote", "Why is History Important?", "Flags and Their Symbols"
- **Together is better:** This activity is meant for group conversation, with a grown-up assisting the conversation.

Has voted in a
Presidential Election

Knows the colors of the
United States Flag

Can explain why we
study history

Can explain the 50 Stars
on the American Flag

Knows when the United
States was established

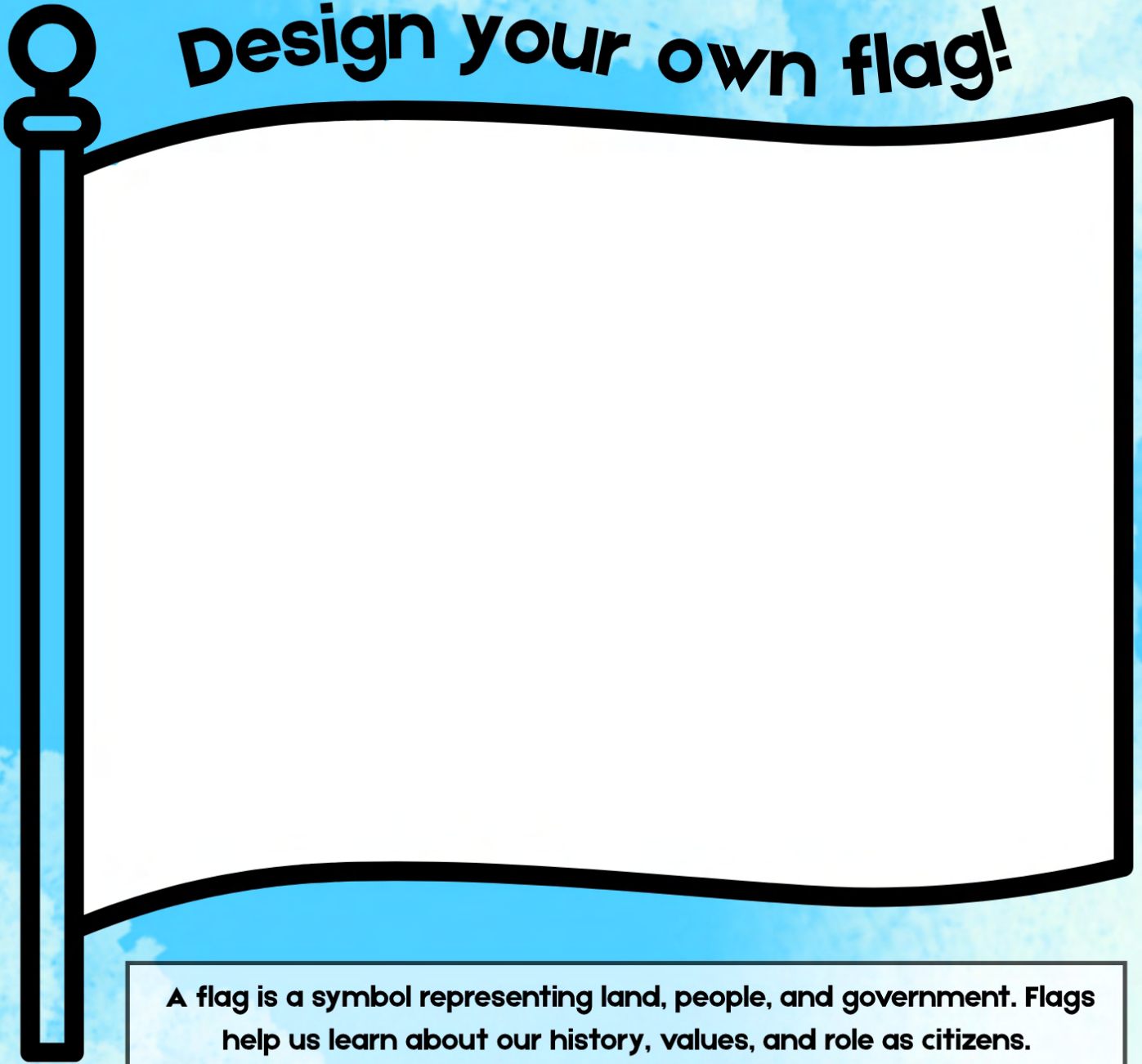
Has used voting to
decide what's for
dinner

Knows what flags are
meant to inspire

Can explain why voting
matters

Knows the Amendments
for voting equality

Design your own flag!



