

# The National Archives 2021 Fourth of July Activity Packet



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# DECLARATION FACTS

The Declaration is on permanent display in the Rotunda for the National Archives, Washington D.C.



- The back of the document says, "Original Declaration of Independence, dated 4th July 1776."
- There are 26 copies known to exist of what is commonly referred to as "The Dunlap Broadside"
- John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, was the first signer.
- The document measures 24 1/4 by 29 3/4 inches.
- A hand print appears on the bottom left corner, its origin and circumstances are not known.
- The Declaration moved from city to city with Congress during the Revolutionary War. In 1789, it was officially transferred to the custody of the Secretary of State. Then it moved with the capital of the country, first from New York to Philadelphia, then in 1800 to the District of Columbia.
- It is housed in a specially sealed encasement, and is closely guarded.
- The movie *National Treasure* was not filmed inside the National Archives building. A reproduction document was used in the filming of the movie.

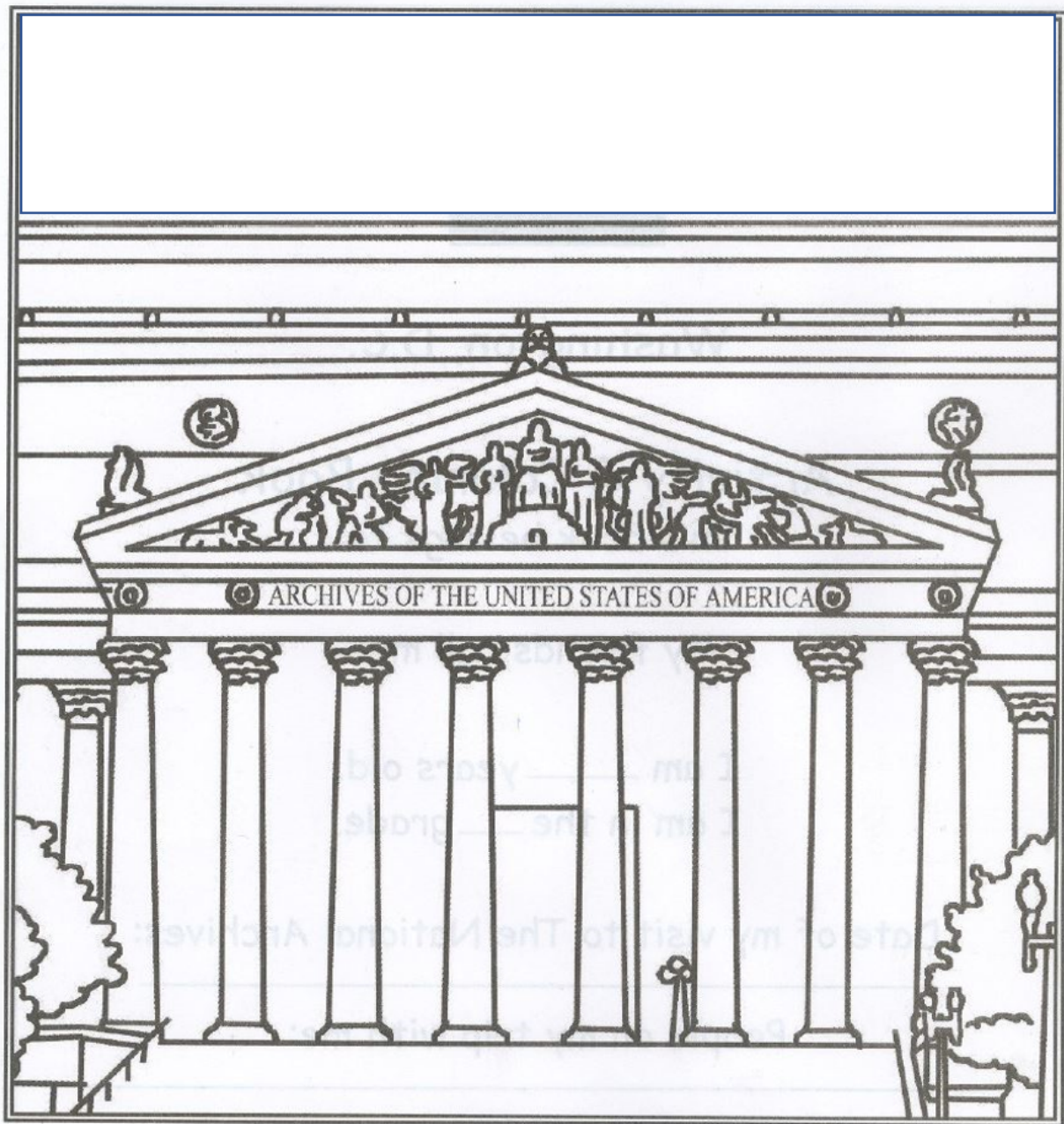
Learn more about the declaration at:

[www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html)



