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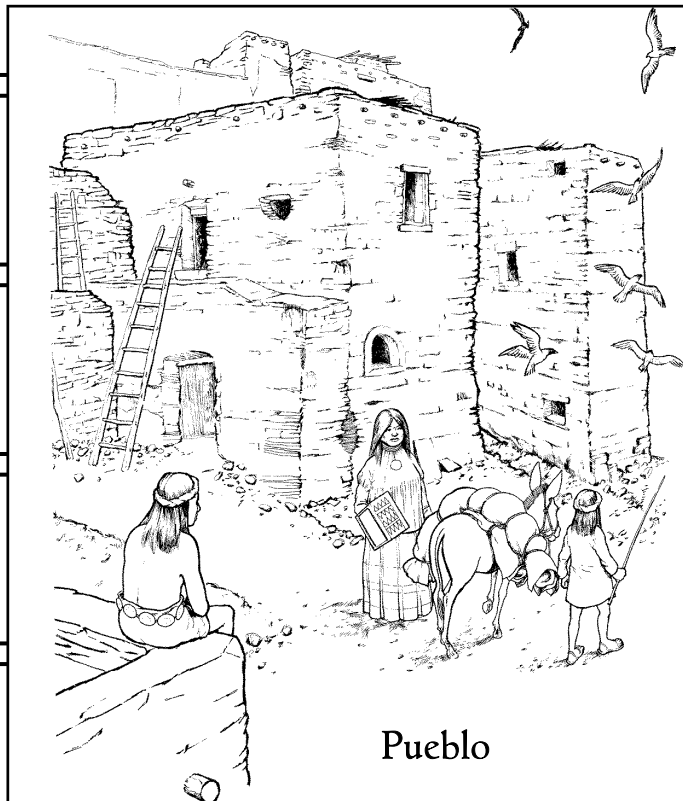
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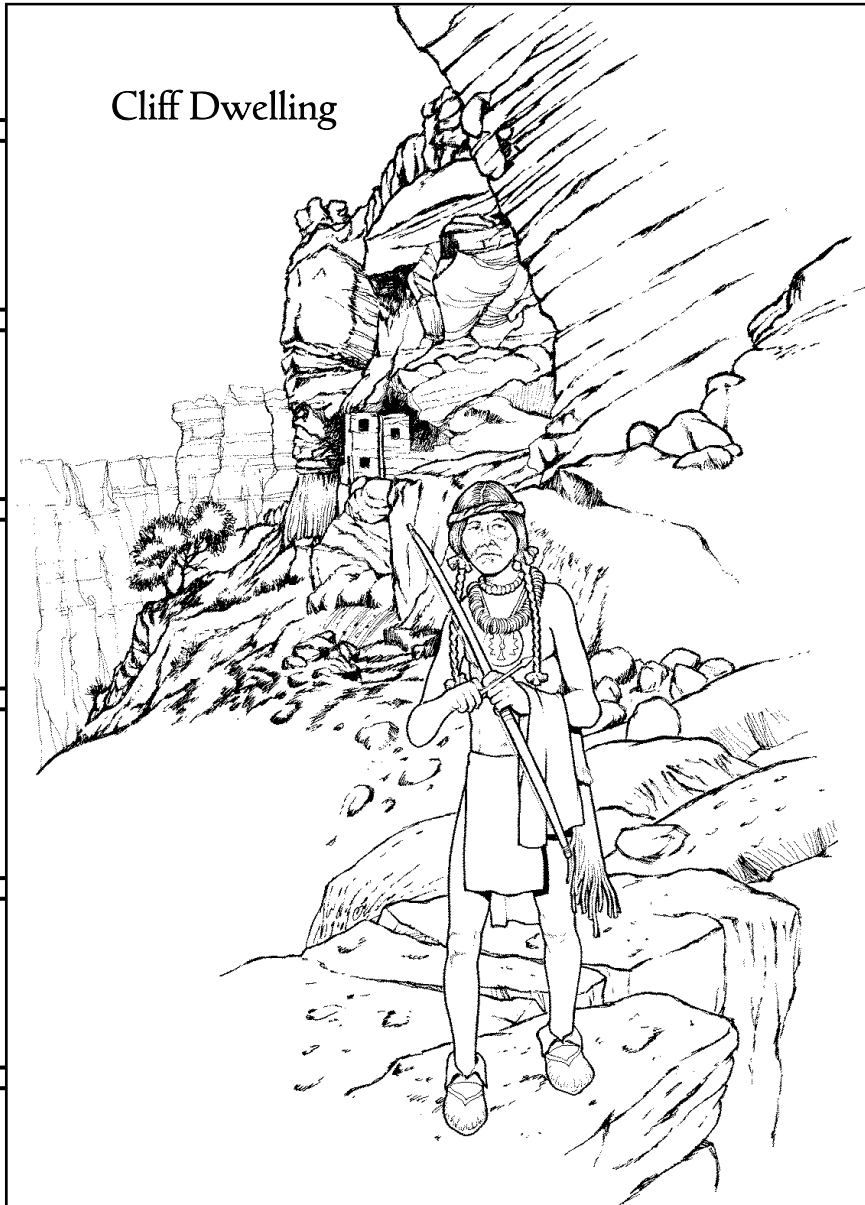
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• The Hopi people of the Southwest begin to occupy the present-day village of Oriabi.

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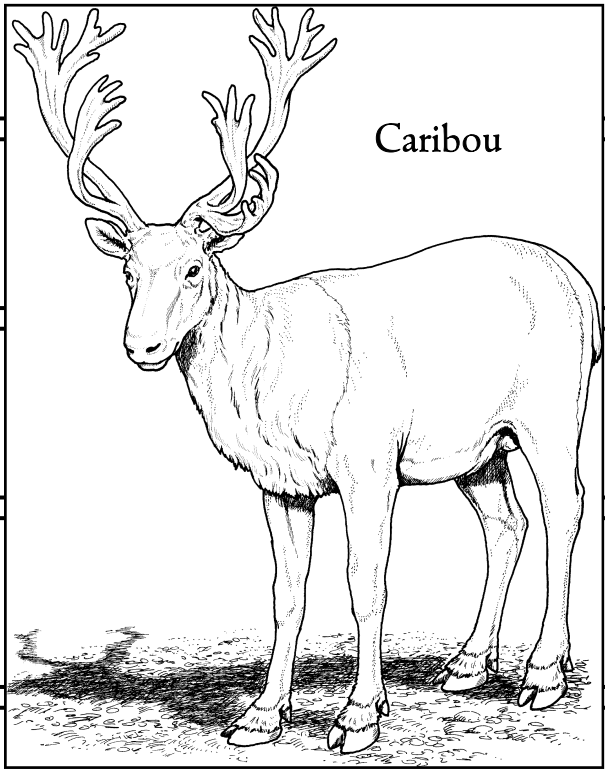
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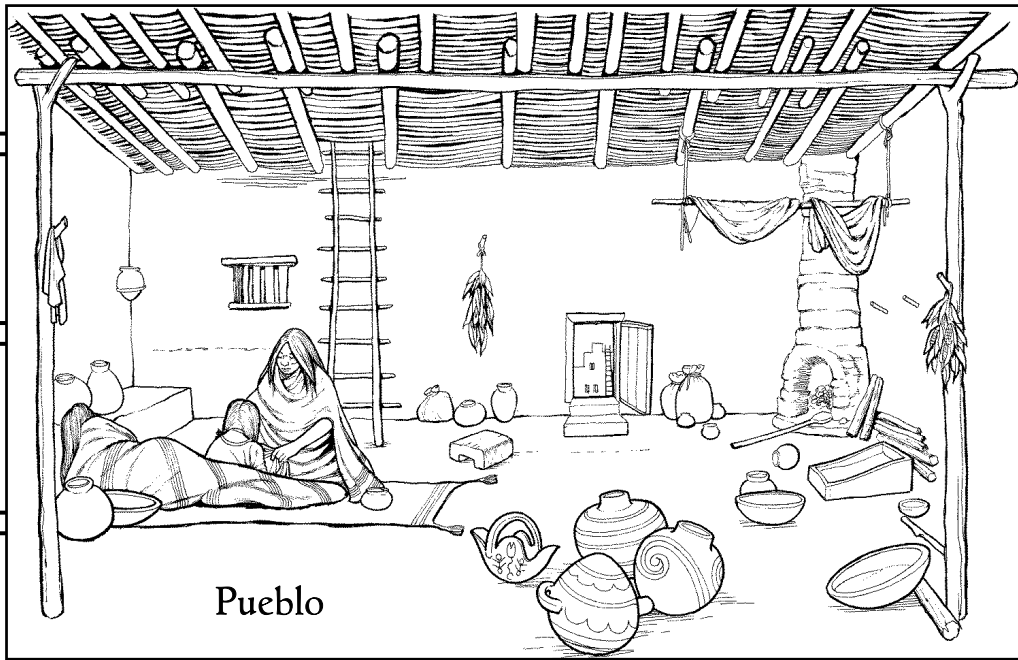
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- Ancient Puebloans begin to migrate into New Mexico and Arizona.

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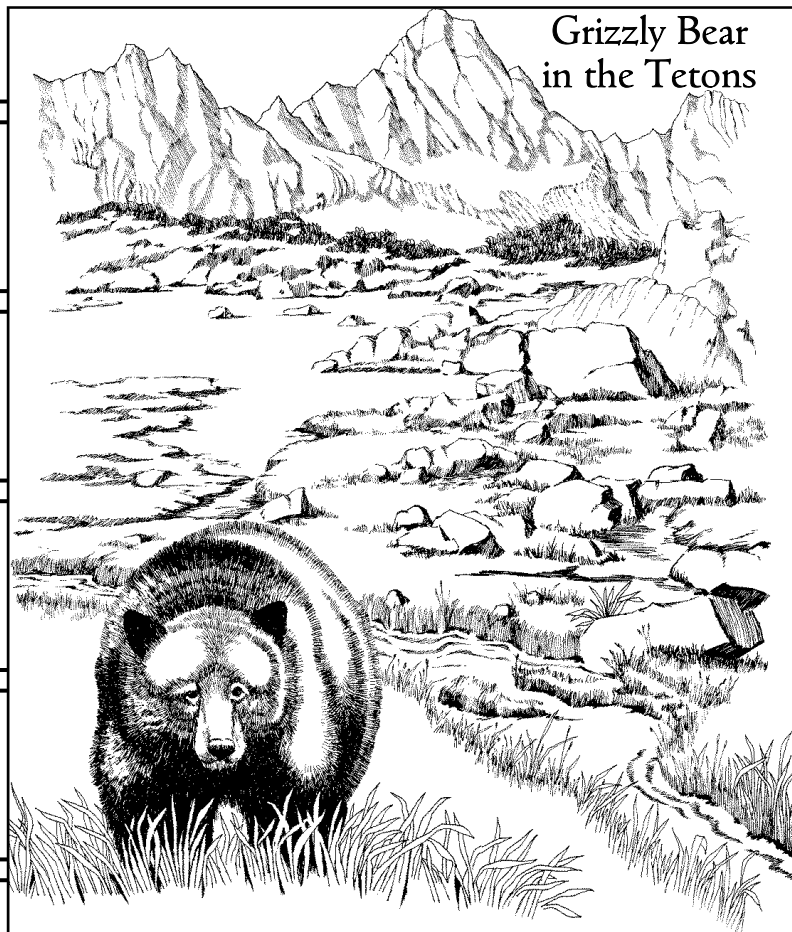
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- Taos Pueblo is built in New Mexico.

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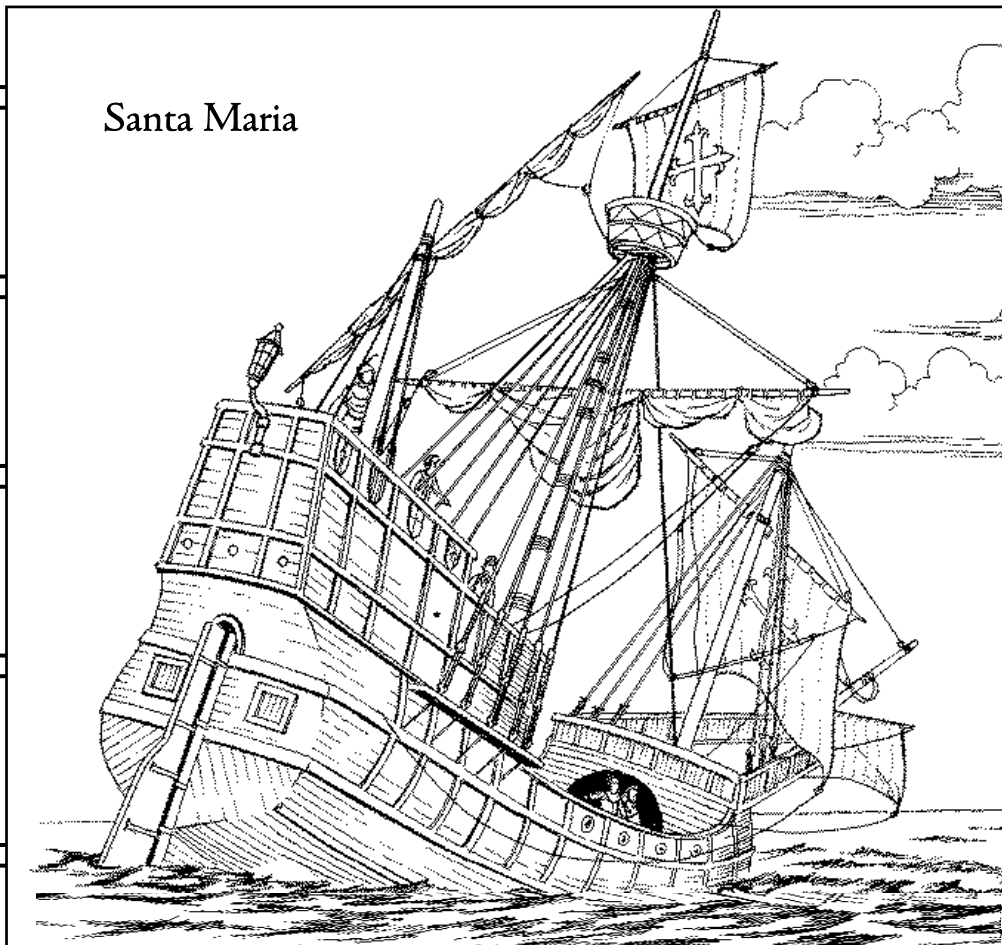
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- In 1492 Christopher Columbus and his crew land on a Caribbean island.
- In 1493 Columbus makes a second voyage accompanied by Ponce de Leon.
- In 1497 John Cabot sails to Newfoundland in Canada on behalf of England.
- In 1498 Columbus makes a third voyage to the New World.

