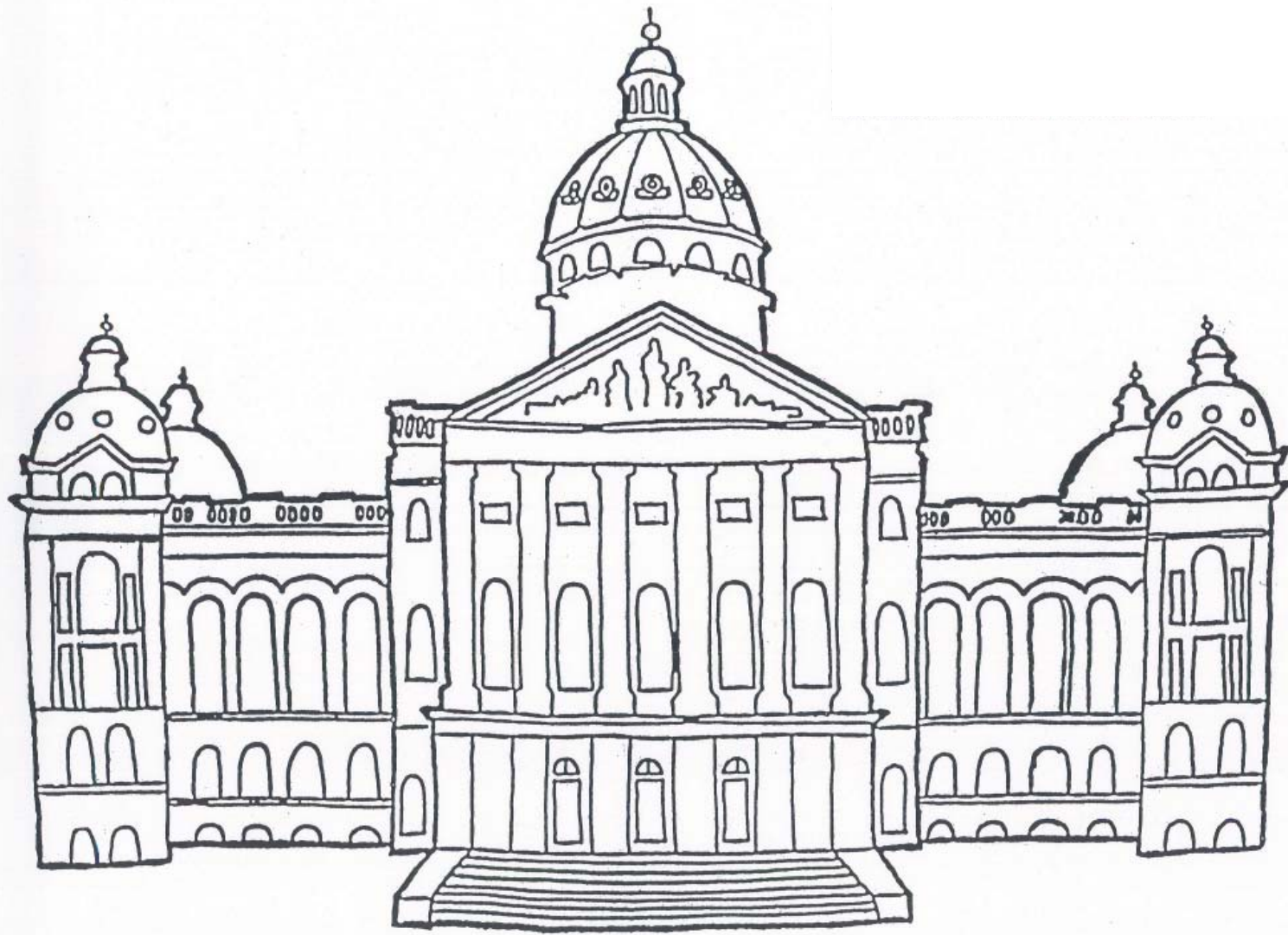




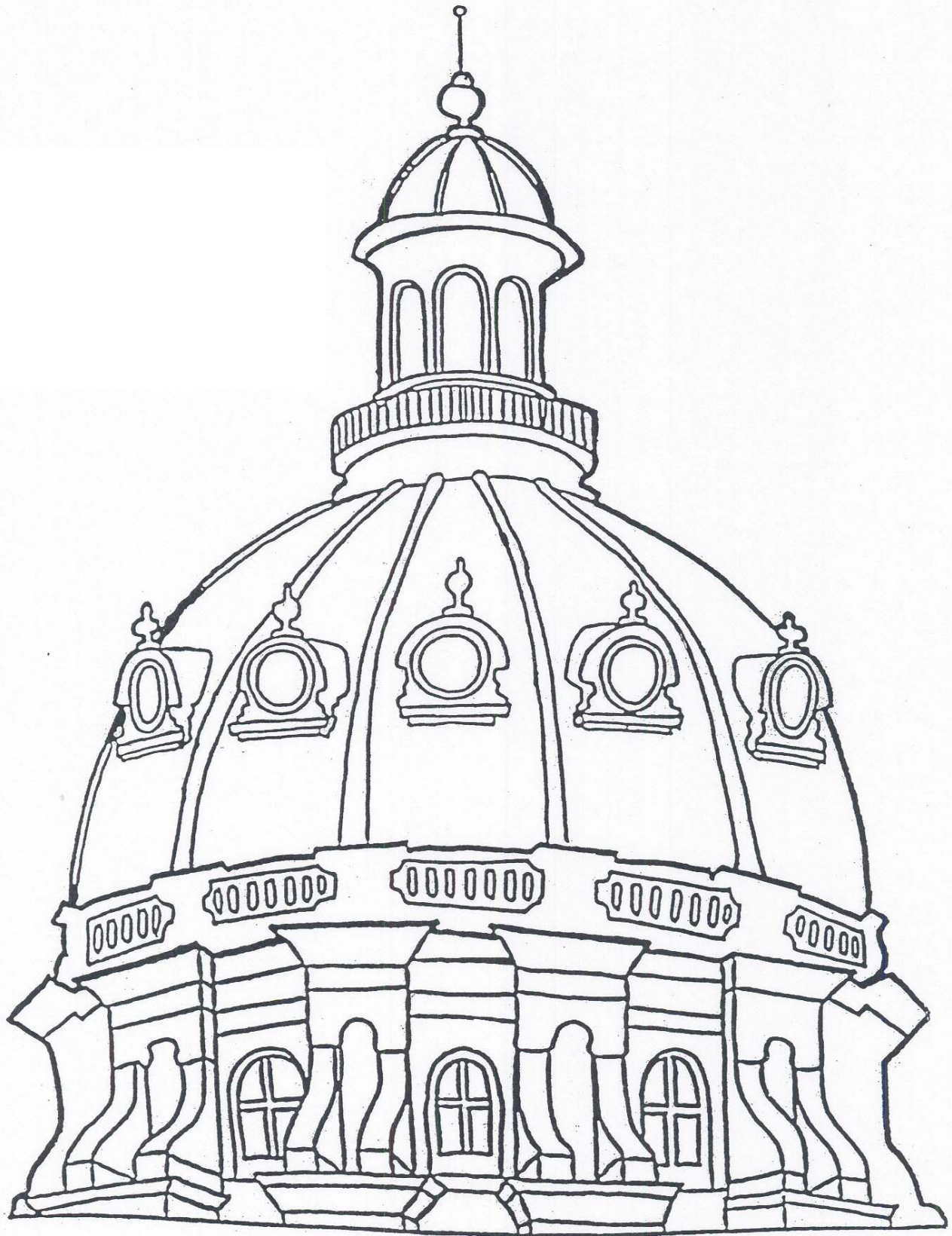
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**The State Capitol Building was completed in 1886. It is the sixth capitol in Iowa, the third since Iowa became a state, and the second to be built in Des Moines.**