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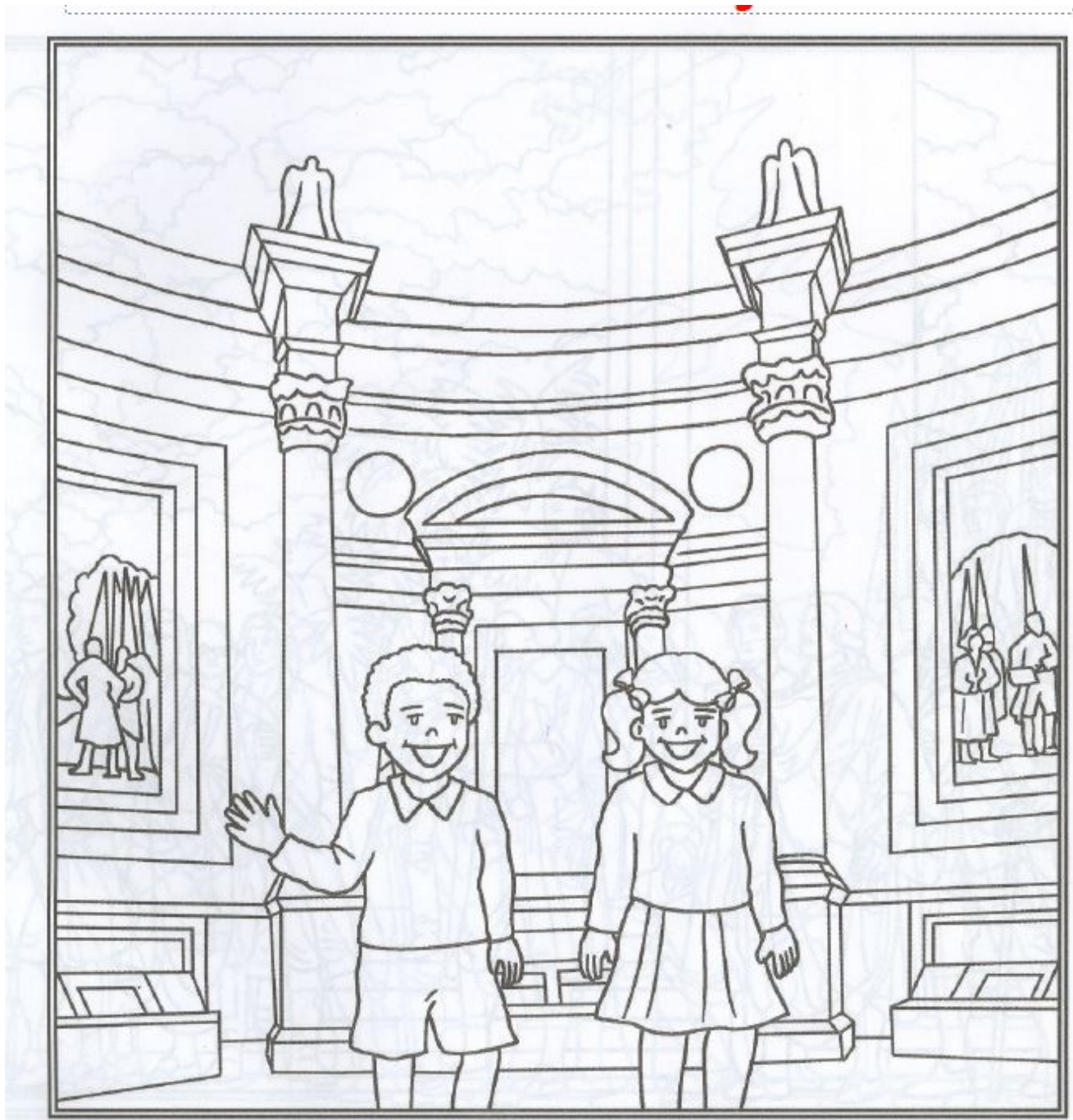
**Welcome to the National Archives, our national recordkeeper of important events in American history. The National Archives and Records Administration was created in 1934 to safeguard important documents of all three branches of the Federal Government. Other locations, including Presidential Libraries, store historical materials from coast to coast.**



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**The Rotunda is where the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States and Bill of Rights are proudly displayed, sealed and scientifically preserved in the National Archives. The Emancipation Proclamation, which declared freedom for persons held as slaves, is kept at the Archives, too.**