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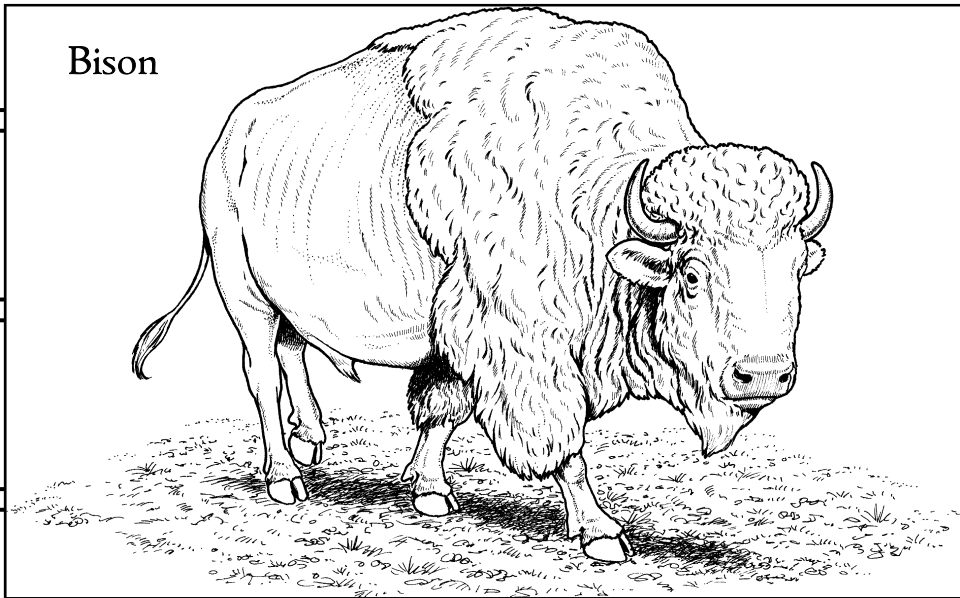
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• Columbus makes a fourth and final voyage to the New World.

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- Balboa crosses Panama and sees the Pacific Ocean.
- Ponce de León lands in what will become Florida.

Native American with Spanish Explorers

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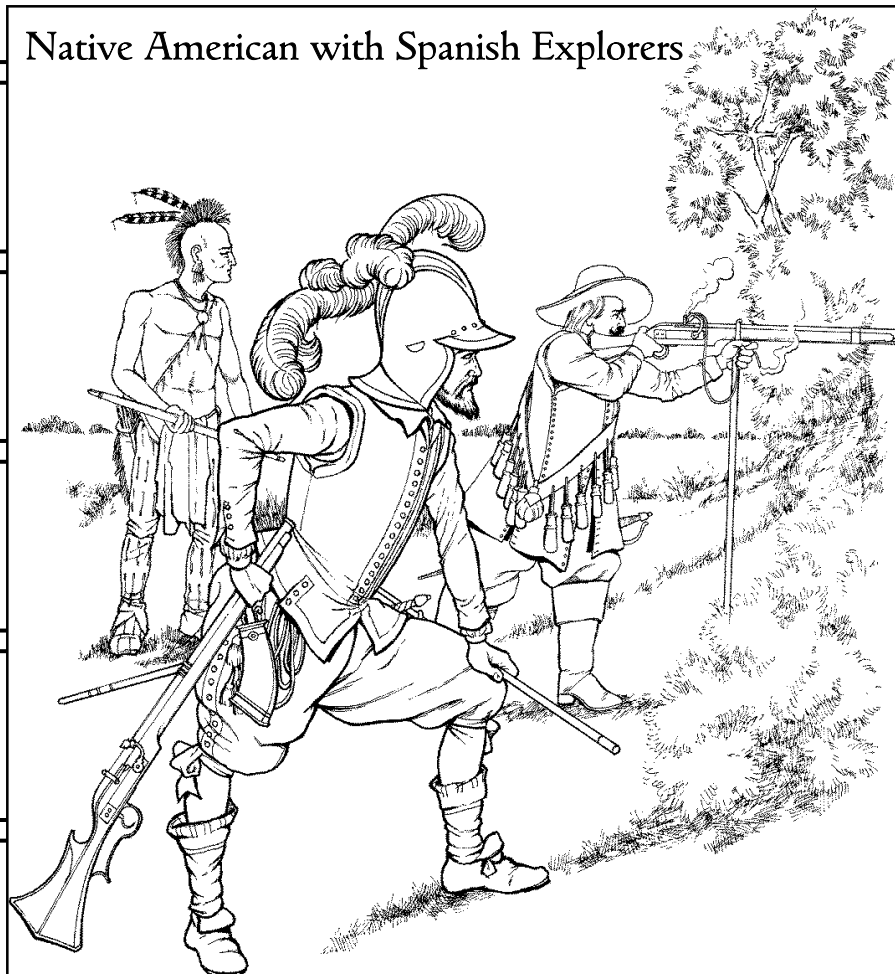
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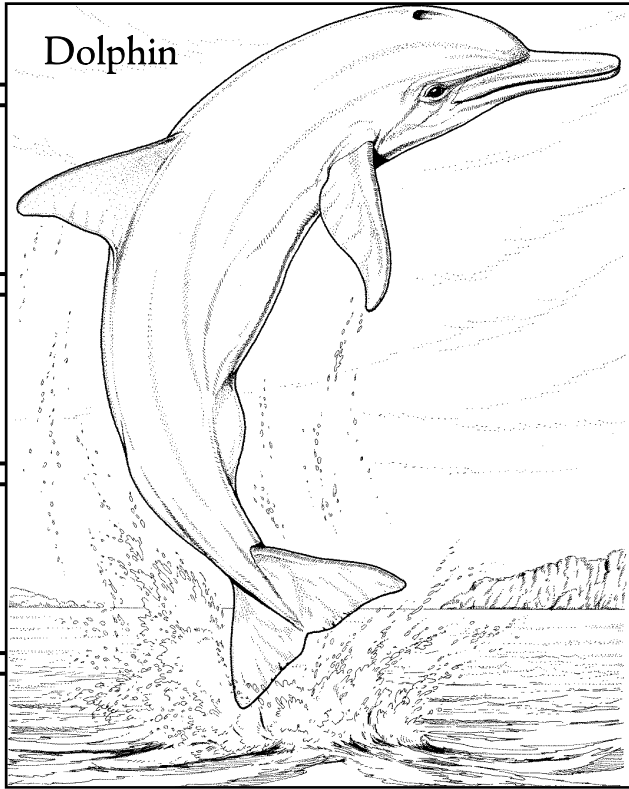
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- Ferdinand Magellan and his crew begin sailing around the world.

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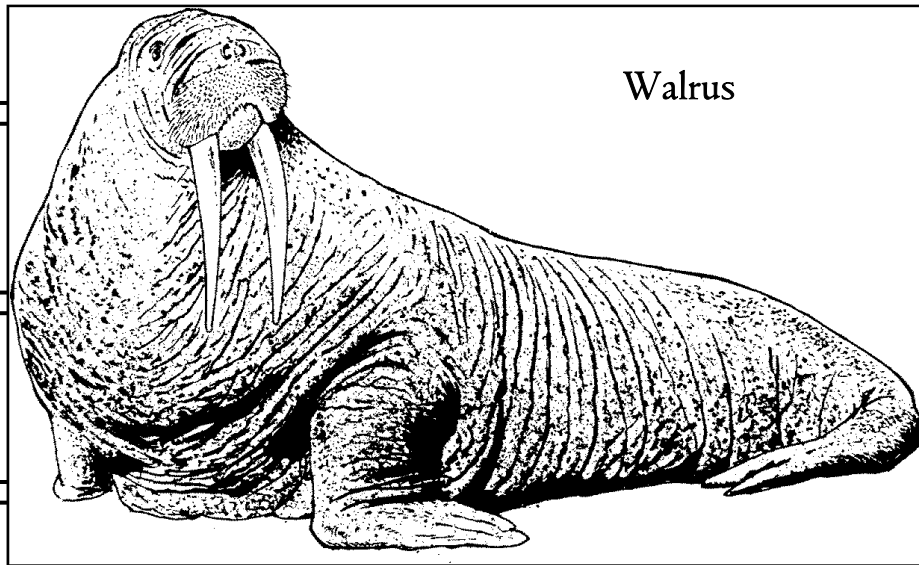
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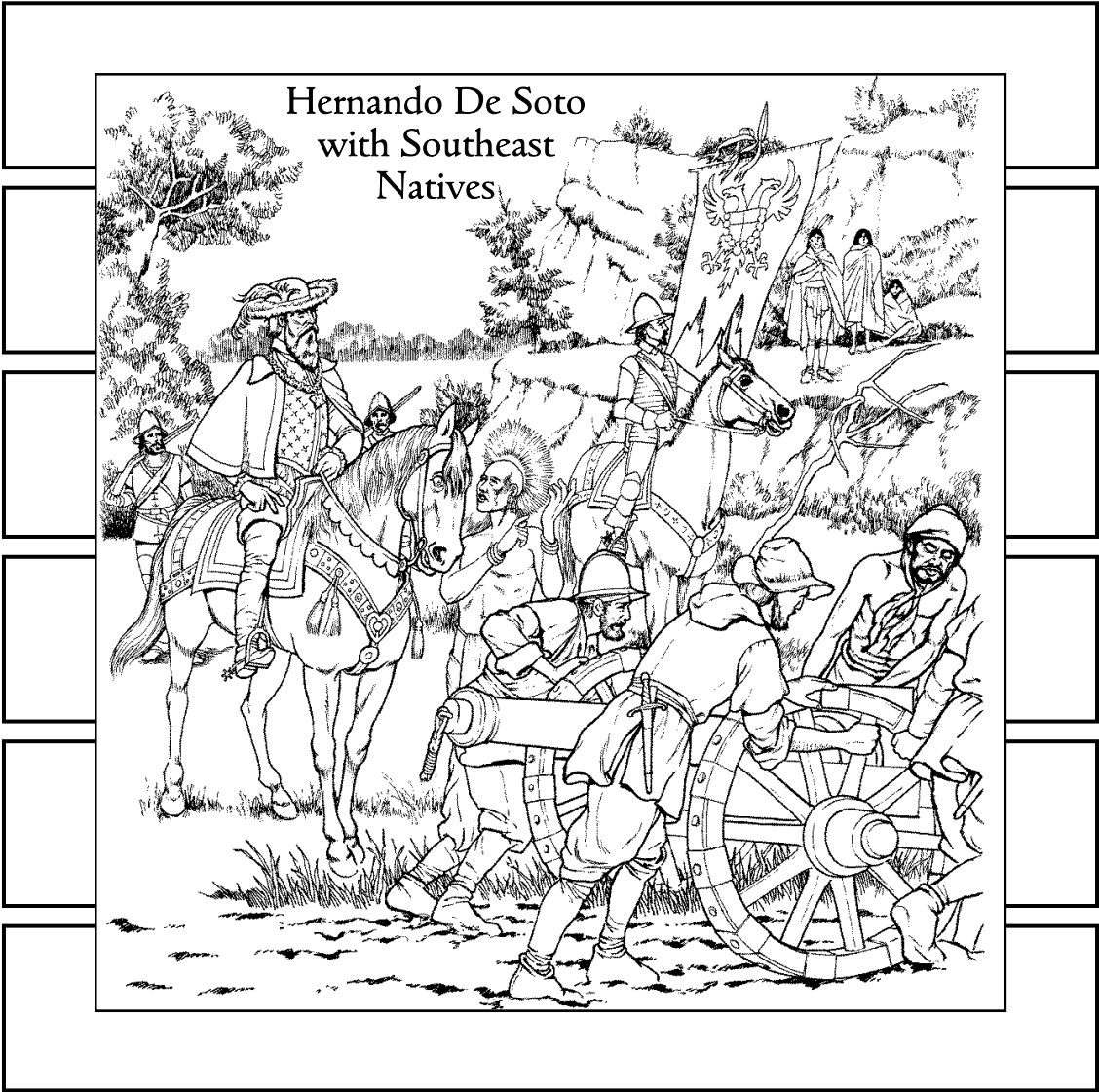
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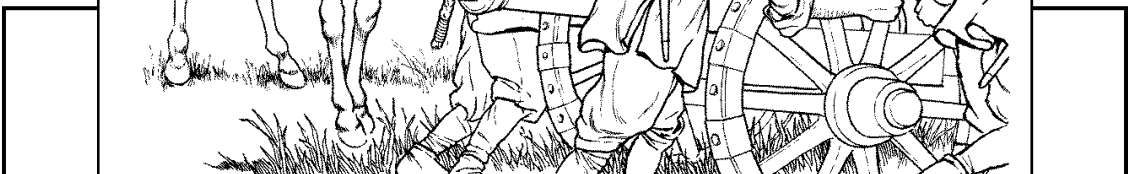
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• Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto explores the homelands of the Southeast Woodlands tribes.