A flag is a symbol representing land, people, and government. Flags help us learn about our history, values, and role as citizens.

Design a flag that represents YOU!

Think about the symbols you would want to include on your flag. Tell someone about your flag and what the colors and symbols represent.



COUNCIL ON
CULTURE
& **ARTS**

Visit tallahasseearts.org to learn more about COCA and what's happening this summer!

Lyla's Playing Cards

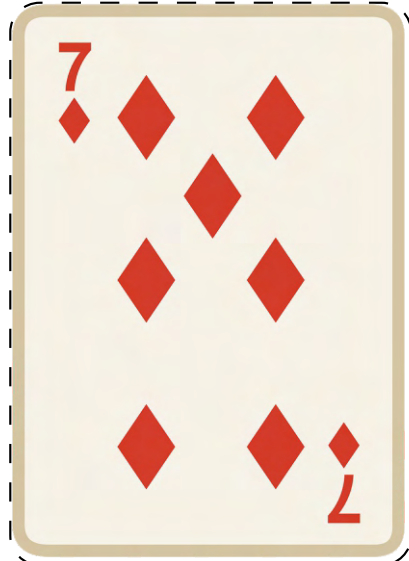
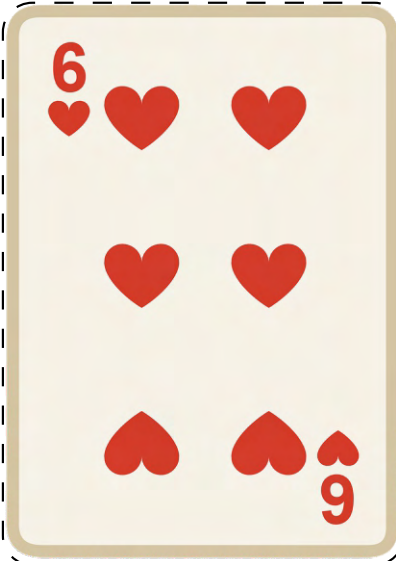
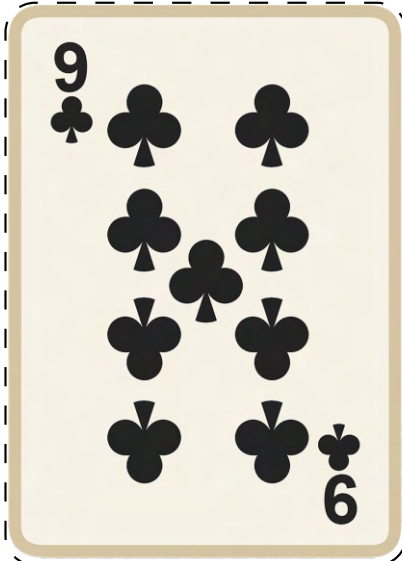
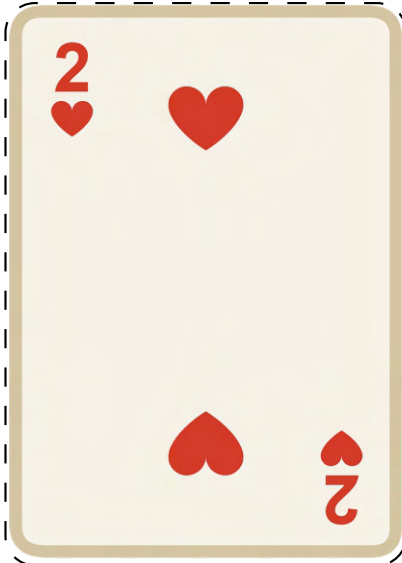
The history of using a deck of cards for games likely began in China with the invention of woodblock printing during the Tang Dynasty around the 900s! Since then, countless variations of card-based games have been played, and new variations are introduced often! Games are a great way to get to know people, create memories, and exchange ideas... and that is what civics is all about!



Find more games and activities at pbskids.org/lyla



Instructions: Print a copy and cut out these cards to play Lyla's card game! Put the cards face down. Assign activities to each card's symbol, such as hopping if you choose a heart card or doing a spin walk if you choose a club card. Have fun with your family and change the rules the next time you play!



**THE EXPERIENCES OF A YOUNG GIRL
DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:**

Betsy Ambler



Directions: Use the QR code to complete the interactive lesson and learn about the American Revolution through Betsy's experience. Then answer the questions.



**THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**
A FILM BY
KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT



Use the questions below for discussion or write down the answers.

- 1. How did the American Revolution affect Betsy Ambler's everyday life?**
- 2. How were Betsy Ambler's experiences different from other people's from the Revolutionary era about whom you may have learned?**
- 3. What can we learn about the American Revolution from Betsy Ambler's point of view?**

Make Your Own Wax Seal

A wax seal is a decorative and historical method of sealing envelopes or documents. It is made by melting special wax and pressing it with a metal stamper to leave a textured impression.

Supplies

- playdough or air-dry clay
- random small items

- round object
- hot glue
- silicone or baking paper

Instructions:

1. Flatten playdough or clay and use a small round object to cut out a circle.
2. Make an impression! Press a textured object (toy, leaf, key, coin, charm) into the playdough/clay to make a deep, clean impression.
3. Squeeze a dollop of hot glue onto silicone or baking paper. While the glue is still hot, lightly press the playdough impression into the glue.
4. Let the glue cool completely, then peel the stamp away.





Tip: You may need to use a toothbrush to wash all of the playdough out of the glue seal.



Historical Writing Instruments

Learn about the tools our founders used to draft the story of our democracy.



		Observe	Connect and Predict
Pictures	Items	What do you see? What color is it? What materials do you think it is made of?	What is a similar item that we have today? What do you think the artifacts were used for?
	Quill Pen		
	Inkwell		
	Pen Knife		
	Rag Paper		

We the People

The **United States Constitution** is a set of rules that help people in our country live and work together.

The beginning of the Constitution is called the **Preamble** and it starts with **“We the People.”**

The words “We the People” mean **all of us.**

We all play a part in our communities and making where we live better. At school or at a park, in museums or libraries, and in restaurants and grocery stores, we can do that by:

helping
our friends and
family

listening to
new ideas

cleaning up our
spaces

sharing our
thoughts

Draw a picture of YOU making where you live BETTER.



FLORIDA HISTORIC
CAPITOL MUSEUM

Work It Out Checklist

Learning to navigate disagreements with respect and empathy is a core pillar of citizenship, as it allows us to build common ground within our communities. Use this page to guide conflict into a healthy debate that keeps a democracy strong.

Create Rules

Make a set of rules to help both sides talk about the conflict.

When we talk...

When we listen...

Think About It

Complete the sentences:

Just before the fight, _____

We argued about _____

Then I felt _____ because _____

Take Responsibility

Ask yourself:

What part did I play in the conflict?

What did I do or say that was hurtful or taken the wrong way?

Find Solutions

Together, make a list of solutions.

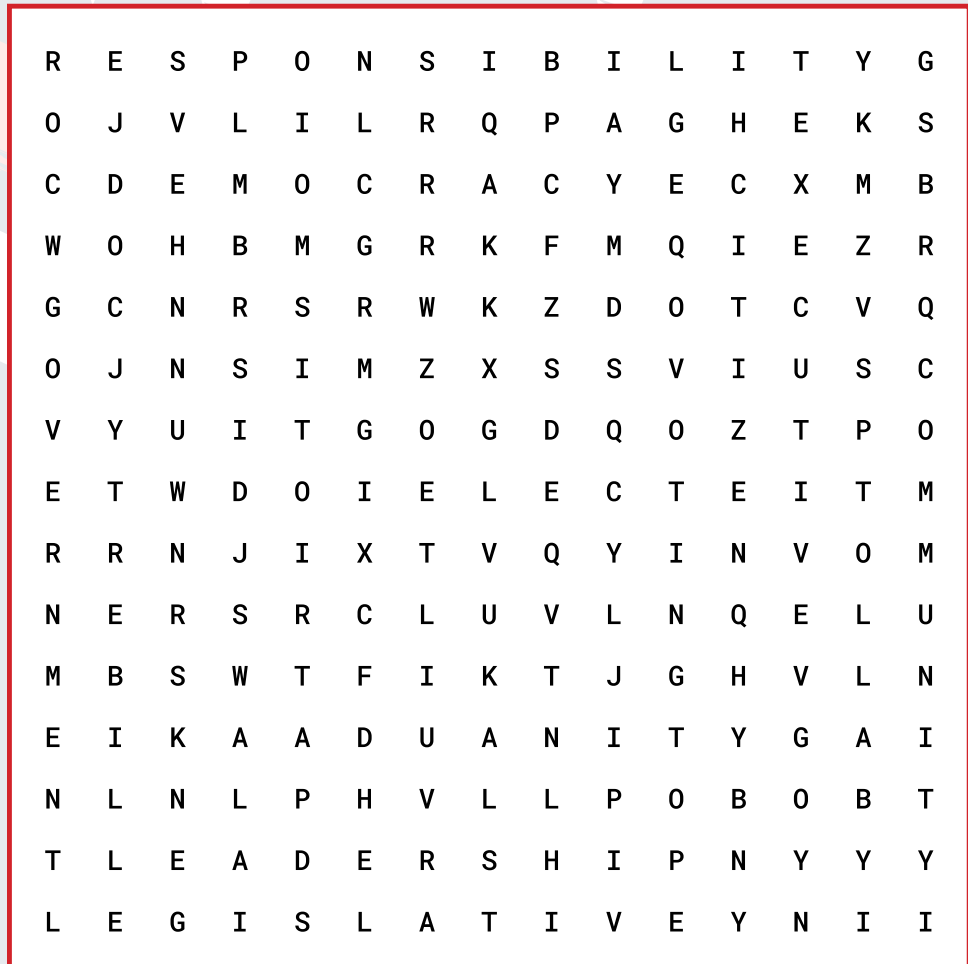
Choose one that you both like.