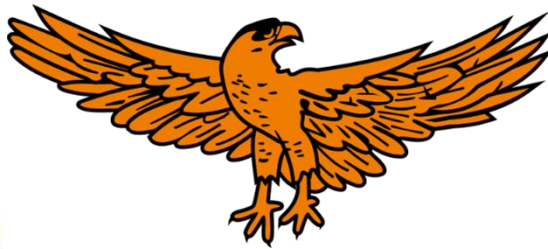
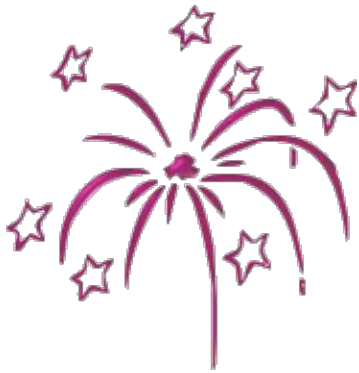
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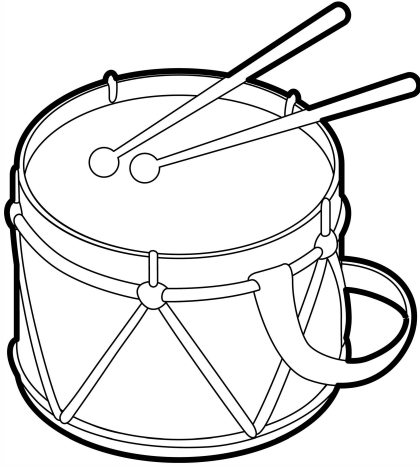
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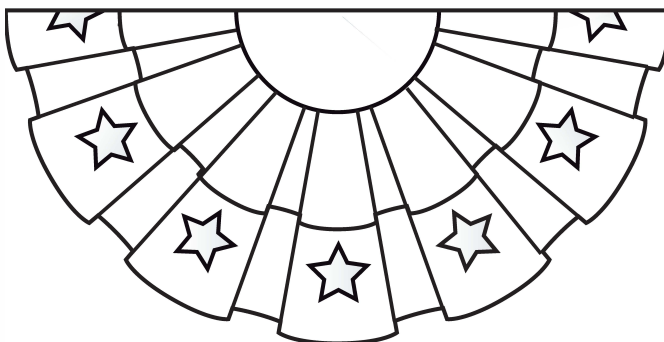
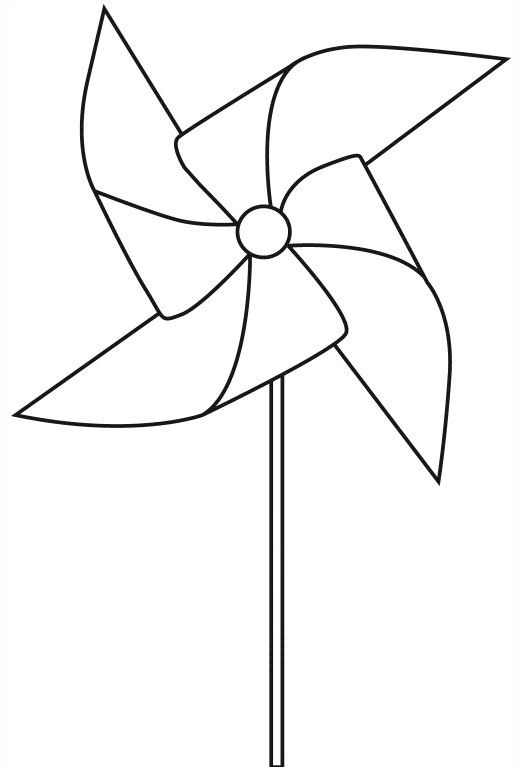