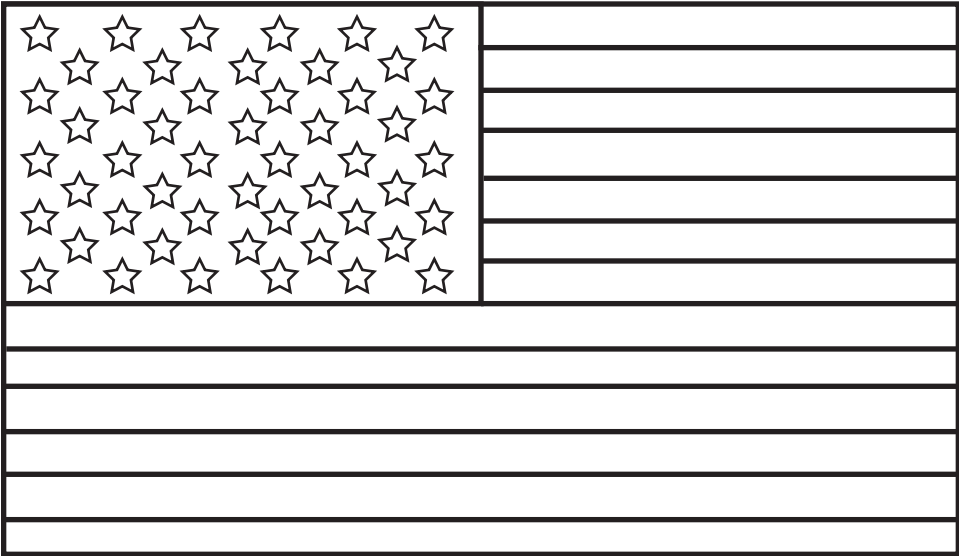
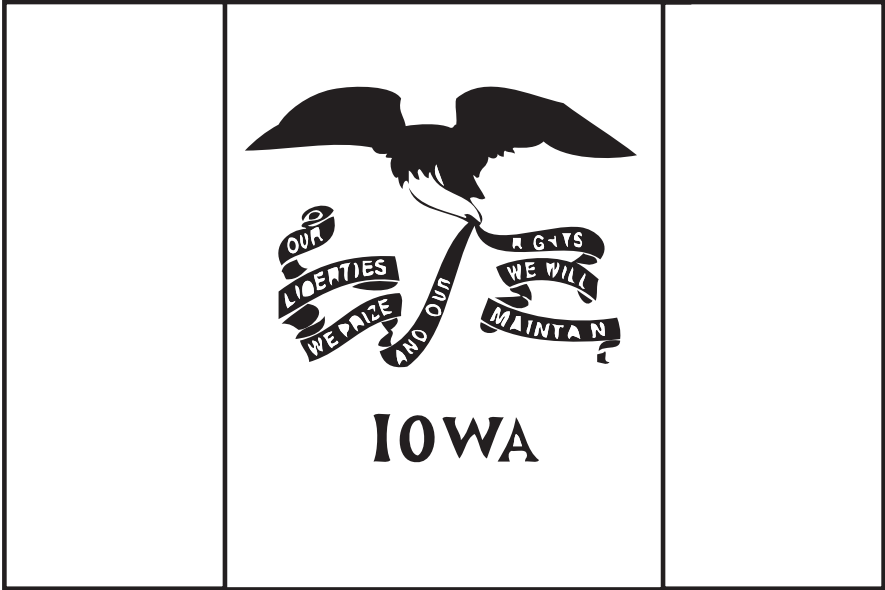
**The State Capitol Building is crowned by a dome covered with sheets of 23 carat gold. The sheets are so thin that it would take a pile of 250,000 of them to measure one inch.**

**The Eastern Goldfinch, with its bright yellow body and black wings, was named the official bird of Iowa in 1933.**



**The wild rose was chosen as the official state flower in 1897. It can have varying shades of pink and can be found growing throughout the state from June to late in the summer.**

**Iowa's flag consists of three stripes of blue, white, and red. The color blue represents loyalty, justice, and truth. The color white represents purity. The color red represents courage.**