Be a Super Citizen: Word Search Challenge

Find all of the words hidden in the puzzle. Look for them down, across and diagonally.

- BALLOT
- CITIZEN
- COMMUNITY
- CONSTITUTION
- DEMOCRACY
- ELECT
- EXECUTIVE
- GOVERNMENT
- JUDICIAL
- LAWS
- LEADERSHIP
- LEGISLATIVE
- LIBERTY
- PATRIOTISM
- RESPONSIBILITY
- VOTING



What does freedom mean to you? How can you be a responsible citizen?
Explore these books and learn how you can be a super citizen.



Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
by Andrea Beaty



What Can a Citizen Do?
by Dave Eggers



Say Something
by Peter Reynolds





JOHN G. RILEY
CENTER & MUSEUM

EMANCIPATION QUILT

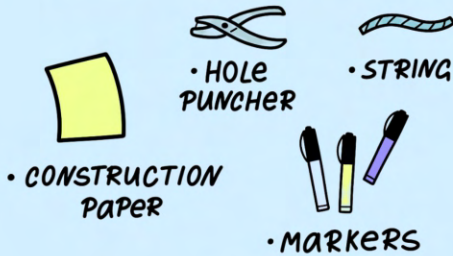


JOHN G. RILEY
CENTER & MUSEUM

After Emancipation, African Americans in Tallahassee took on vital roles as community leaders, educators, and church founders. During Reconstruction (1865-1877) and in the years that followed, they built schools, established churches, and actively participated in civic life, helping to shape and strengthen their communities for future generations. This activity reflects that spirit of civic leadership and community building through the creation of a Heritage Quilt. Each student designs a colorful "quilt square" representing themes of leadership, unity, and resilience. When combined, the squares form a large quilt mural, a symbol of connection and perseverance.

STEP 1:

GATHER MATERIALS



STEP 2:

DECORATE CONSTRUCTION PAPER



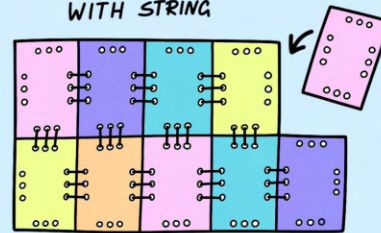
STEP 3:

PUNCH 3 HOLES ON EACH EDGE OF PAPER (12 HOLES TOTAL)

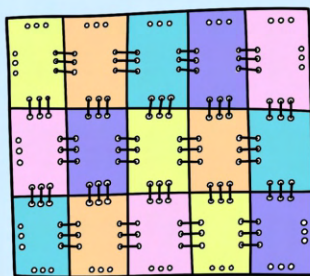


STEP 4:

TIE EACH END TOGETHER WITH STRING



STEP 5:



DISPLAY
YOUR
QUILT!



HOW TO TIE A KNOT:

- ① MAKE A LOOP
- ② LOOP TOP THREAD AROUND THE BACK AND THROUGH THE LOOP
- ③ PULL TIGHT

Join us at the John G. Riley Center and Museum to learn more about African-American history in Tallahassee!