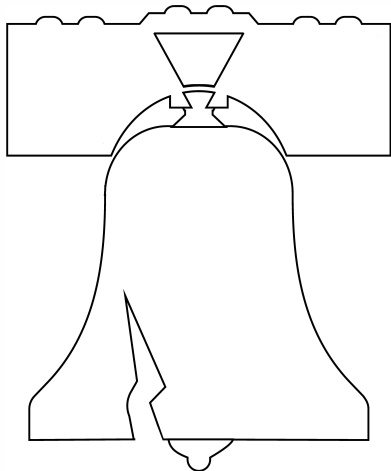
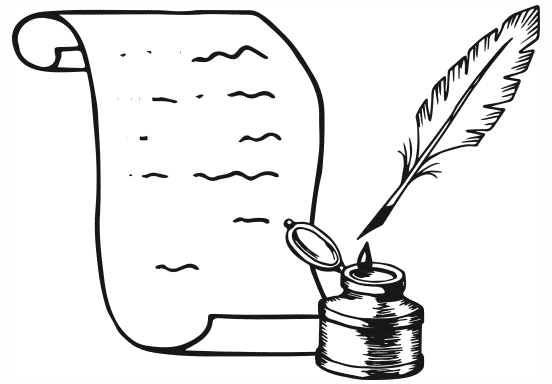
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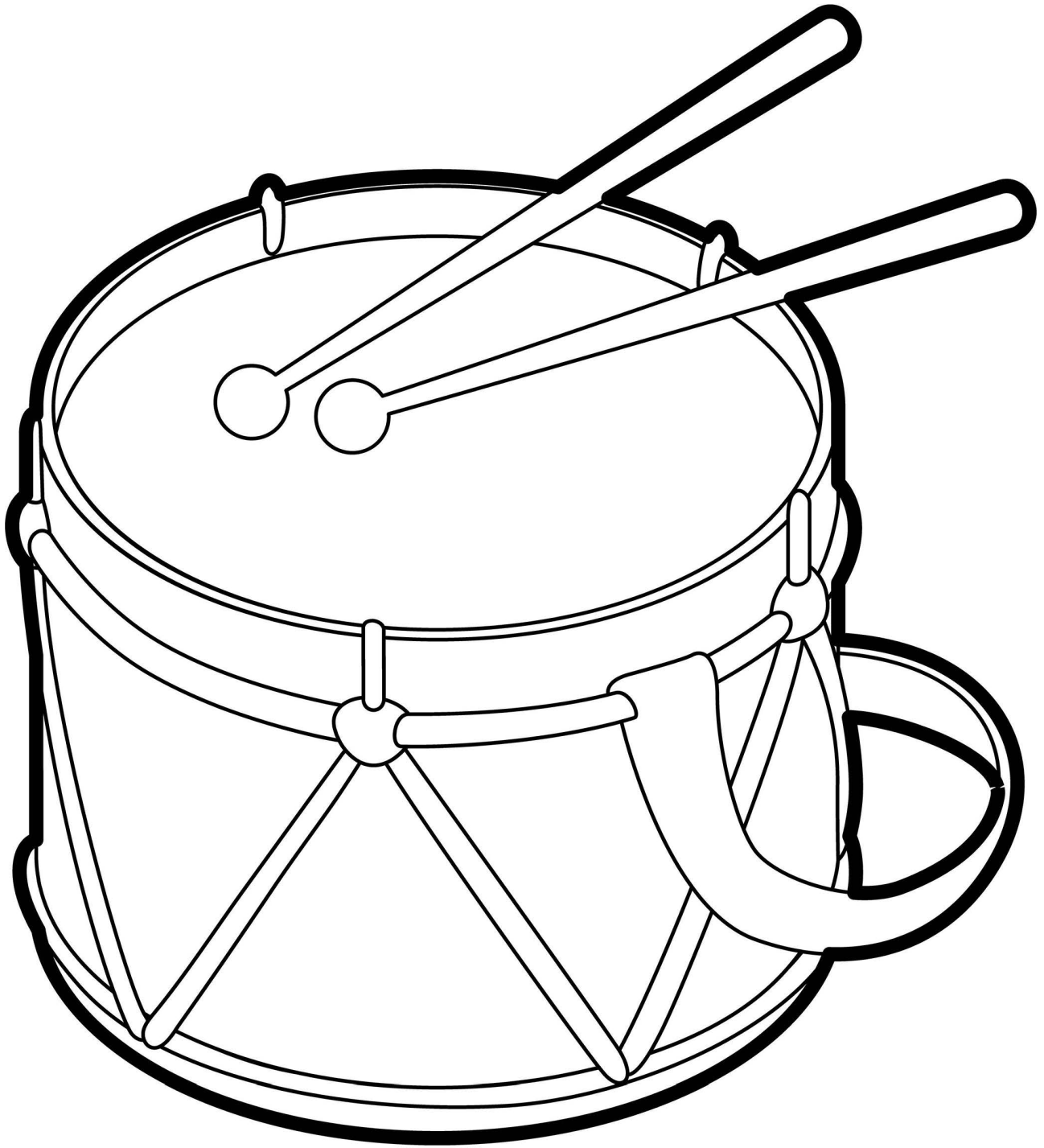
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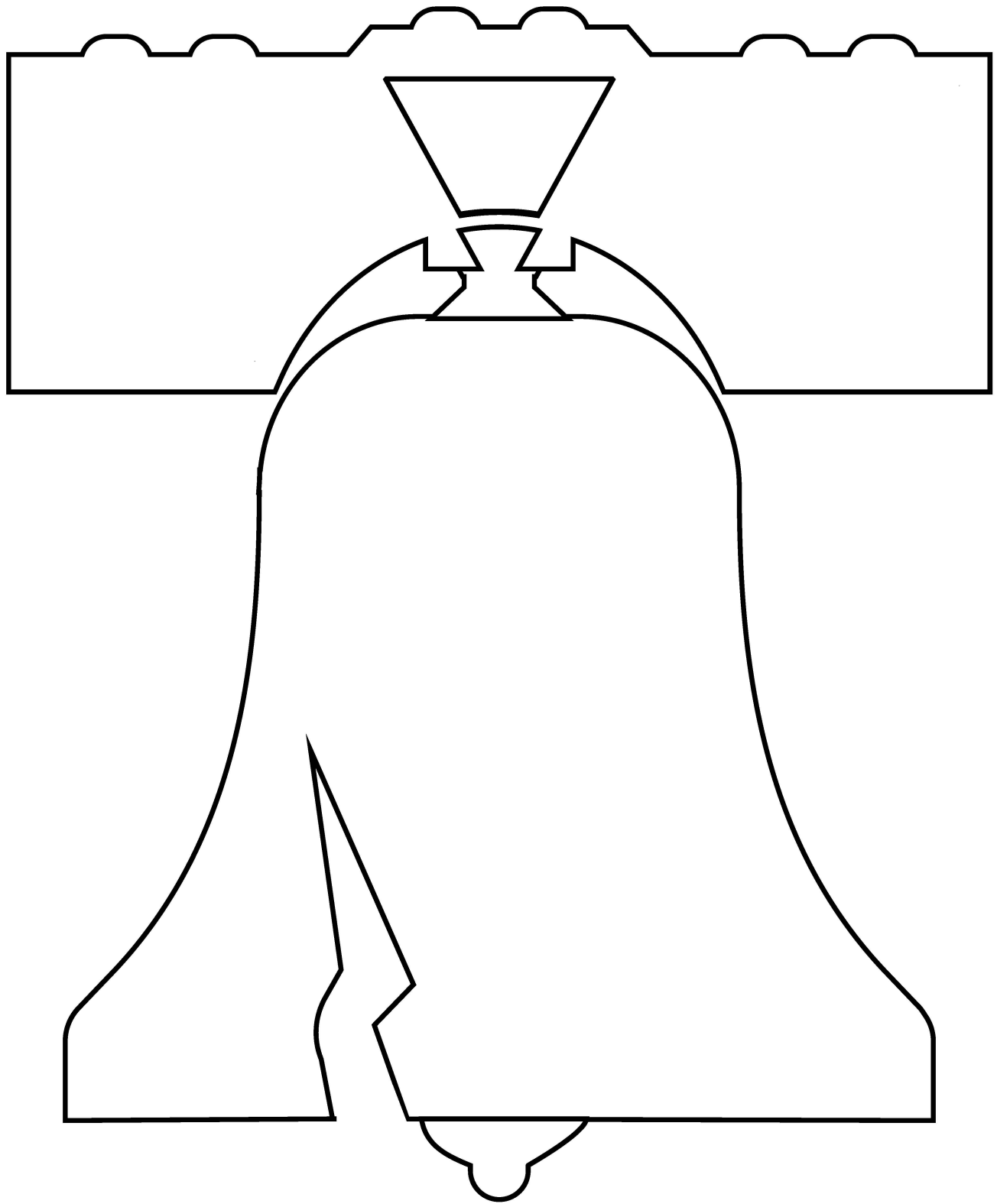