**The U.S. flag has 13 red and white stripes to symbolize the 13 original colonies of America. It also has 50 white stars that represent the 50 states. The color red represents valor and bravery. The color white represents purity and innocence. The color blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.**

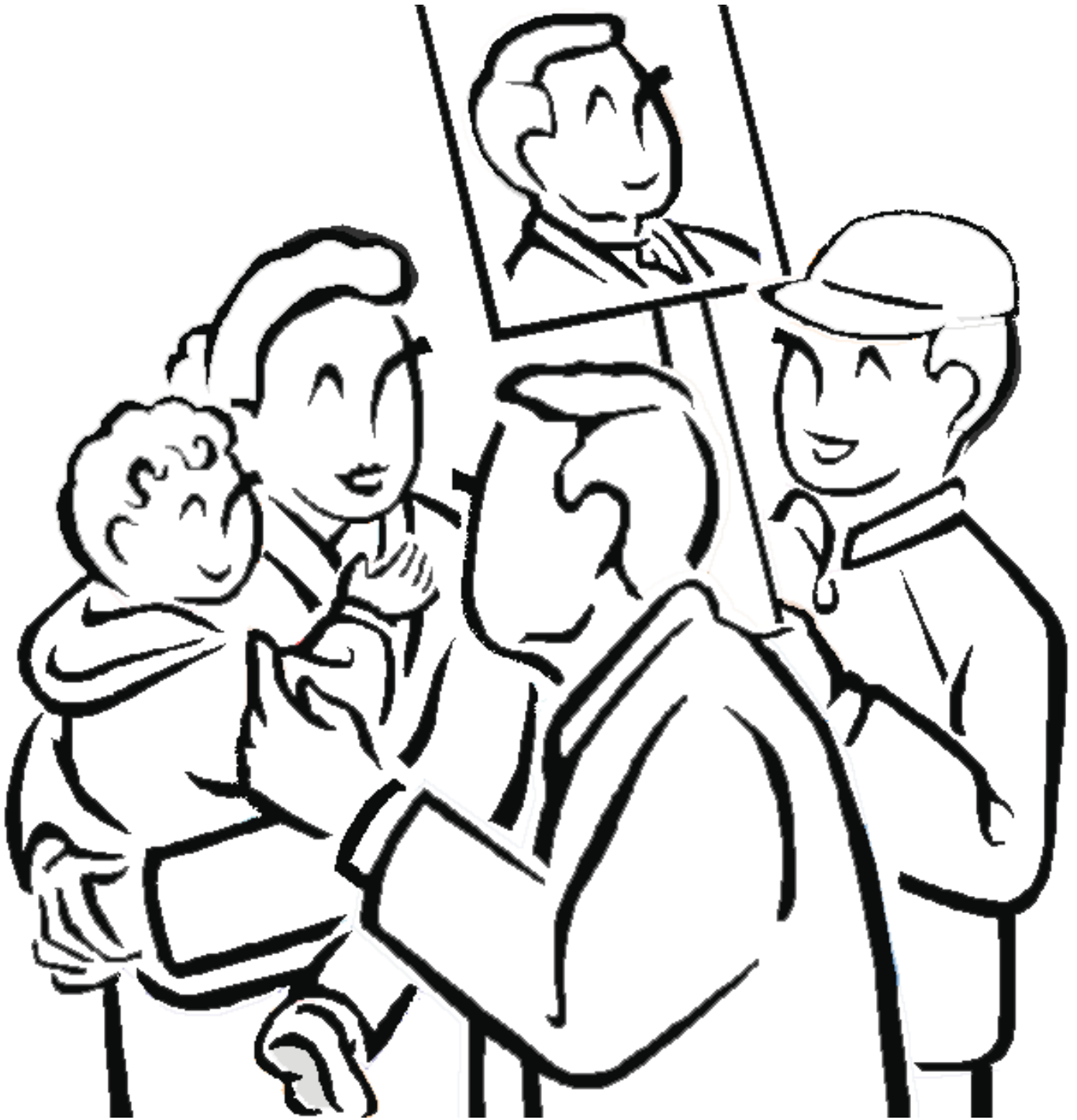
**Test your knowledge of the United States. Fill in the blank next to the state with its capital.**