Activism helps preserve traditions and heritage. How well do you know your own? Research a tradition, festival, or art form from your area and answer the questions below.

What is the name of the tradition, festival, or cultural art form?

Describe what it is and how it is practiced.

Explain why it matters to you, your community, or your region.

What can you do to make sure it is protected?



Astronaut Mission Log

International Space Station (ISS) Simulation

EARTH OBSERVER

5 POINTS EACH

- SPOTTED A WEATHER PATTERN (STORM, CLOUDS, HURRICANE)
- DESCRIBE THE EARTH USING 3 WORDS

SPACE WATCHER

5 POINTS EACH

- OBSERVED THE MOON
- COUNTED THE STARS
- SPOTTED SOMETHING MOVING (SATELLITE, SPACECRAFT)

MEDICAL SPECIALIST

5 POINTS EACH

- RECORDED HEART RATE
- WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE YOU RECORDED YOUR HEART RATE? (RUNNING, SITTING, JUMPING)

SCIENCE SPECIALIST

5 POINTS EACH

- READ A BOOK
- COMPLETED AN EXPERIMENT

ASTRONAUT REFLECTION

5 POINTS EACH

- MY FAVORITE PART OF TODAY WAS:

- ONE CHALLENGE I HAD:

- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:

The International Space Station is a place where people from different countries work together. They share ideas and help each other learn.

SCORECARD

Add up your points

- 0-15 PTS: CADET
- 20-40 PTS: SPECIALIST
- 45-60 PTS: COMMANDER



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WHAT TO PLAY

Adventure starts on the PBS KIDS Games app



CITY ISLAND

Encourages curiosity and exploration



XAVIER RIDDLE
Develops creativity through storytelling

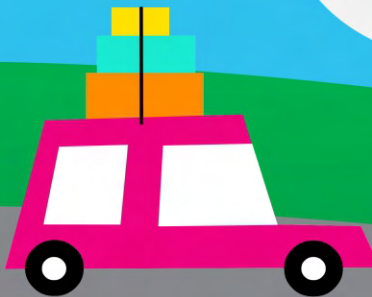


WILD KRATTS

Promotes discovery about animals



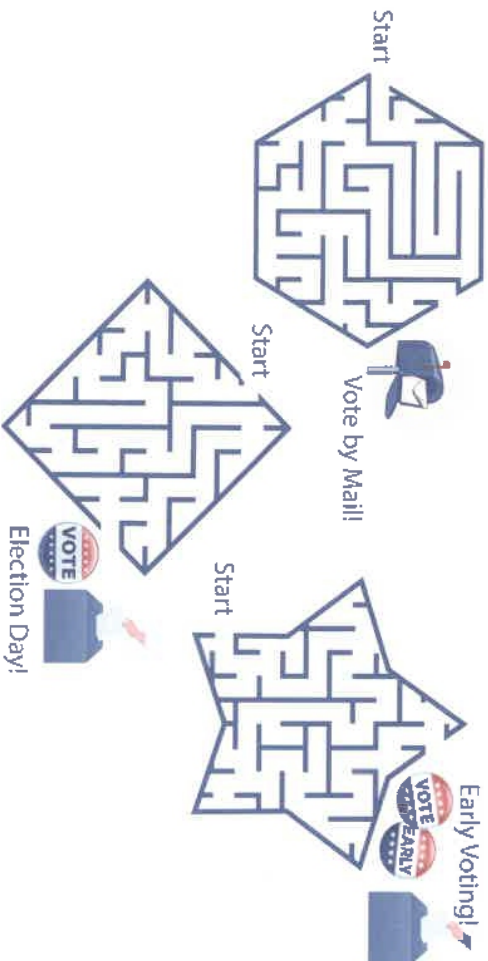
MOLLY OF DENALI
Builds problem-solving through nature