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• Spanish conquistador Coronado begins to explore the homelands of the Southwest tribes.

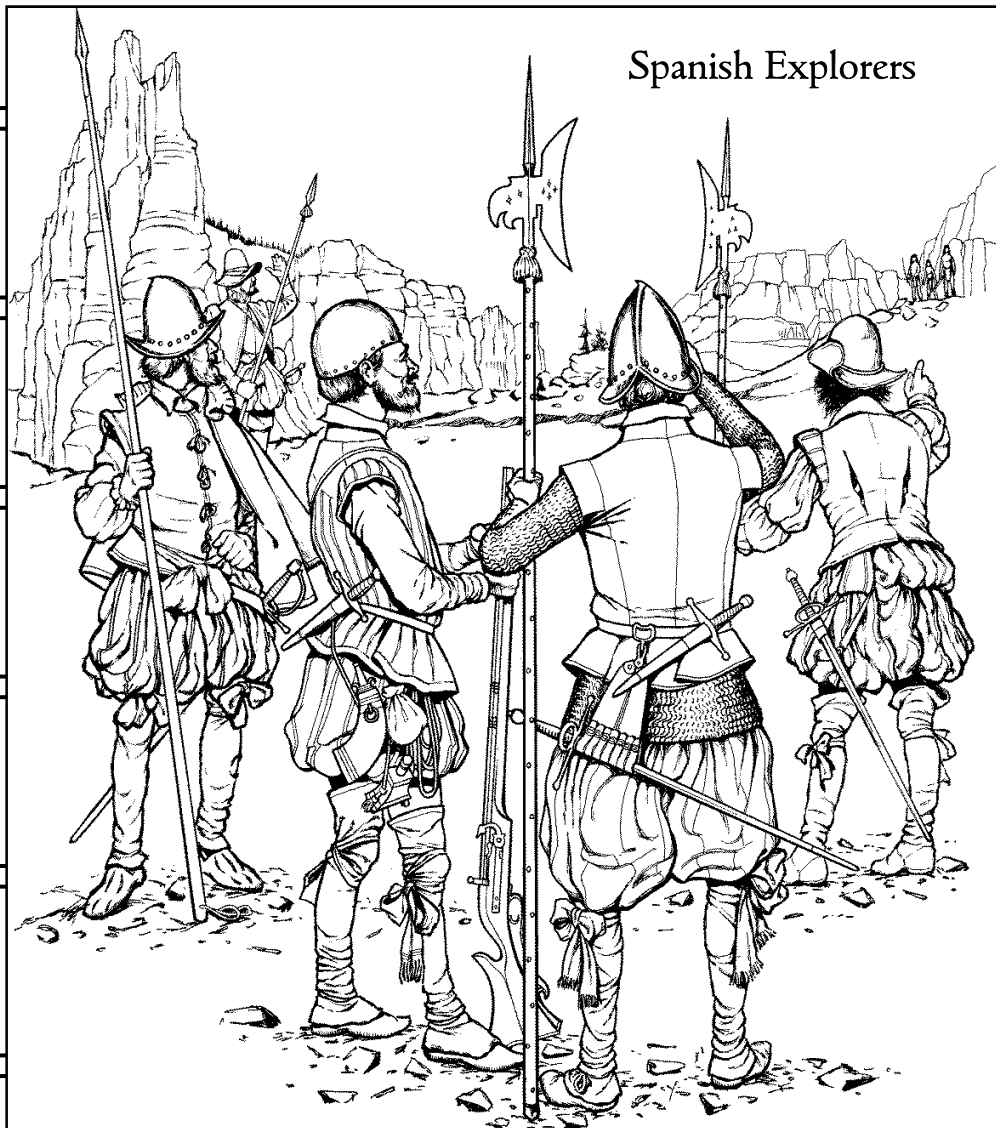
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• Hernando de Soto and his men see the Mississippi River.

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• Spanish conquistador Coronado completes his exploration of the homelands of the Southwest tribes.

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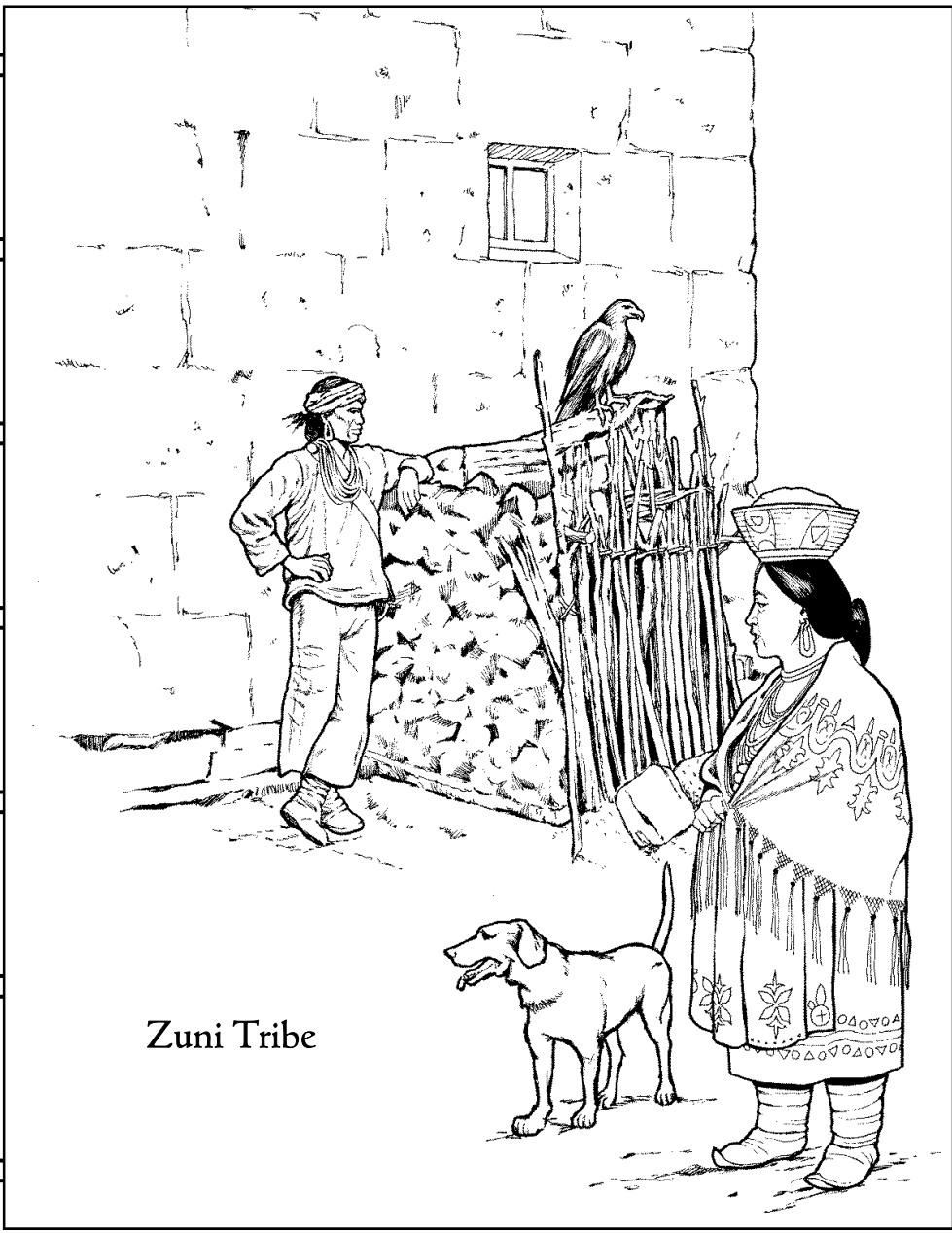
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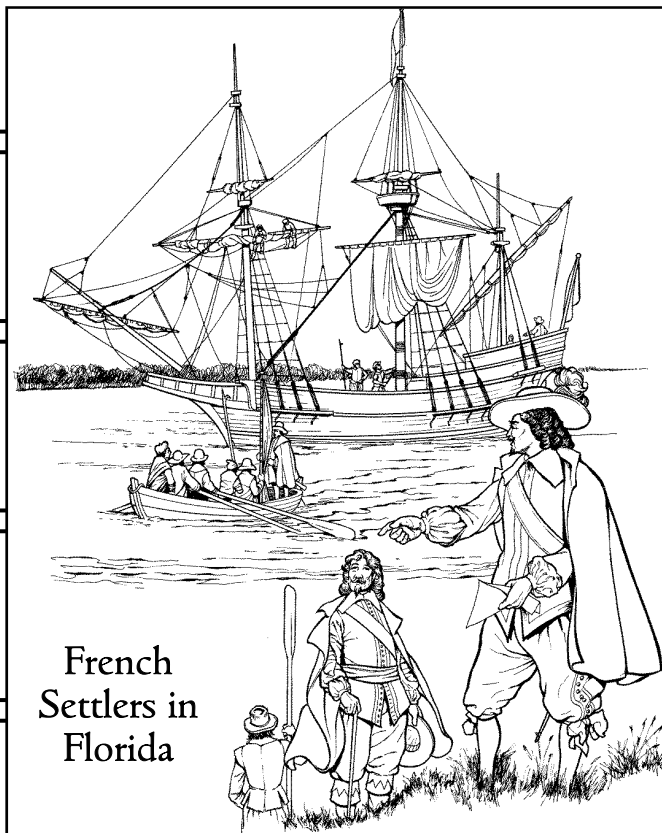
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- French Huguenots and local Timucuan natives build La Caroline in Florida.



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- Spanish settlers found St. Augustine in what will become Florida.

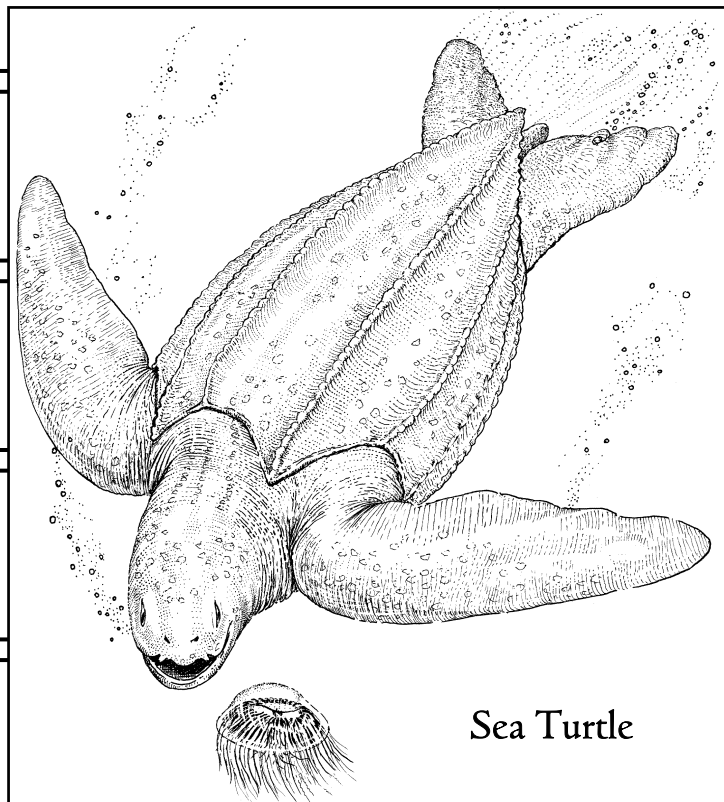
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- Spanish settle Guale in present-day Georgia.

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Native American
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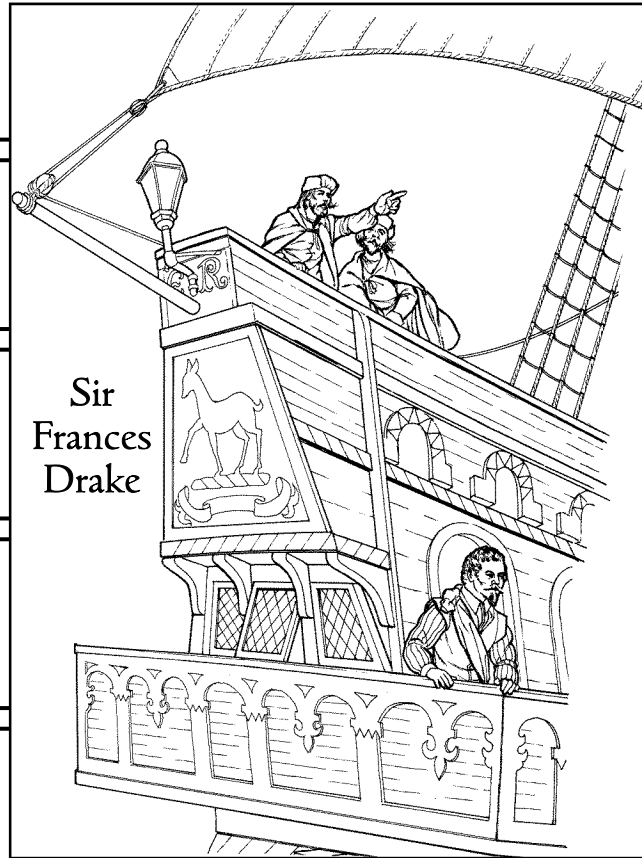
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• Wampanoag native Squanto is born around this date.