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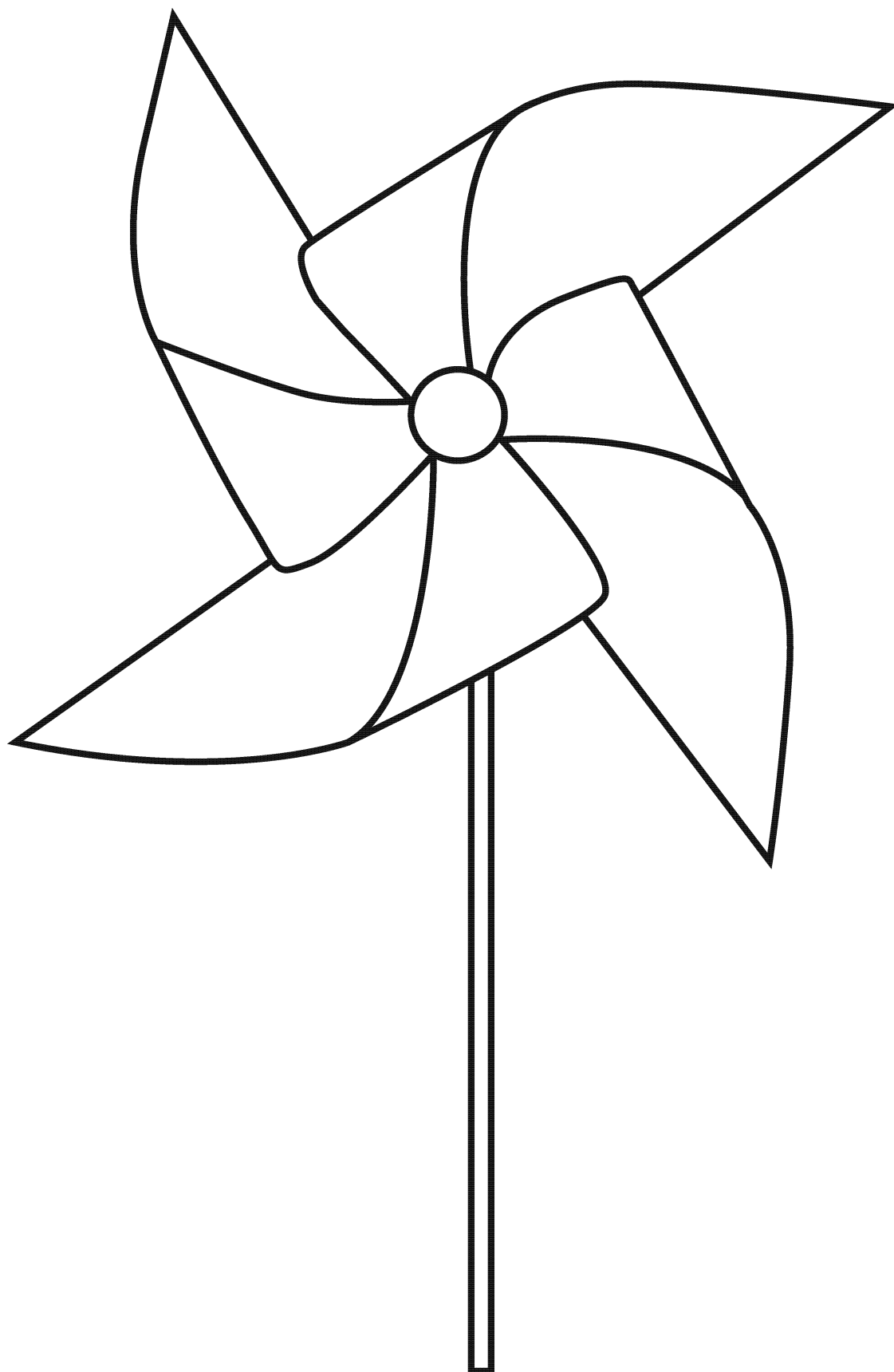