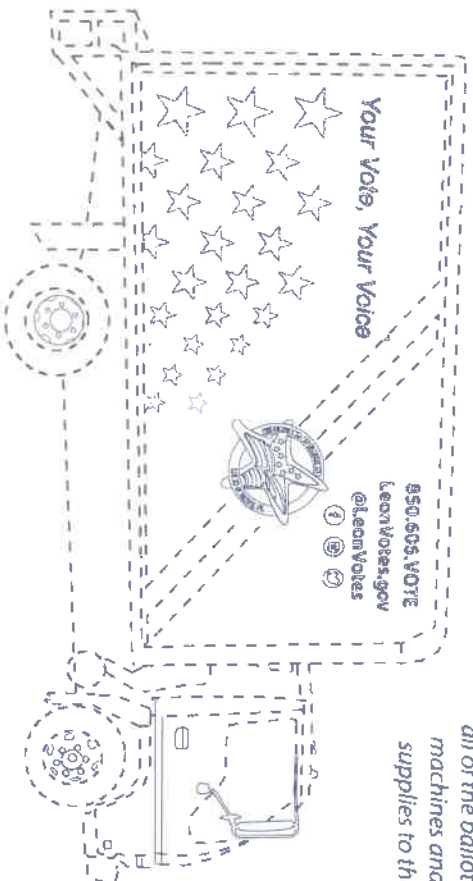


Activities for Future Voters!

Once you get registered, you can choose one of the 3 ways to vote. Find the best way to vote.



Trace the Truck!



Our delivery truck and many others help us get all of the ballots, voting machines and voting supplies to the polls.

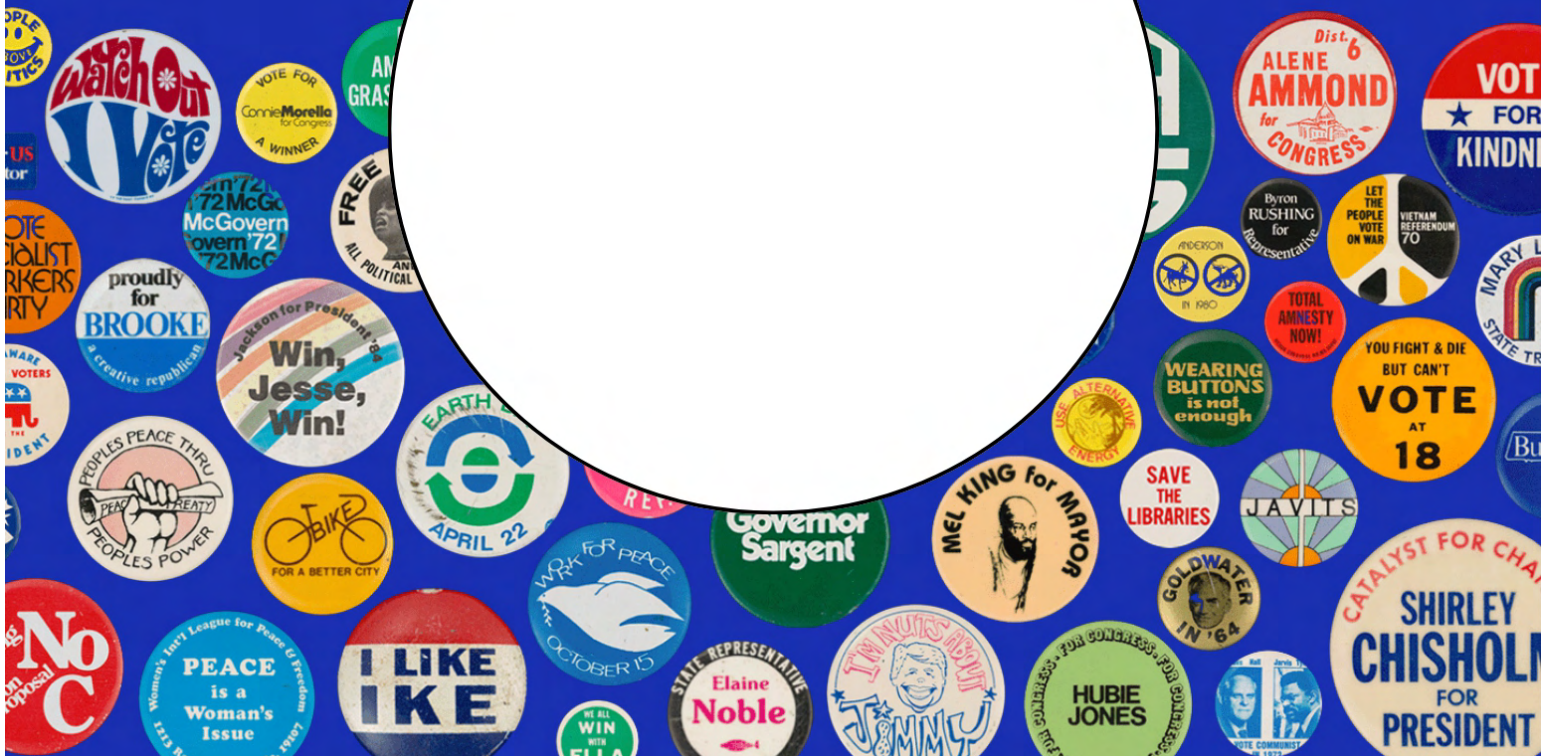
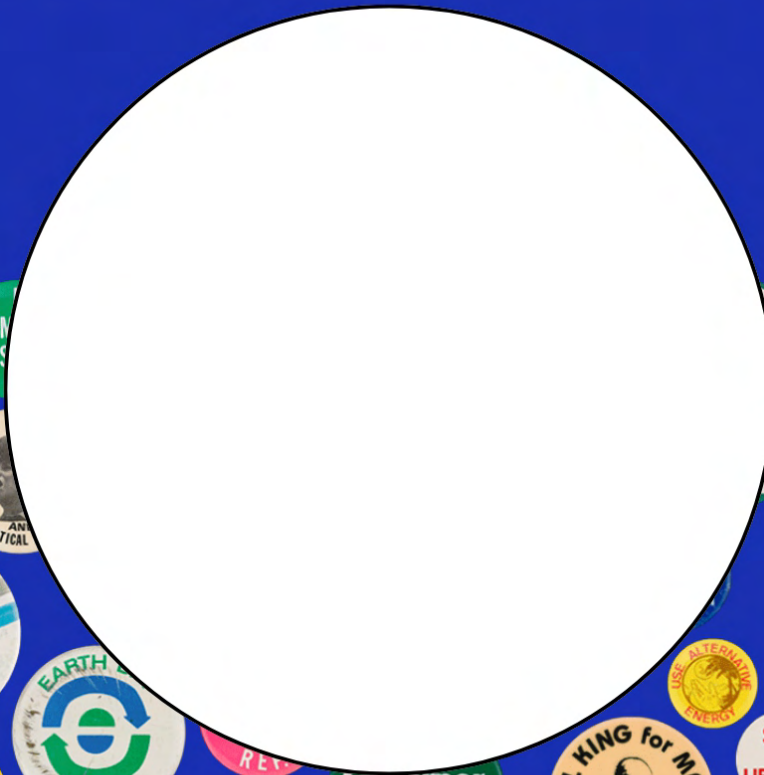
Future Voter Super Word Search!