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• English settlers arrive at Roanoke Island, off the coast of today's North Carolina.

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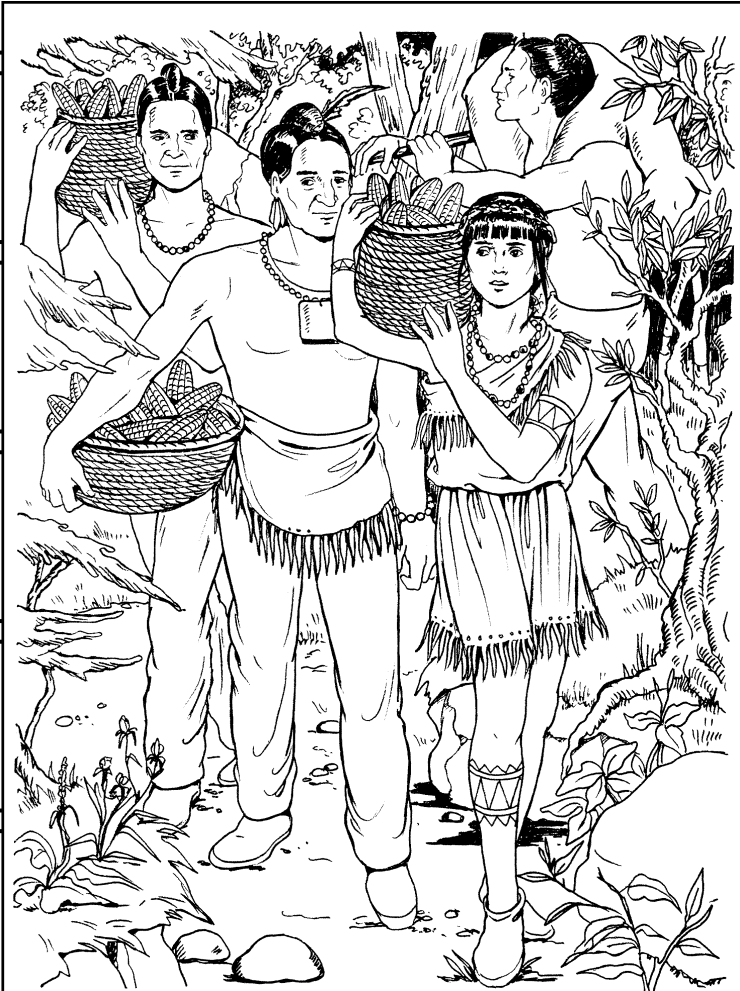
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• English explorer Bartolomew Gosnold names Cape Cod.



Natives Help Jamestown Settlers

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• America's first permanent English settlement is founded at Jamestown, Virginia.
• Jamestown settlers begin shipping lumber to England.

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Natives Meet Henry Hudson



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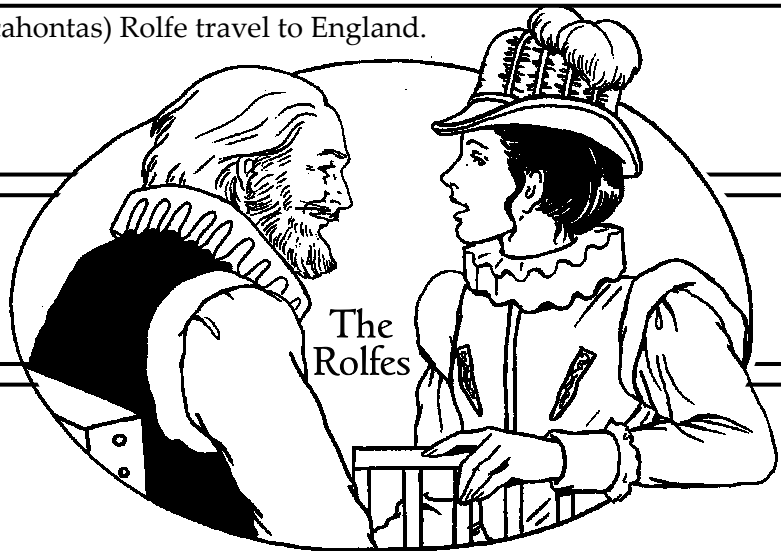
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- The Dutch explore the area that will become Connecticut.
- The Dutch settle in the Hudson River Valley, calling the area New Netherlands.

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- John and Rebecca (Pocahontas) Rolfe travel to England.

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- Virginia settlers select men to serve in the House of Burgesses.
- The first Africans arrive in America.
- Squanto returns to America after being enslaved by Spanish explorers.

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- English Pilgrims sign the Mayflower Compact and found the Plymouth colony in present-day Massachusetts.
- Dutch settlers establish trading post in present-day New Jersey.

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- A Scotsman and two English fishermen settle in present-day New Hampshire.

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- Belgian Protestants, who had moved to the Netherlands to escape persecution, settle on Governor's Island in New York harbor.

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- The settlers on Governor's Island move to Manhattan Island, establishing New Amsterdam.

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- English Puritans found the Massachusetts Bay colony.
- Indians settle in what will become Chicago.

Dutch Settler



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- Dutch settlers establish Swanendael in present-day Delaware.
- English Puritan minister Roger Williams arrives in Boston.

1632

- Dutch settlers purchase land from Pequot tribe to settle in present-day Connecticut.
- English proprietors obtain charter to establish Carolina colony.
- English settlers establish Middle Plantation (later Williamsburg) in Virginia.

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- Cecil Calvert organizes Catholic settlers from England to found Maryland colony.

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- English Minister Thomas Hooker leads English settlers to present-day Connecticut.
- Harvard College, America's first college, is founded near Boston.

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- Swedes settle in what became New Jersey, but the Dutch make them leave.
- Swedes and Dutchman Peter Minuit cooperate to form New Sweden in present-day Delaware.
- French Jesuits settle on the shores of Lake Huron.

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- Connecticut settlers adopt the Fundamental Orders of 1639, probably the world's first constitution forming a democratic government.

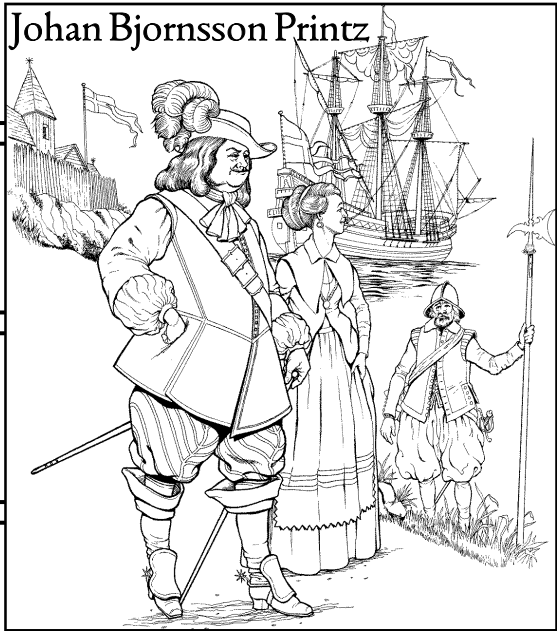
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• English settlers begin a community on Martha's Vineyard.



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• Swede Johan Bjornsson Printz becomes Governor of New Sweden.
• Roger Williams writes *A Key into the Language of America*.

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• John Cotton publishes *The Way of the Churches of Christ in New England*.

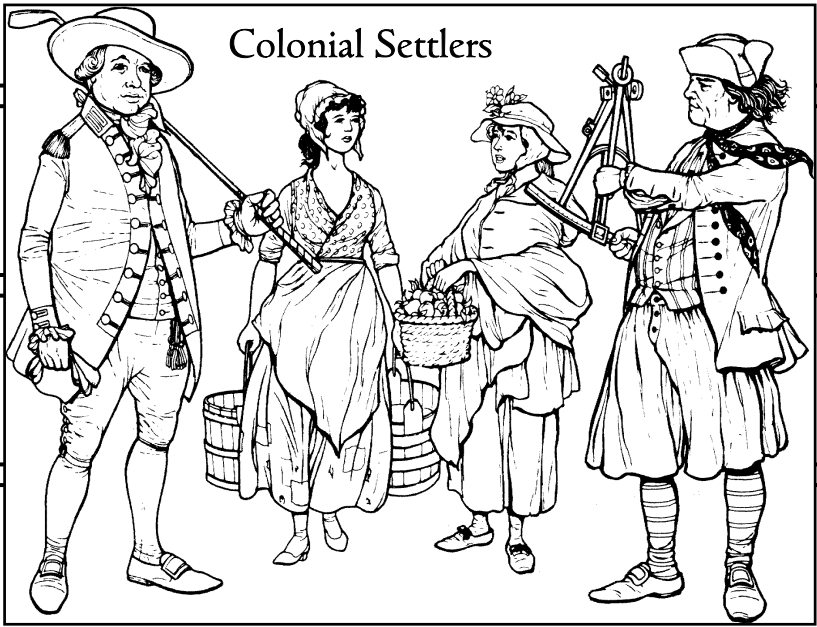
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• John Cotton publishes *Spiritual Milk for Boston Babes*.

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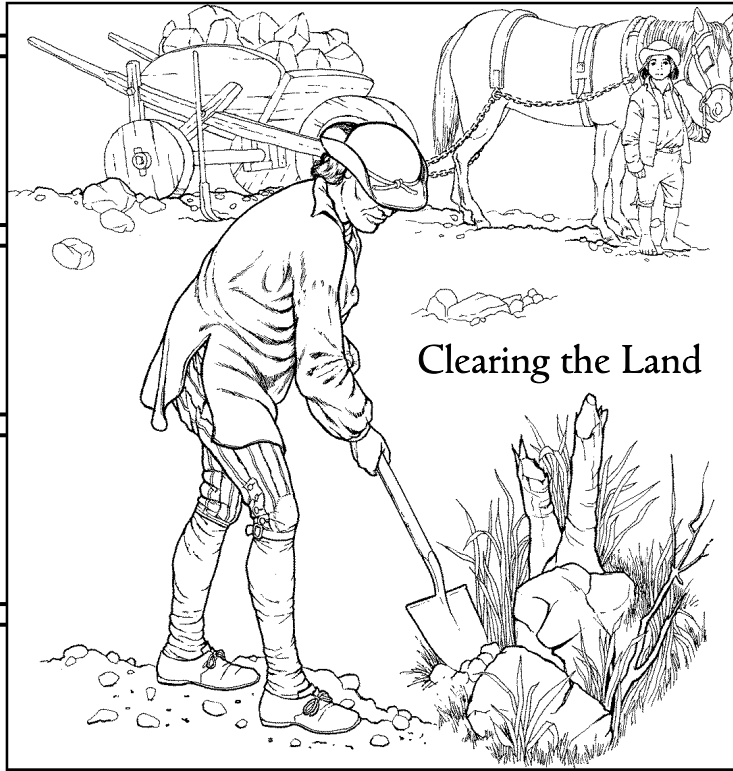
- Anne Bradstreet becomes the first American to publish a book of poetry.
- Around this time the Natchez tribe establishes its capital at present-day Natchez, Mississippi.

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- The Dutch capture Delaware, making it part of New Netherlands.

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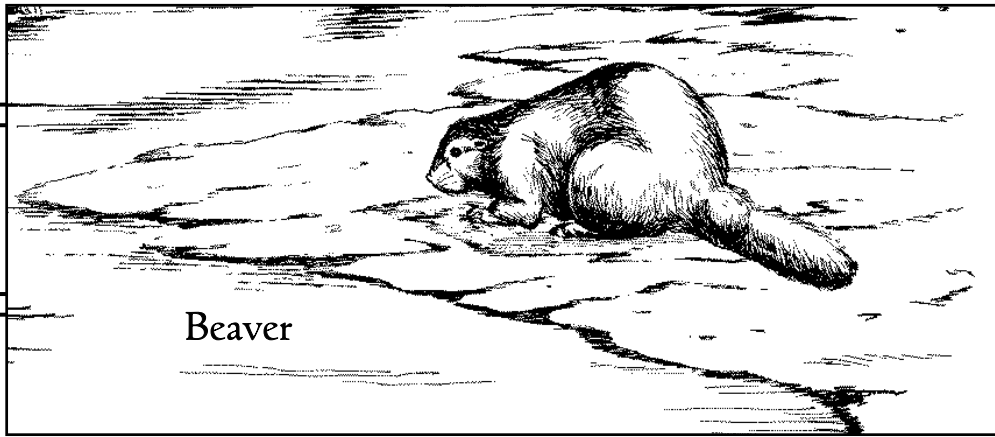
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- Rhode Island receives a royal charter from England's King Charles II.
- Eight English proprietors establish the colony of Carolina.
- The Bible is published in Algonquin. It is the first Bible printed in America.

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- The English take control of New Amsterdam and New Netherlands.
- New Amsterdam becomes New York.

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Native and Settler

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• English settlers found Charles Town (present-day Charleston, South Carolina).

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• Castillo de San Marcos is begun in St. Augustine.