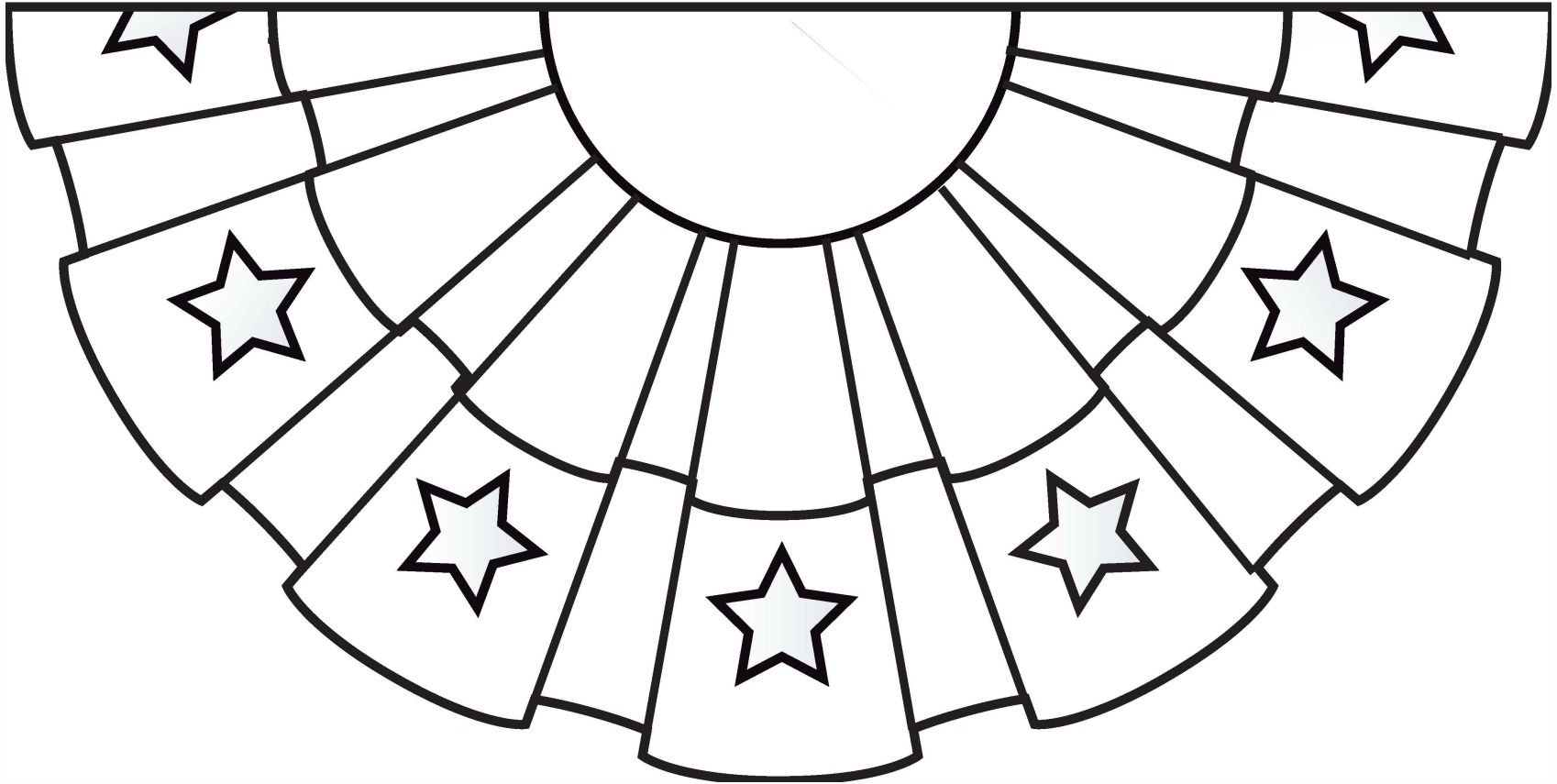


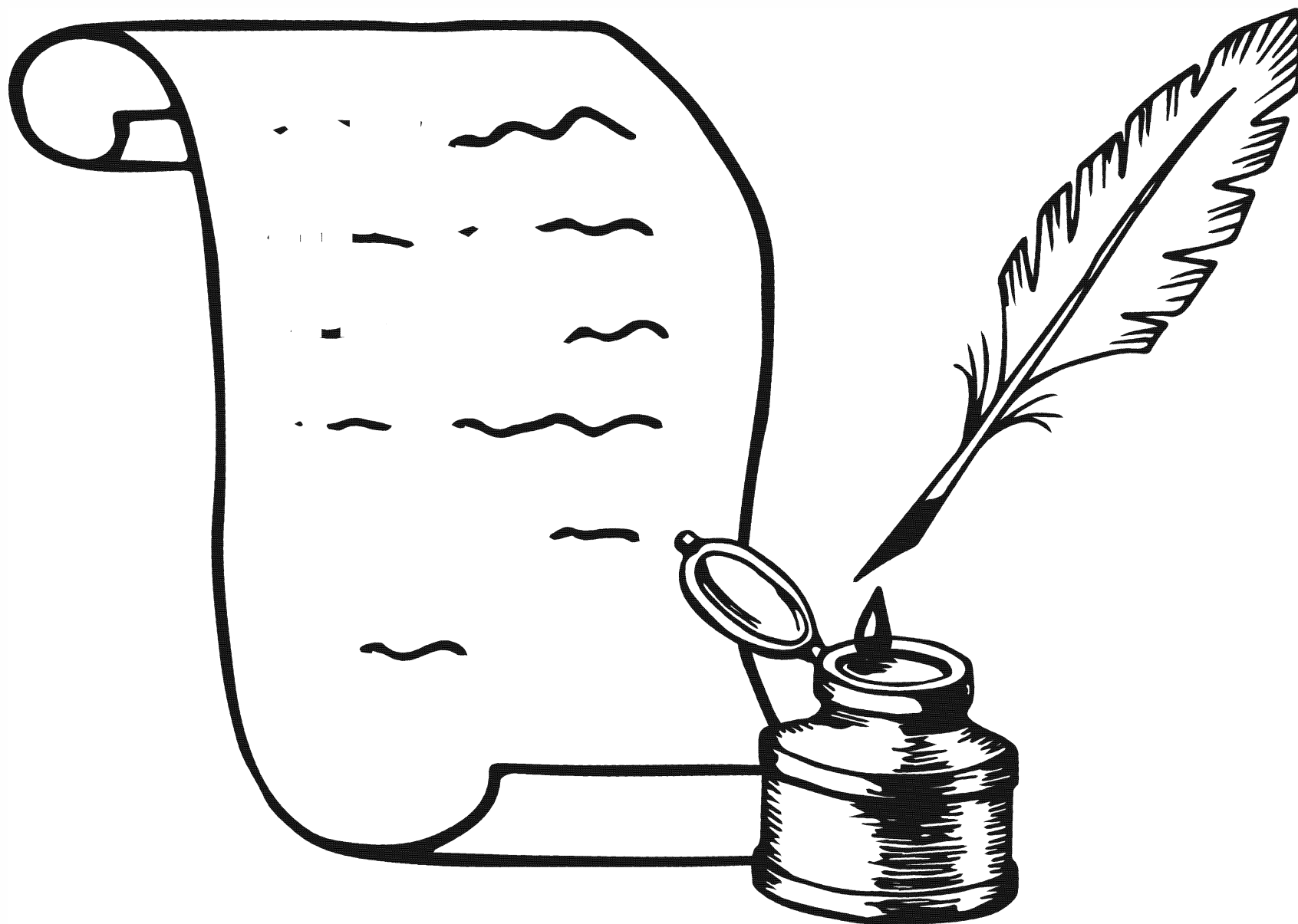






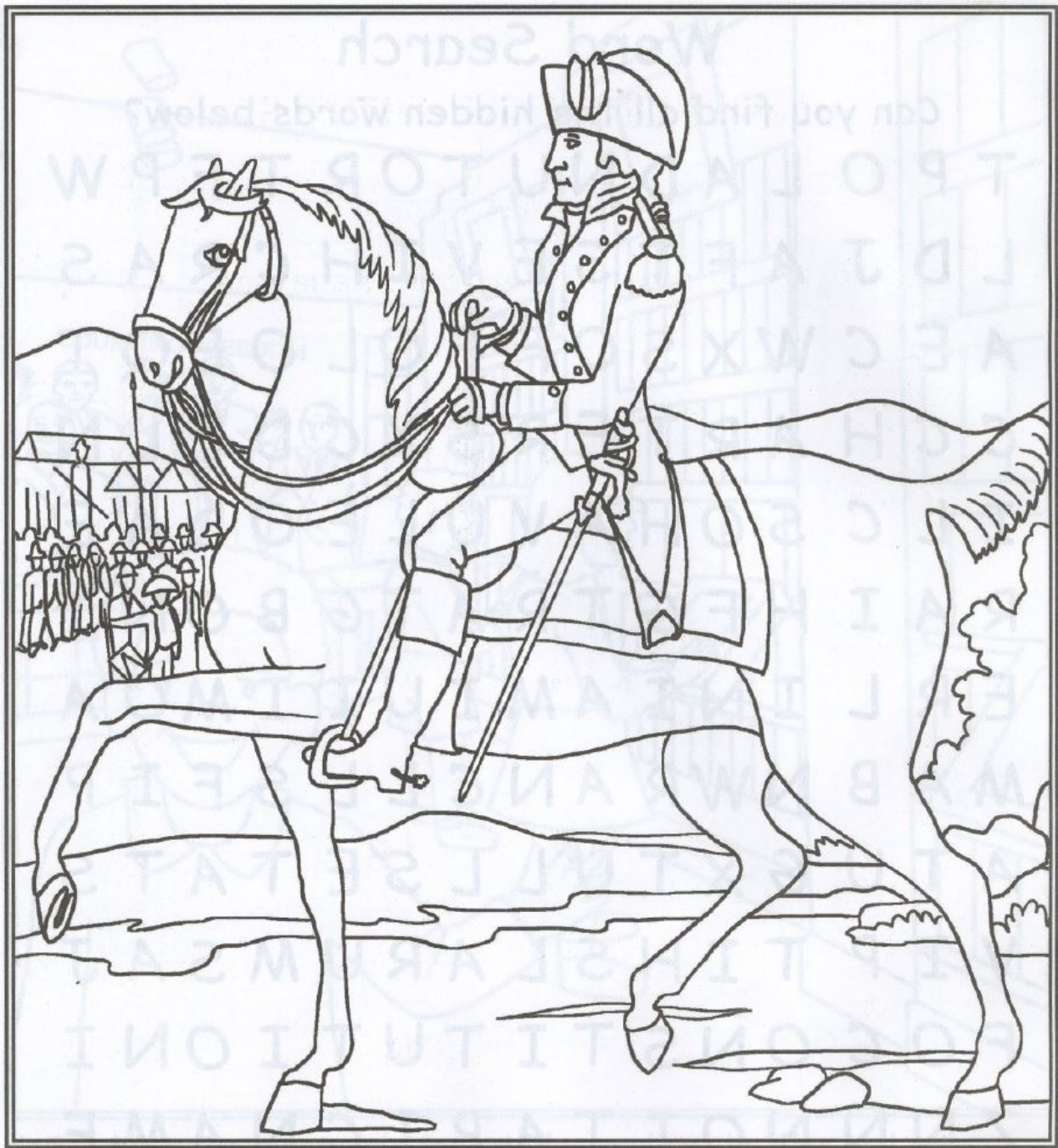






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Records of all the presidents starting with George Washington are kept in the Archives. Also kept here are treaties, medals for military bravery, and thousands of patent drawings, including Mrs. S. E. Saul's seesaw, like ones you might see at a playground.