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Arizona:	_____	Nevada:	_____
Arkansas:	_____	New Hampshire:	_____
California:	_____	New Jersey:	_____
Colorado:	_____	New Mexico:	_____
Connecticut:	_____	New York:	_____
Delaware:	_____	North Carolina:	_____
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Mississippi:	_____	Wisconsin:	_____
Missouri:	_____	Wyoming:	_____

Albany	Charleston	Hartford	Madison	Richmond
Annapolis	Cheyenne	Helena	Montgomery	Sacramento
Atlanta	Columbia	Honolulu	Montpelier	Saint Paul
Augusta	Columbus	Indianapolis	Nashville	Salem
Austin	Concord	Jackson	Oklahoma City	Salt Lake City
Baton Rouge	Denver	Jefferson City	Olympia	Santa Fe
Bismarck	Des Moines	Juneau	Phoenix	Springfield
Boise	Dover	Lansing	Pierre	Tallahassee
Boston	Frankfort	Lincoln	Providence	Topeka
Carson City	Harrisburg	Little Rock	Raleigh	Trenton

**There was a time in U.S. history when only a few people could vote. Today, all American citizens have the right to vote.**



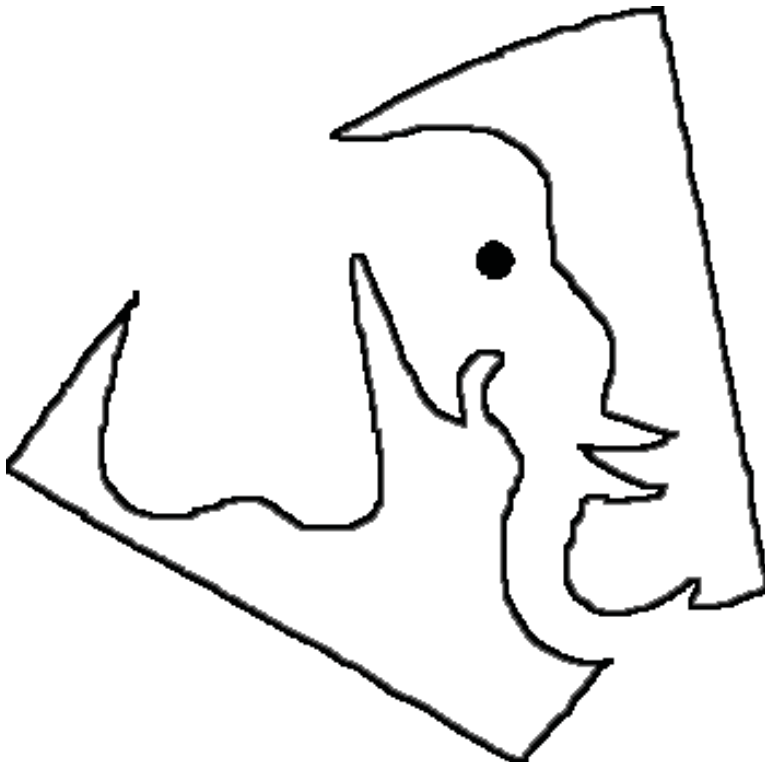


**When you vote for a candidate, you are choosing that person to be your representative in government.**



**A political party usually chooses a candidate to represent the party for an elected position. The political parties help to organize people to support the candidate or an issue.**

**The Democratic Party has a donkey as its symbol.**



**The Republican Party has an elephant as its symbol.**



**To vote, you mark a ballot that lists all of the candidates' names and then place your ballot in a ballot box. The ballots will be counted, and a winner will be announced.**

**When you turn 18 years old, you will officially be able to vote!  
Until then, you can practice by filling out this ballot.  
Vote for your favorite animal.**

# BALLOT

Mark the box for your favorite animal.