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• French Jesuit missionaries Marquette and Joliet explore the Mississippi River.

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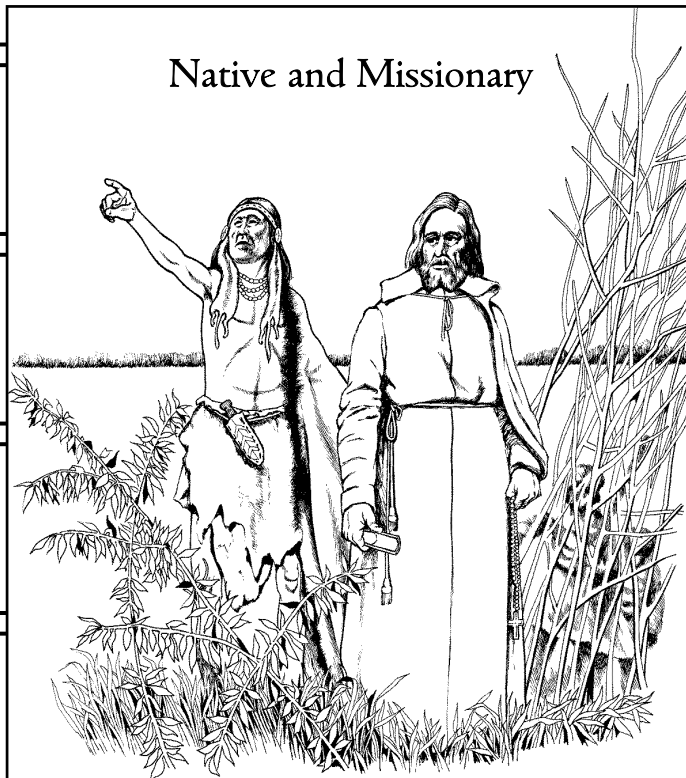
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• New Hampshire becomes a royal province.



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• The *New England Primer* is published in Boston.

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• America's second college, William and Mary, is founded in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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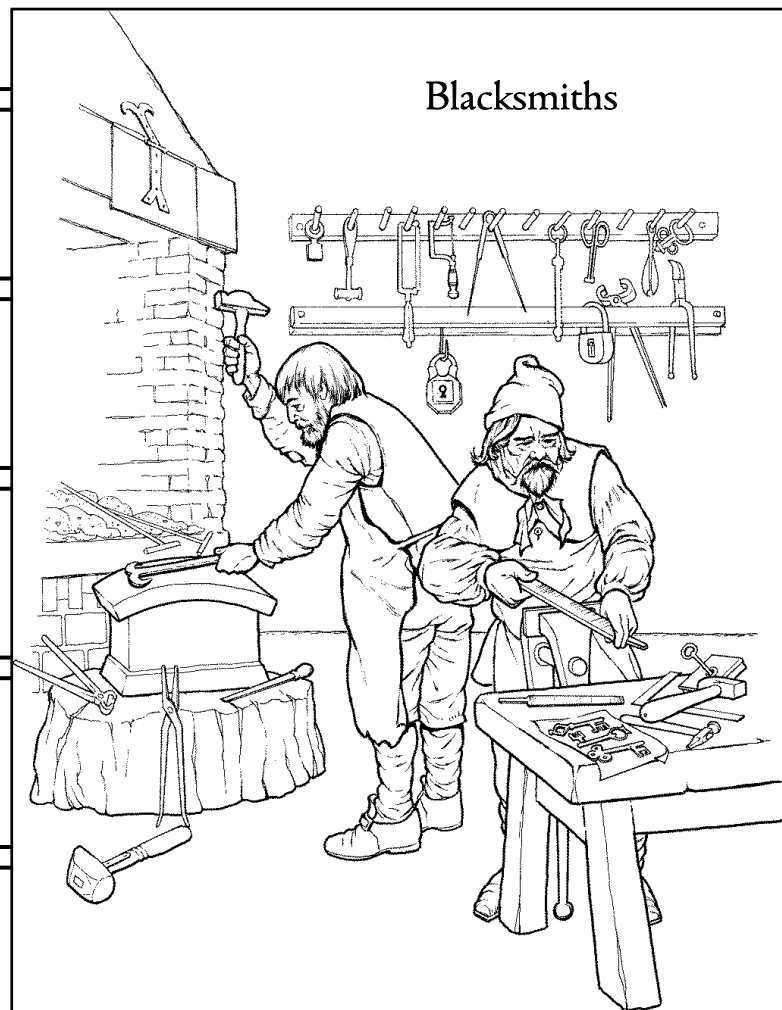
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- Williamsburg becomes the capital of Virginia.
- William Penn makes a second trip to Pennsylvania.

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- The Pennsylvania colony adopts the Charter of Privileges.

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- An English force attacks the Spanish city of St. Augustine.
- Cotton Mather publishes *The Great Works of Christ in America*.

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- Frenchmen send cargo down the Mississippi River.

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- Benjamin Franklin is born.
- Cotton Mather publishes *The Negro Christianized*.

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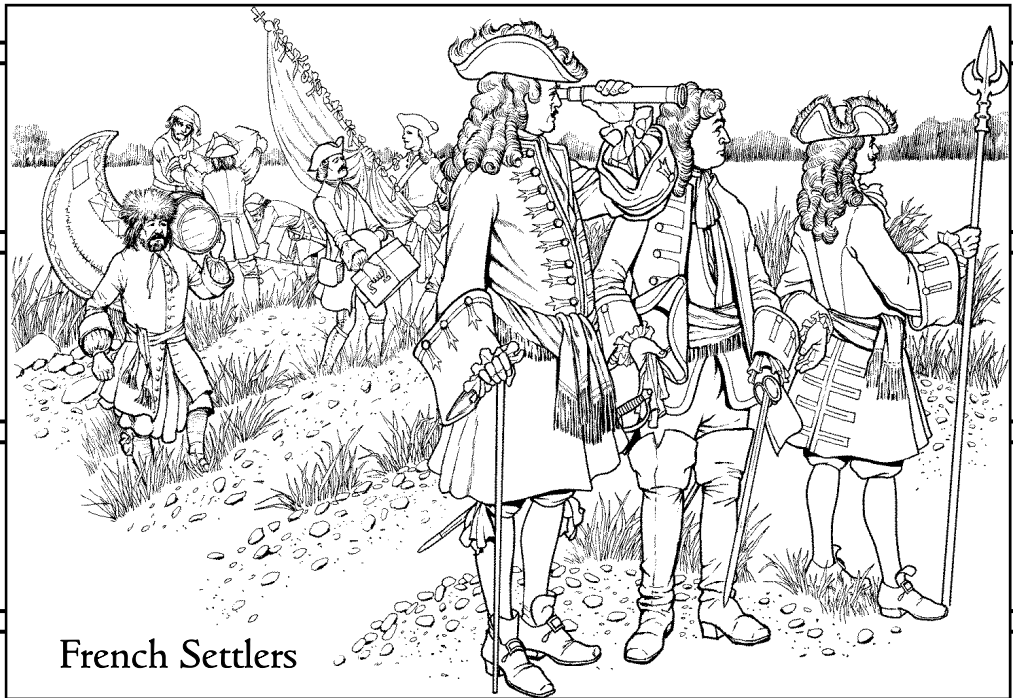


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- The first theater in America is built in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- French settlers build Fort Rosalie at present-day Natchez, Mississippi.

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- Spanish missionaries found San Antonio de Valero (today's San Antonio, Texas).

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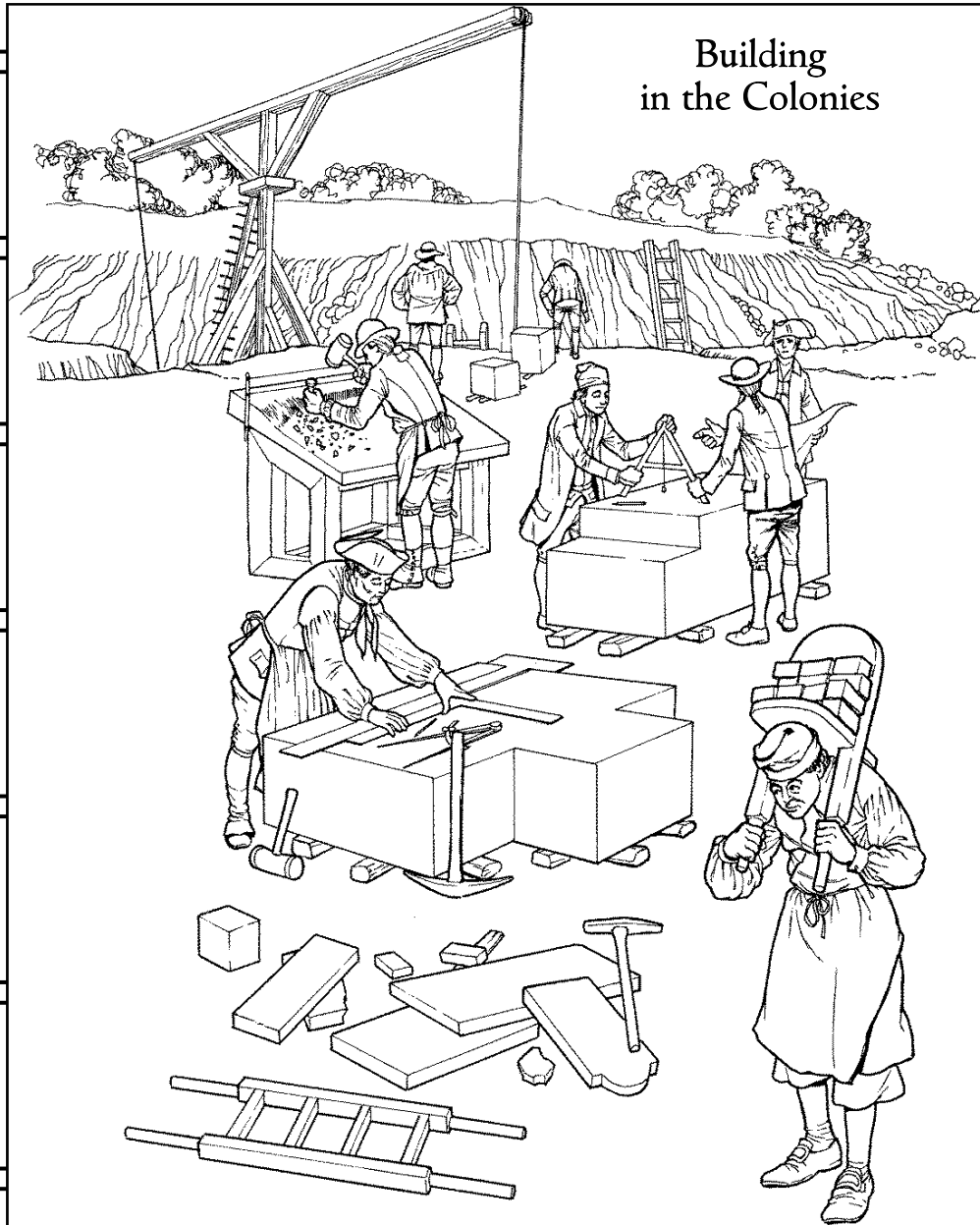
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• Russian explorers come to Alaska.

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- The Old South Meeting House is built in Boston.
- Natchez Indians destroy Fort Rosalie at present-day Natchez, Mississippi.

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- Benjamin Franklin begins to publish *Poor Richard's Almanac*.

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- George Washington is born in Virginia.
- Construction begins on the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania, later called Independence Hall.

- Englishman James Oglethorpe establishes the colony of Georgia.

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- Daniel Boone is born in Pennsylvania.

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- English preacher George Whitfield preaches in America during the Great Awakening religious revival.

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• Danish navigator Vitus Bering explores the strait that was later named in his honor.

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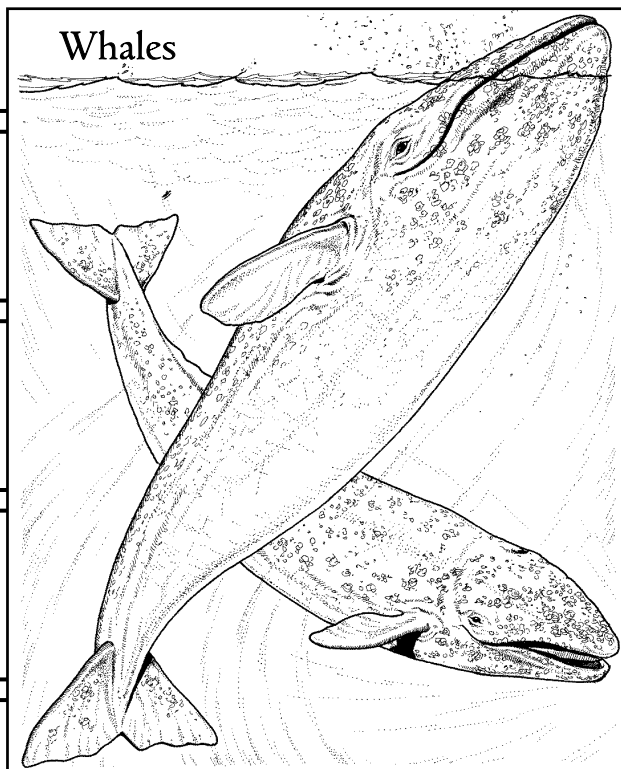
• Benjamin Franklin founds the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.