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## Secret Message

Match up the numbers with the letters

17 18 26 28 16 5 14 16 12

6 7 14 5 7 6

21 18 5 18

### Secret Kids Code

A-14 B-15 C-16 D-17 E-18 F-19 G-20 H-21

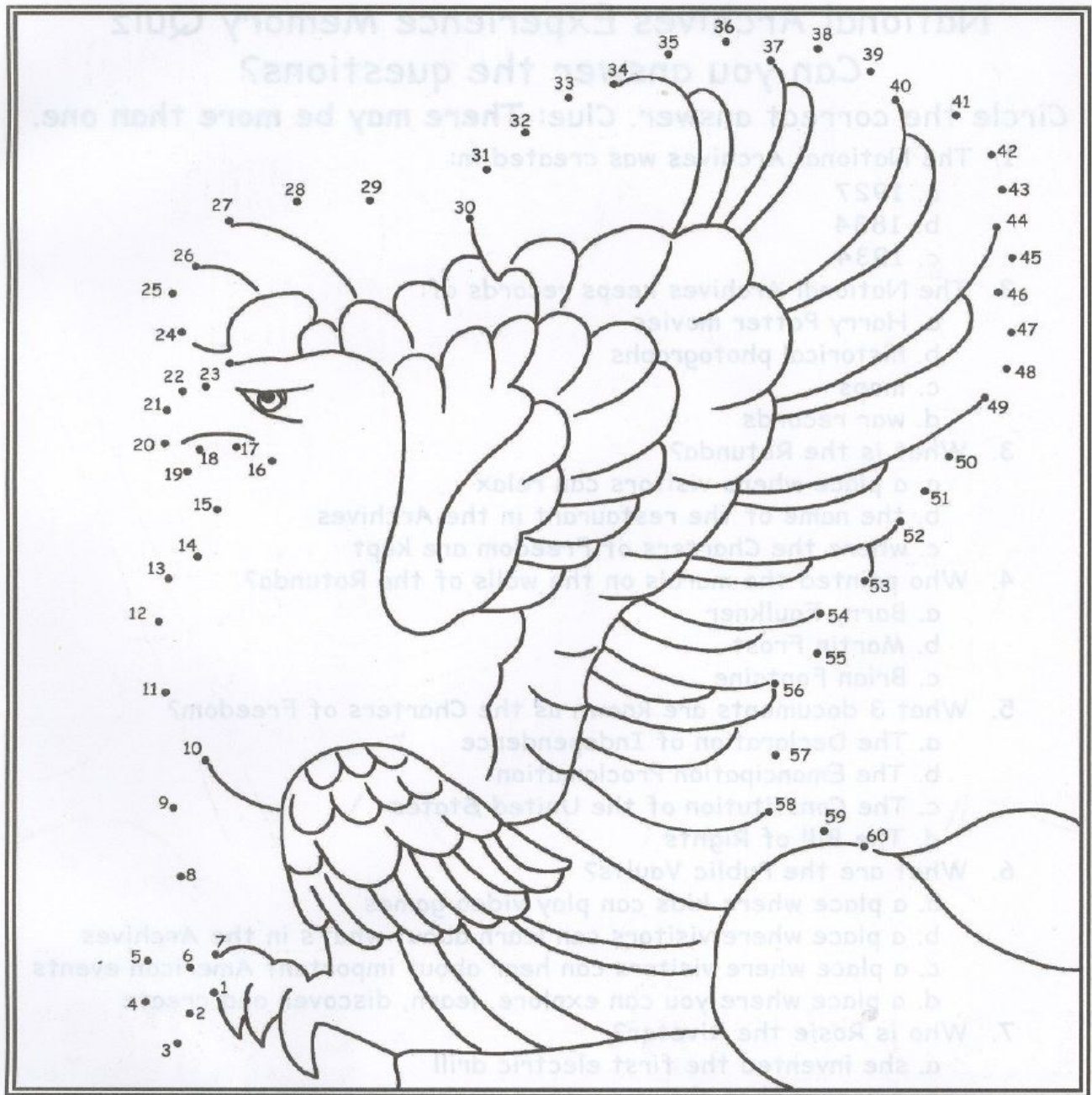
I-22 J-23 K-24 L-25 M-26 N-27 O-28 P-3

Q-4 R-5 S-6 T-7 U-8 V-9 W-10 X-11 Y-12 Z-13



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Name this animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Find it on a building.

Take time to look at the outside of the National Archives building. You will see 72 columns, 4 large limestone statues, carvings of animals, and at the top of the building the Great Seal of the nation. The building was designed by the architect John Russell Pope.



## Word Search

Can you find all the hidden words below?

T P O L A D N U T O R T F P W  
L D J A F T S E V I H C R A S  
A E C W X S O F F O L O E Q T  
C C H A R T E R S X C D E L N  
I L C S O H A V U L E O D A E  
R A I H F G T R A T G B O N T  
E R L I N I A M I U I I M O A  
M A B N W R A N C L L S F I P  
A T U G X T U L L S E T A T S  
V I P T I H S L A R U M S A J  
F O C O N S T I T U T I O N I  
Z N N N O I T A P I C N A M E

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