A X M V A B E G D U U E K B R U U Y J E E Z I O
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| AMENDMENT | PETITION | CHOICE |
| VOICE | VOTE | VOTE BY MAIL |
| UNDERVOTE | REGISTRATION | PRIMARY ELECTION |
| OVERVOTE | OVAL | GENERAL ELECTION |
| EARLY VOTING | BALLOT | DEMOCRACY |
| CONSTITUTION | | |

CAMPAIGN BUTTONS ARE SMALL, WEARABLE SIGNS THAT SHOW SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES OR ISSUES. THESE COLORFUL PINS ALLOW PEOPLE TO EXPRESS OPINIONS AND ARE POPULAR ITEMS FOR COLLECTING TO LEARN ABOUT HISTORY.

DESIGN YOUR OWN CAMPAIGN BUTTON



THE CCC SCAVENGER HUNT

The Tallahassee Community Classroom Consortium is a group of out-of-school education institutions providing learning opportunities through exciting local experiences. Can you visit all the places on the list?

LEON COUNTY
PUBLIC
LIBRARIES

THE GROVE
MUSEUM

TALLAHASSEE
MUSEUM

UNION BANK
MUSEUM

FSU MUSEUM OF
FINE ARTS
(MoFA)

THE JOHN G.
RILEY HOUSE

GOODWOOD
MUSEUM &
GARDENS

CHALLENGER
LEARNING
CENTER

WFSU
PUBLIC
MEDIA

UF IFAS
EXTENSION

MISSION
SAN LUIS

LEMOYNE
ARTS

HISTORIC
CAPITOL
MUSEUM

MUSEUM OF
FLORIDA HISTORY



COMMUNITY
CLASSROOM
CONSORTIUM

TOTAL SCORE: /14