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• Nathan Wilbur begins building a windmill on Nantucket Island.
• John Jay is born in New York.



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- English explorer Thomas Walker discovers Cumberland Gap in the Appalachians.

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- Benjamin Franklin performs his famous experiment with electricity.

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- George Washington leads Americans at Fort Necessity, the first battle of the French and Indian War.
- Benjamin Franklin writes the Albany Plan of Union.

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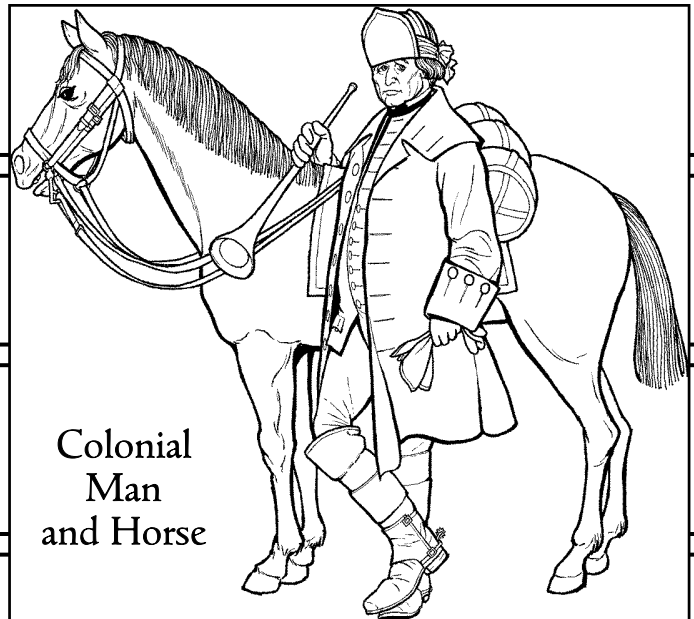
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- Benjamin Franklin goes on his first diplomatic mission to Europe.

- Noah Webster is born in Connecticut.

- George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis.



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- Henry Timberlake draws a map of Overhill Cherokee villages.

1763

- Americans are angry when King George III issues the Royal Proclamation of 1763.
- Spain gives up control of Florida, transferring it to the British.
- America's first Jewish synagogue is built in Rhode Island.

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- The English Parliament passes the Stamp Act.

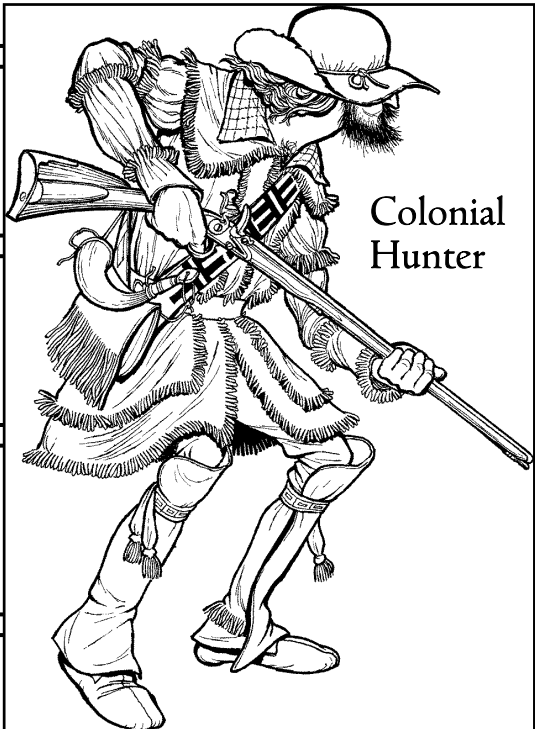
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- Daniel Boone sees Kentucky for the first time.

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- The Boston Massacre occurs.
- Sequoyah is born in Tennessee.

Colonial Man With Gun



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- The British Parliament passes the Tea Act.
- American protesters take part in the Boston Tea Party.

1774

- The British Parliament passes the Coercive Acts (called Intolerable Acts by colonists).
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- The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia.

1775

- _____ (26)
- The American Revolution begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- Daniel Boone and others expand the Wilderness Road through Cumberland Gap.
- The British force the Acadians out of Canada. Many move to Louisiana.

1776

- The thirteen colonies adopt the Declaration of Independence and become the United States of America.
- The Revolutionary War continues.
- The Spanish build a mission and military post at present-day San Francisco bay.

1777

- _____ (27)
- Vermont's Green Mountain Boys fight near Lake Champlain in New York.
- Americans defeat the British at Saratoga; this is the turning point of the Revolution.
- American troops spend a hard winter at Valley Forge.

1778

- Admiral John Paul Jones fights the British along the coast of England.
- Americans adopt the Articles of Confederation.
- George Rogers Clark leads in battles along the Mississippi River.
- Polish engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko helps build fortifications at West Point.

1779

- Clark captures a French town on the Wabash River in present-day Indiana.
- General "Mad" Anthony Wayne takes 543 British prisoners at King's Ferry, New York.
- "Lighthorse Harry" Lee leads a surprise attack on British forces in New Jersey.
- Admiral John Paul Jones captures the *Serapis*, a British man-of-war.

1780

- The British capture Charleston, South Carolina.
- Benedict Arnold is found guilty of treason.
- Overmountain men help win the Battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina.

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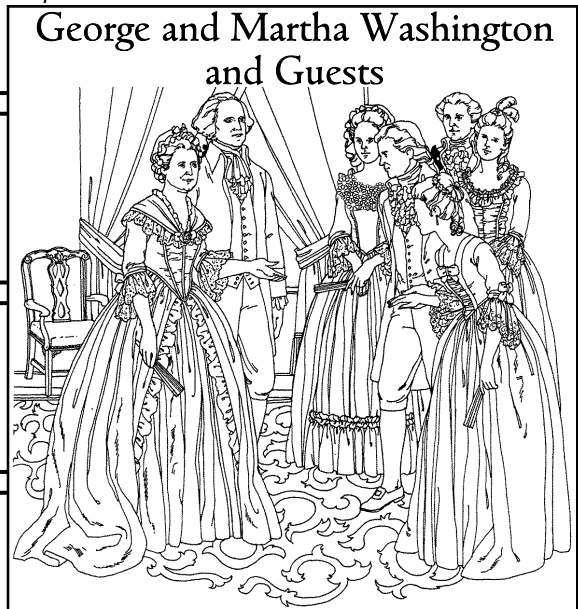
- Battles occur in North and South Carolina.
- Cornwallis surrenders to Washington at Yorktown, ending the American Revolution.

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- The Americans and the British sign the Treaty of Paris.
- Noah Webster publishes *The Blue-Backed Speller*.



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- Quakers begin helping runaway slaves.

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- The Confederation Congress passes the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.
- The Constitutional Convention writes a new United States Constitution.
- Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey become the first three states.
- Hamilton, Madison, and Jay begin writing *The Federalist Papers*.

1788

- Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, and New York become the 4th through 11th states.

1789

- George Washington is inaugurated as the first President of the United States.
- John Jay becomes the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
- The first United States Congress convenes.
- North Carolina becomes the 12th state.

1790

- Philadelphia becomes the capital of the United States.
- Rhode Island becomes the 13th state.

1791

- Vermont becomes the 14th state.
- Samuel F. B. Morse is born in Massachusetts.
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1792

- Kentucky becomes the 15th state.
- Congress creates the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

1793

- George Washington lays the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building.

1794

- Cornelius Vanderbilt is born.

1795

- Tennessee becomes the 16th state.

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1797

- John Adams is inaugurated as the 2nd President of the United States.
- The USS *Constitution* is launched.
- Spain cedes Mississippi to the United States.

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- George Washington dies at Mount Vernon.
- Russia claims Alaska as its territory.



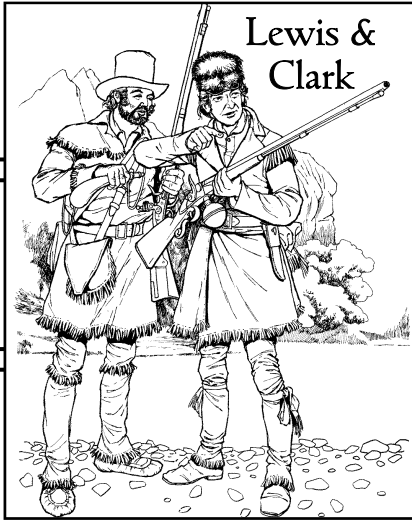
1800

- Federal City in the District of Columbia becomes the permanent U.S. Capital.
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1801

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- Thomas Jefferson is inaugurated as the 3rd President of the United States.
- Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes agree to improvements on the Natchez Trace.

1802



1803

- The United States purchases the Louisiana Territory from France.
- Ohio becomes the 17th state.

1804

- Lewis and Clark begin an expedition through the Louisiana Territory.
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1805

- The Corps of Discovery crosses the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains.
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1806

- Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery return from their expedition.
- Noah Webster publishes a dictionary.

1807

- _____ (54)
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is born in Maine.
- Robert E. Lee is born.

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- James Madison is inaugurated as the 4th President of the United States.

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- Kamehameha unites Hawaiian islands under his rule.

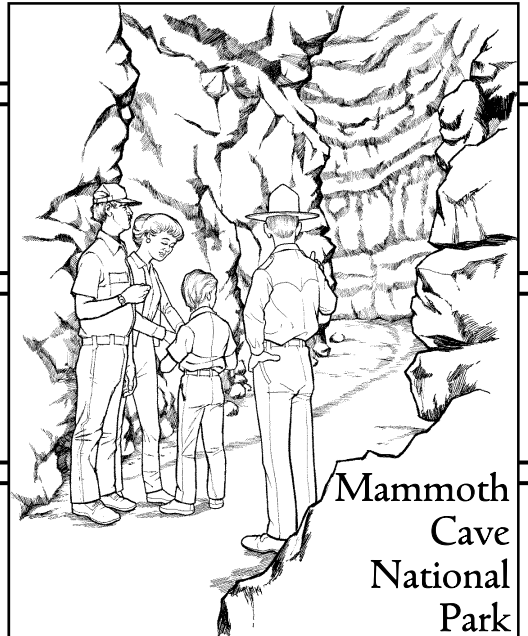
1811

- Earthquakes begin occurring around New Madrid, Missouri.
- The first steamboat travels down the Mississippi River.
- American forces under William Henry Harrison fight native warriors led by Tecumseh in the Battle of Tippecanoe Creek.

1812

- America declares war against Great Britain and begins to fight the War of 1812.
- Louisiana becomes the 18th state.

1813



1814

- British forces invade Washington, D.C., burning the White House and the Capitol.

1815

- American forces under General Andrew Jackson win the Battle of New Orleans.

1816

- _____ (42)
- Indiana becomes the 19th state.
- The American Bible Society is founded.

1817

- James Monroe is inaugurated as the 5th President of the United States.
- Mississippi becomes the 20th state.

1818

- Illinois becomes the 21st state.
- Mary Todd Lincoln is born in Kentucky.

1819

- Alabama becomes the 22nd state.
- Stephen Austin's father Moses Austin makes plans to take settlers to present-day Texas.
- Major Stephen Long leads an expedition through the "Great American Desert."

1820

- The Missouri Compromise allows Missouri to enter the Union as a slave state.
- Maine becomes the 23rd state.
- Fanny J. Crosby is born in New York.
- American missionaries arrive in Hawaii.

1821

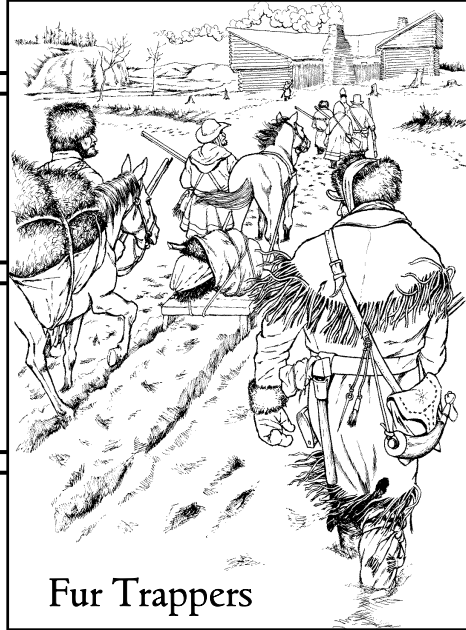
- _____ (44)
- _____ (49)
- Missouri becomes the 24th state.

1822

- William Ashley advertises in a St. Louis newspaper for men to become fur trappers.

1823

1824



Fur Trappers

1825

- _____ (43)
- John Quincy Adams is inaugurated as the 6th President of the United States.

1826

1827

1828

- _____ (40)
- John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company establishes Fort Union Trading Post.

1829

- Andrew Jackson is inaugurated as the 7th President of the United States.
- _____ (28)
- James Smithson dies in England, leaving money for an institution in America.

1830

- _____ (46)
- _____
- _____

1831

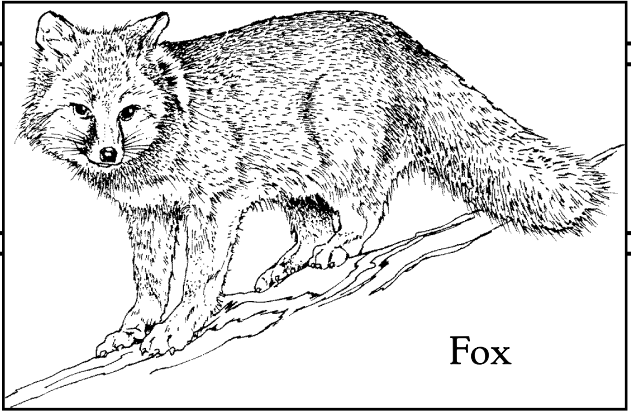
- On July 4, the Park Street Church children’s choir debuts “My Country ’Tis of Thee” in Boston.