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Dog

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Cat

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Rabbit

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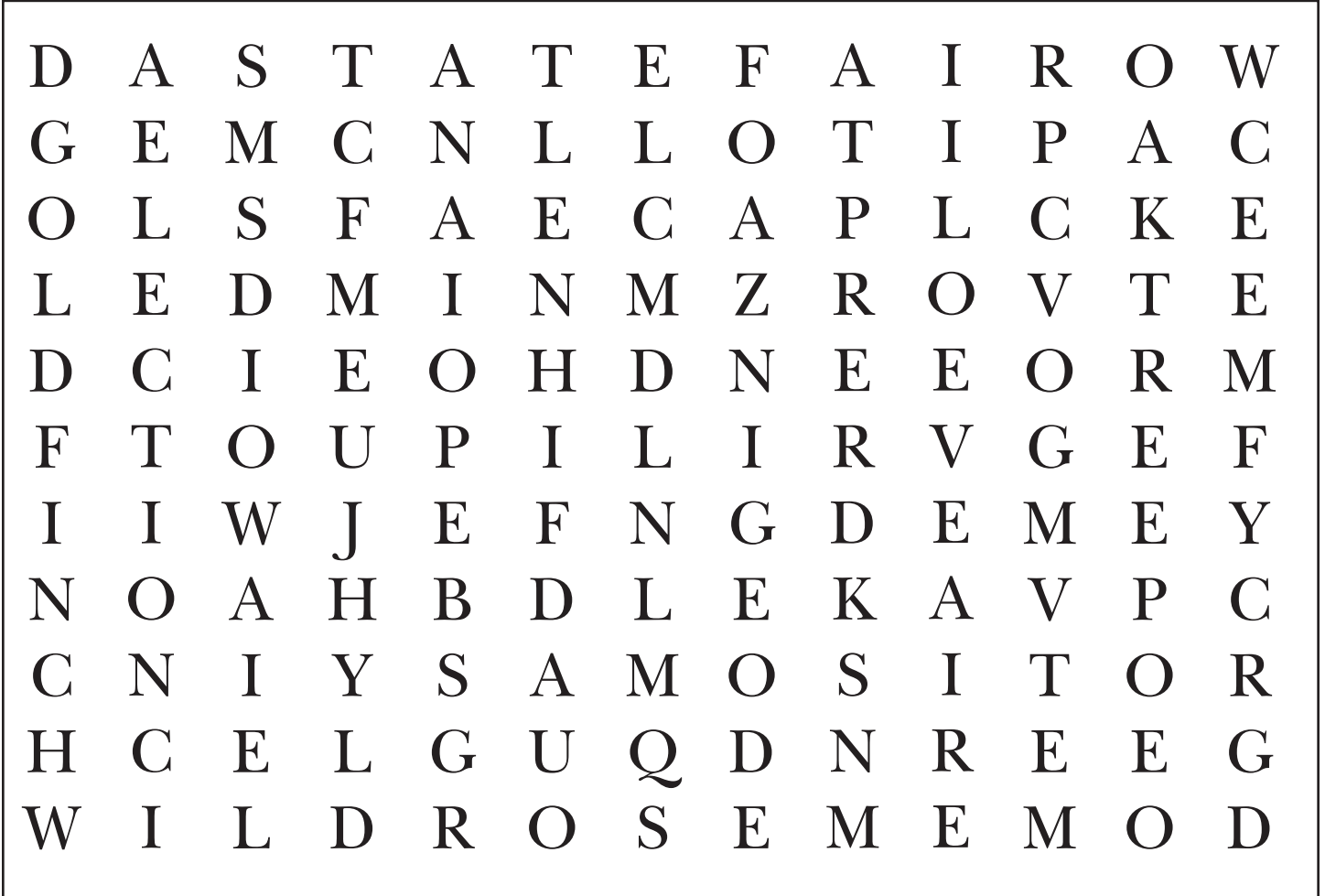
Lizard

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