1832

- _____ (52)
- _____
- _____

1833

- Chicago is incorporated as a town.



1834

- _____
- _____

1835

- _____ (20)
- _____ (53)
- _____

1836

- The Battle of the Alamo takes place.
- Arkansas becomes the 25th state.
- _____ (47)
- Missionaries travel the Oregon Trail to Oregon.

1837

- Martin Van Buren is inaugurated as the 8th President of the United States.
- Michigan becomes the 26th state.

1838

- _____ (50)
- _____ (55)
- _____ (60)

1839

- _____
- _____

1840

- In this decade, Americans mine copper on Isle Royale in Lake Superior.

1841

- General William Henry Harrison is inaugurated as the 9th President of the United States.
- John Tyler is sworn in as the 10th President of the United States.

1842

- _____ (51)

1843

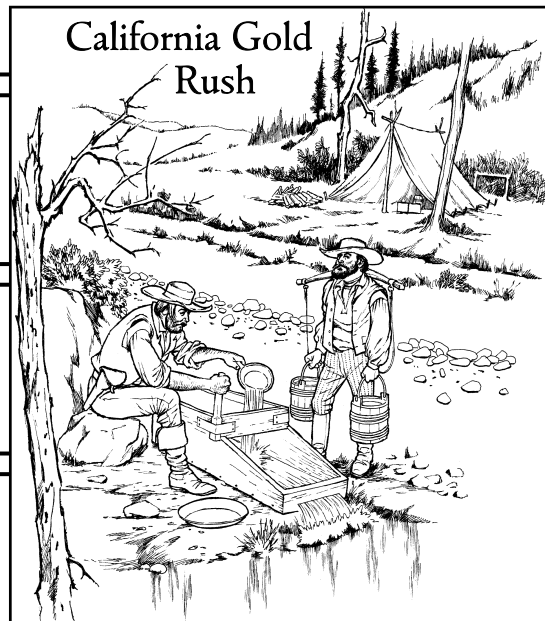
- Large groups of people begin traveling west on the Oregon Trail.

1844

- Samuel F. B. Morse sends the first formal message on the Baltimore to Washington telegraph line.

1845

- Florida becomes the 27th state.
- James K. Polk is inaugurated as the 11th President of the United States.
- Texas becomes the 28th state.



1846

- _____ (58)
- _____ (59)
- Iowa becomes the 29th state.

1847

- Thomas Edison is born.
- Mormons build a settlement at the Great Salt Lake.

1848

- Gold is discovered at John Sutter's mill in California.
- Wisconsin becomes the 30th state.
- The cornerstone is laid for the Washington Monument.

1849

- The California Gold Rush begins.
- Zachary Taylor is inaugurated as the 12th President of the United States.

1850

- Millard Fillmore is sworn in as the 13th President of the United States.
- The Compromise of 1850 becomes law.
- Nathaniel Hawthorne publishes "The Great Stone Face."
- California becomes the 31st state.

1851

- Whites first enter Yosemite Valley.

1852

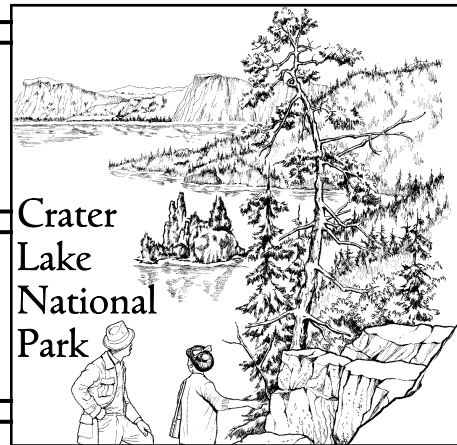
- _____ (61)
- _____ (65)
- _____ (68)

1853

- Prospectors discover Crater Lake in Oregon.
- Franklin Pierce is inaugurated as the 14th President of the United States.

1854

- The Kansas-Nebraska Act is passed.
- John Philip Sousa is born in Washington, D.C.
- Panna Maria, Texas, is founded by Polish immigrants.



1855

- The first bridge is built across the Niagara River near Niagara Falls.

1856

1857

- James Buchanan is inaugurated as the 15th President of the United States.
- _____ (45)
- The Supreme Court decides the *Dred Scott v. Sanford* case.

1858

- _____ (74)
- Minnesota becomes the 32nd state.

1859

- John Brown leads a raid on an arsenal at Harper's Ferry (now in West Virginia).
- Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes organize as 5 Civilized Tribes.
- _____ (80)
- Oregon becomes the 33rd state.

1860

- The Pony Express begins operating.
- William Jennings Bryan is born in Illinois.

1861

- Kansas becomes the 34th state.
- Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated as the 16th President of the United States.
- Confederate soldiers fire on Fort Sumter.
- _____ (66)

1862

- The Union army wins the Battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson.
- The Union army wins the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh).
- The Confederate army wins the Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas).
- Congress passes the Homestead Act.

1863

- Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.
- West Virginia becomes the 35th state.
- The Union wins the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address.
- _____ (78)

1864

- Ulysses S. Grant becomes commander of all Union forces.
- The Union army under General William T. Sherman captures Atlanta, Georgia.
- The Union army under General William T. Sherman captures Savannah, Georgia.
- Nevada becomes the 36th state.

1865

- General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Confederate army to General Ulysses S. Grant.
- Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.
- Andrew Johnson is sworn in as the 17th President of the United States.

1866

- Queen Emma of the Sandwich Islands visits President Johnson in the White House.

1867

- _____ (70)
- _____ (71)
- Nebraska becomes the 37th state.

1868

- President Andrew Johnson is impeached but not convicted.

1869

- Ulysses S. Grant is inaugurated as the 18th President of the United States.
- _____ (73)

1870

- _____ (30)
- A steamboat race is held between the *Robert E. Lee* and the *Natchez*.
- African Americans are granted U.S. citizenship.

1871

- _____ (75)
- The Sheep Eater tribe goes to live on a reservation with the Shoshoni.
- _____ (84)

1872

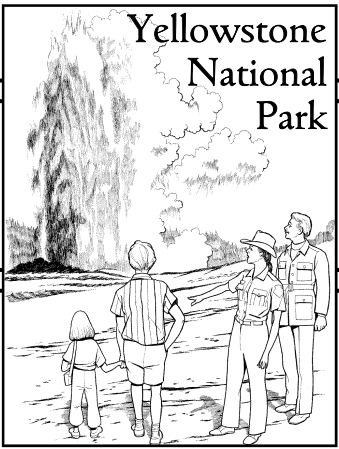
- _____ (72)
- Congress passes a law that pardons thousands of former Confederates.

1873

1874

- _____ (87)
- Gold is discovered in the Black Hills.

1875



1876

- Cape Cod's Nobska Lighthouse is built.
- Colorado becomes the 38th state.

1877

- _____ (56)
- _____ (64)
- Rutherford B. Hayes is inaugurated as the 19th President of the United States.
- Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.

1878

1879

- Blacks begin an exodus from the South to the West.
- _____ (83)

1880

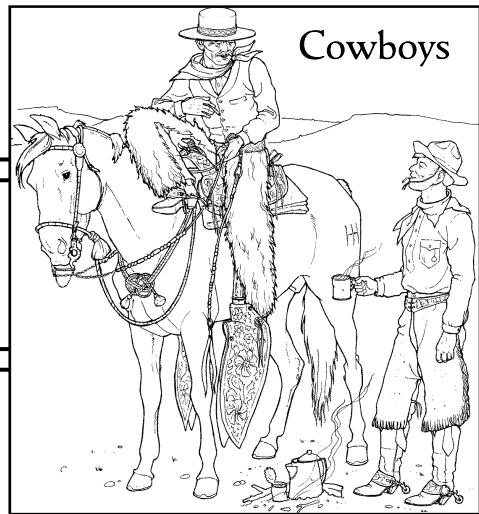
- John Philip Sousa becomes leader of the U.S. Marine Band.

1881

- James A. Garfield is inaugurated as the 20th President of the United States.
- Chester A. Arthur is sworn in as the 21st President of the United States.

• _____
 _____ (69)

1882



1883

• _____
 _____ (76)

1884

• _____
 _____ (113)

1885

- Grover Cleveland is inaugurated as the 22nd President of the United States.

1886

• _____ (77)
 • _____ (88)

- Edward Flanagan is born in Ireland.

1887

- Alvin York is born in Tennessee.

1888

- Two American cowboys discover the Cliff Palace of Mesa Verde in Colorado.
- Sarah Polk turns on the electric lights of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The Washington Monument is completed.

1889

- Benjamin Harrison is inaugurated as the 23rd President of the United States.
- North Dakota and South Dakota become the 39th and 40th states.
- Montana becomes the 41st state.
- Washington becomes the 42nd state.

1890

- Congress passes the Sherman Antitrust Act.
- _____ (82)
- Idaho becomes the 43rd state.
- Wyoming becomes the 44th state.

1891

- The Populist party is formed.
- Thomas Edison invents motion pictures.
- The Great Northern Railway is completed.
- Carnegie Hall opens in New York City.

1892

- Ellis Island opens as an immigrant station.

1893

- Grover Cleveland is inaugurated as the 24th President of the United States.
- _____ (81)
- _____ (85)

1894

- _____ (79)
- Norman Rockwell is born in New York City.

1895

- The Sears, Roebuck and Co. moves to Chicago.
- _____ (90)
- _____ (150)

1896

- _____ (89)
- Utah becomes the 45th state.
- Mount McKinley is named for presidential candidate William McKinley of Ohio.

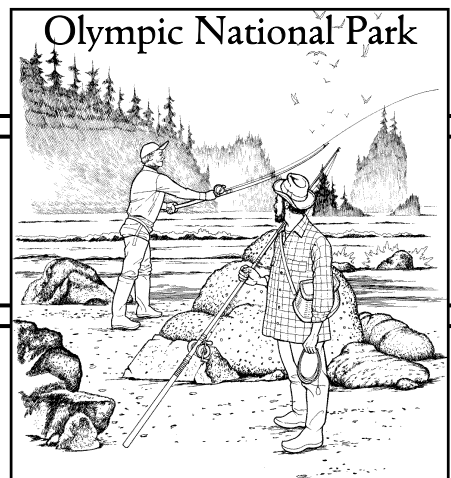
1897

- William McKinley is inaugurated as the 25th President of the United States.
- The Olympic Forest Reserve is established.
- _____ (125)

1898

- _____ (86)

1899



1900

- _____ (114)
- _____ (134)
- Jazz music is developing in New Orleans.

1901

- William McKinley is assassinated.
- Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the 26th President of the United States.

1902

- Crater Lake National Park is established.
- Susie King Taylor publishes reminiscences of her life during the Civil War.
- _____ (98)
- J. C. Penney opens the Golden Rule Store in Kemmerer, Wyoming.

1903

- _____ (93)

1904

- The Louisiana Purchase Exposition is held in St. Louis.
- The New York City subway system opens.
- The first New Year's Eve celebration in New York City's Times Square is held.

1905

Blank box for 1905 events.

1906

- San Francisco experiences a devastating earthquake.
- Mesa Verde National Park is established in Colorado.
- _____ (57)
- The Denver Mint opens its new Italian Renaissance building.

1907

- Ellis Island processes 1.25 million immigrants.
- Construction begins on the National Cathedral.
- Oklahoma becomes the 46th state.

1908

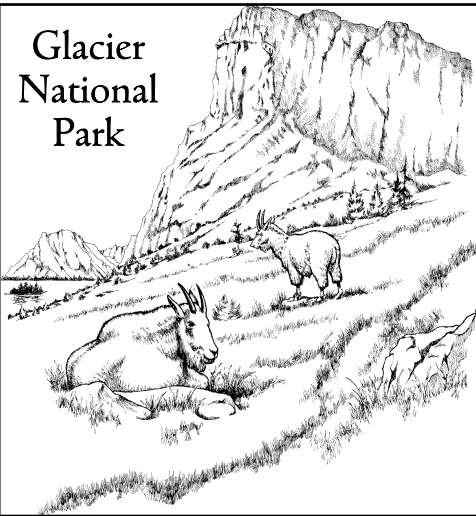
- Henry Ford introduces the Model T automobile.

1909

- The Cape Cod Canal is begun.
- William Howard Taft is inaugurated as the 27th President of the United States.
- The Indianapolis Motor Speedway opens.

1910

- John Philip Sousa takes his civilian band on a world tour.
- Glacier National Park is established.



1911

- The first Indianapolis 500 race is held.

1912

- New Mexico becomes the 47th state.
- Arizona becomes the 48th state.

1913

- Woodrow Wilson is inaugurated as the 28th President of the United States.

- _____ (67)

1914

- _____ (91)
- Tour bus service begins in Glacier National Park.
- The Great War begins in Europe.

1915

- The German navy sinks the *Lusitania*.

- _____ (147)

1916

- Norman Rockwell publishes his first *Saturday Evening Post* cover.
- The Piggly Wiggly grocery store opens in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Lincoln Logs are introduced.

1917

- The United States enters the Great War.

- _____ (99)

- Mount McKinley National Park (later part of Denali National Park) is established.

1918

- _____ (96)
- Billy Graham is born in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Alaska's Katmai National Park is established.

1919

- The Grand Canyon becomes a national park.
- A conference meets to write the Treaty of Versailles.

- _____ (100)

- Jackie Robinson is born in Georgia.

1920

- The 19th Amendment to the Constitution gives women the right to vote.
- League of Women Voters is founded.
- Babe Ruth signs with the New York Yankees professional baseball team.

1921

- Warren G. Harding is inaugurated as the 29th President of the United States.
- William Howard Taft becomes Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- The World Series is broadcast on the radio for the first time.
- _____ (102)

1922

- President Harding becomes the first President to speak over the radio.
- _____ (92)
- James Dole buys an entire Hawaiian island to grow pineapple.
- The Kellogg company is founded.

1923

- America's first radio ministry begins at Park Street Church, Boston.
- Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as the 30th President of the United States.
- First non-stop coast-to-coast flight across America (New York to San Diego).
- Yankee Stadium opens in New York City.

1924

- The Indian Citizenship Act gives U.S. citizenship to Native Americans.
- J. C. Penney opens his 500th store.
- Celluwipes are invented; they are later called Kleenex.
- Macy's holds its first Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

1925

- _____ (105)
- The Grand Ole Opry radio show is first broadcast.
- First National Spelling Bee is held.
- Alaska's Glacier Bay National Monument (later National Park) is established.

1926

- _____ (25)
- _____ (97)
- Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett make the first flight over the North Pole.
- _____ (117)

1927

- Charles Lindbergh makes the first transatlantic flight.
- _____ (103)
- _____ (104)
- _____ (119)

1928

- _____ (34)
- _____ (109)
- Fleeer's Dubble Bubble bubble gum is manufactured.
- Fred Rogers is born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

1929

- Herbert Hoover is inaugurated as the 31st President of the United States.
- _____ (101)
- The yo-yo is invented.

1930

- Great Smoky Mountain National Park is established.
- The first cartoon with Donald Duck is released.

1931

- The "Star-Spangled Banner" becomes the national anthem.
- _____ (115)

1932

- Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic.
- Radio City Music Hall opens in New York City.
- Thomas Dorsey, called the father of gospel music, writes "Take My Hand, Precious Lord."

1933

- Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd President of the United States.
- _____ (94)
- _____ (107)

1934

- The wind blows 231 miles per hour on Mount Washington in New Hampshire.
- The Federal government begins the Natchez Trace Parkway.
- The Great Smoky Mountain National Park is established.

1935

- _____ (106)
- Parker Brothers begins to sell the Monopoly game.
- Millard Fuller is born in Alabama.
- Commonwealth of the Philippines is proclaimed.

1936

1937

- _____ (108)
- *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* premiers.
- Glenn Miller organizes his first touring band.

1938

- _____ (110)

1939

- Twelve-year-old Donn Fendland is lost and rescued on Mount Katahdin (Maine).
- Franklin Roosevelt lays the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial.
- World War II begins in Europe.
- Bill Monroe forms a band called the Blue Grass Boys.

1940

- Franklin Roosevelt is elected to an unprecedented third term as President.
- The United States begins drafting soldiers.

1941

- Mammoth Cave National Park is established.
- _____ (111)

1942

- Allied forces gain victories in North Africa.
- Special corps for women are established in the U.S. Army and Navy.
- Production of new American cars is halted so factories can make war materials.
- _____ (112)

1943

- The Jefferson Memorial is completed.
- _____ (124)
- _____ (149)

1944

- Allies gain victories against Japan in the Pacific.
- Allies land in northern France on D-Day.
- Franklin Roosevelt is elected to a fourth term as President.
- The U.S. Forest Service begins using "Smokey Bear" to help prevent forest fires.

1945

- Harry S. Truman is sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States.
- _____ (116)
- The United Nations is formed with the United States as a charter member.

1946

- America's Baby Boom begins.
- Winston Churchill makes his "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri.
- The first United Nations General Assembly meets in London.
- Nat King Cole records "Get Your Kicks on Route 66."

1947

- _____ (120)
- _____ (127)
- _____ (142)

1948

- The Berlin Airlift begins.
- Harry Truman surprises the nation by winning a bid for re-election.
- The Scrabble board game goes on sale.

1949

- Billy Graham holds a 16-week evangelistic crusade in Los Angeles.
- The cornerstone is laid for the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

1950

- _____ (62)
- Senator Joseph McCarthy claims that Communists are in the U.S. Government.
- President Truman sends American troops to South Korea.

1951

- The *I Love Lucy* television show premieres.

1952

- Jonas Salk and assistants develop a polio vaccine.
- The Mr. Potato Head toy is introduced.

1953

- A truce is signed between countries involved in the Korean War.
- Dwight Eisenhower is inaugurated as the 34th President of the United States.
- The Baskin-Robbins ice cream company is established.

1954

- The United States Supreme Court declares school segregation unconstitutional.
- The phrase "under God" is added to the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Elvis Presley begins his recording career at Sun Records in Memphis.

1955

- African-American Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white rider.
- Bill Gates is born in Seattle, Washington.

1956

- _____ (122)
- _____ (128)

1957

- Billy Graham holds a 16-week evangelistic crusade at Madison Square Garden.
- _____ (123)
- Wham-O begins to sell Frisbees.

1958

- Boston residents establish the Freedom Trail.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration is established.
- _____ (121)
- Wham-O introduces the Hula Hoop toy.

1959

- Alaska becomes the 49th state.
- Hawaii becomes the 50th state.
- _____ (133)

1960

- The first televised presidential debate is held.
- The Soviet Union shoots down an American spy plane and captures the pilot.
- Norman Rockwell paints his first work in support of the Civil Rights movement.
- _____ (132)

1961

- John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.
- The Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba ends in disaster.
- Alan Shepard becomes the first American to fly in space.
- Cape Cod National Seashore established.

1962

- _____ (118)
- John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the earth.

1963

- _____ (126)
- President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.
- Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States.

1964

- Congress passes the Civil Rights Act.
- The United States begins military involvement in the war in Vietnam.

1965

- _____ (39)

1966

- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* first airs on television.
- The National Register of Historic Places is established.
- _____ (130)
- _____ (135)

1967

- President Johnson appoints Thurgood Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- The Green Bay Packers win Superbowl I.

1968

- Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles, California.
- _____ (148)

1969

- First Lady Lady Bird Johnson adds a children's garden to the White House grounds.
- Richard Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States.
- American astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon.

1970

1971

- Voting age is lowered to 18 across the country.
- Disney World opens in Orlando, Florida.

1972

- President Nixon visits China and the Soviet Union.
- Break-in occurs at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C.
- The Pong video game is introduced in arcades.
- E-mail is invented.

1973

- President Nixon orders the planting of a live Christmas tree at the White House.
- Arab nations refuse to sell oil to the United States.
- Spiro Agnew resigns as Vice President of the United States.
- Gerald Ford is sworn in as Vice President to replace Spiro Agnew.

1974

- _____ (131)
- Gerald Ford is sworn in as 38th President of the United States.
- Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth's career home run record.
- Skylab astronauts return after 171 days in space.

1975

- _____ (139)

1976

- America celebrates its Bicentennial.
- Many Americans use citizens' band (CB) radios.
- _____ (144)

1977

- Jimmy Carter is inaugurated as the 39th President of the United States.

1978

1979

- A nuclear accident occurs on Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania.
- Americans are taken hostage in Tehran, Iran.
- President Carter negotiates Camp David accords with Israel and Egypt.
- Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin is introduced.

1980

- The United States boycotts the Summer Olympics in Moscow.
- _____ (138)

1981

- Ronald Reagan is inaugurated as the 40th President of the United States.
- The space shuttle program begins with the first flight of the *Columbia*.
- Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female member of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1982

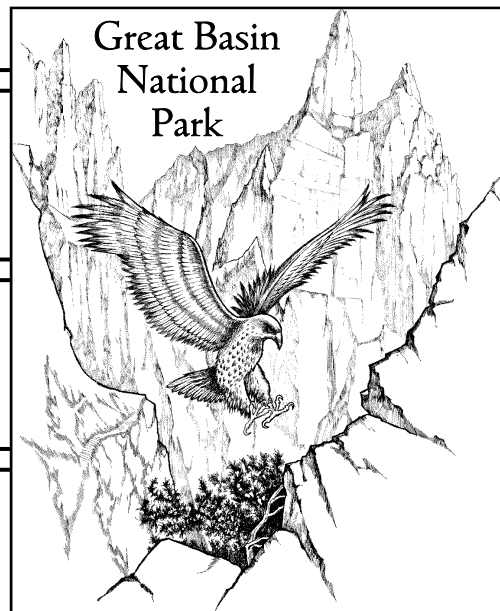
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial opens in Washington, D.C.

1983

- Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.
- Personal video cameras (called video camcorders) are sold to consumers.
- The first music CDs are sold.

1984

- Geraldine Ferraro becomes the first female Democratic vice-presidential candidate.



1985

1986

- _____
- _____ (129)
- The Statue of Liberty is 100 years old.

1987

- The Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is celebrated.
- Stephen Curtis Chapman records his first album of contemporary Christian music.

1988

- A Vietnam veteran receives the last homestead patent.

1989

- George Herbert Walker Bush is inaugurated as the 41st President of the U.S.
- _____ (136)

1990

- The National Cathedral is completed.
- The Hubble Space telescope is launched.

1991

- Operation Desert Storm pushes Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.
- _____ (137)

1992

- _____ (140)
- Hurricane Andrew hits Florida.
- Christian missionaries spread the gospel in the former Soviet Union.

1993

- Bill Clinton is inaugurated as the 42nd President of the United States.
- _____ (141)

1994

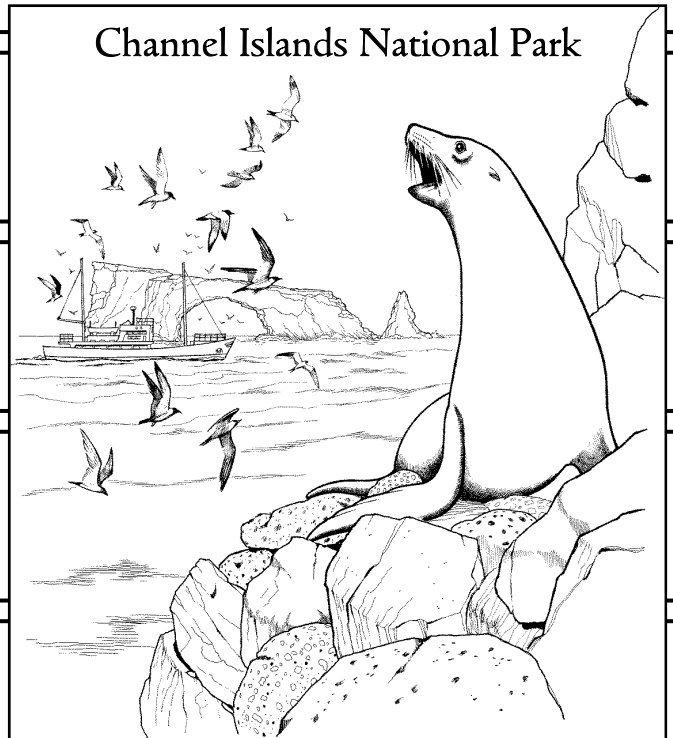
- The Republican Party gains majorities in the U.S. House and Senate for the first time in 40 years.

1995

1996

1997

- A homeschooled student wins the National Spelling Bee for the first time.



1998

- The first piece of the International Space Station is launched.
- The House of Representatives impeaches President Clinton.

1999

- In his impeachment trial, the Senate finds President Clinton not guilty.
- The U.S. Mint introduces the 50 State Quarters Program.

2000

- The U.S. Postal Service issues a Sgt. York stamp.
- Bill Shepherd becomes the first American to reside in the International Space Station.
- _____
- _____ (143)

2001

- George W. Bush is inaugurated as the 43rd President of the United States.
- Muslim terrorists destroy the World Trade Center and damage the Pentagon.
- The United States and its allies attack terrorist bases in Afghanistan.

2002

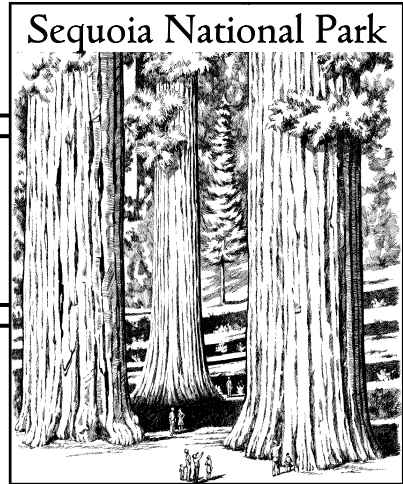
- Fred Rogers is awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

2003

- The United States and its allies invade Iraq as part of the war on terrorism.
- The United States and its allies capture Saddam Hussein.
- _____
- _____ (146)

2004

- The World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. is completed.
- The U.S. Mint introduces Westward Journey Nickel series in honor of Thomas Jefferson and Lewis and Clark.



2005

- Hurricane Katrina hits the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

2006

- Shirley Temple Black receives the Life Achievement Award from the Screen Actors Guild.

2007

- _____
- _____ (11)
- Kansas produces 375 million bushels of wheat.

2008

- _____
- _____ (145)
- U.S. struggles through the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

2009

- Barack Obama is inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States.

2010

- President Obama visits Billy Graham in Graham's home.
- The U.S. Mint begins the America the Beautiful Quarters Program.

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

