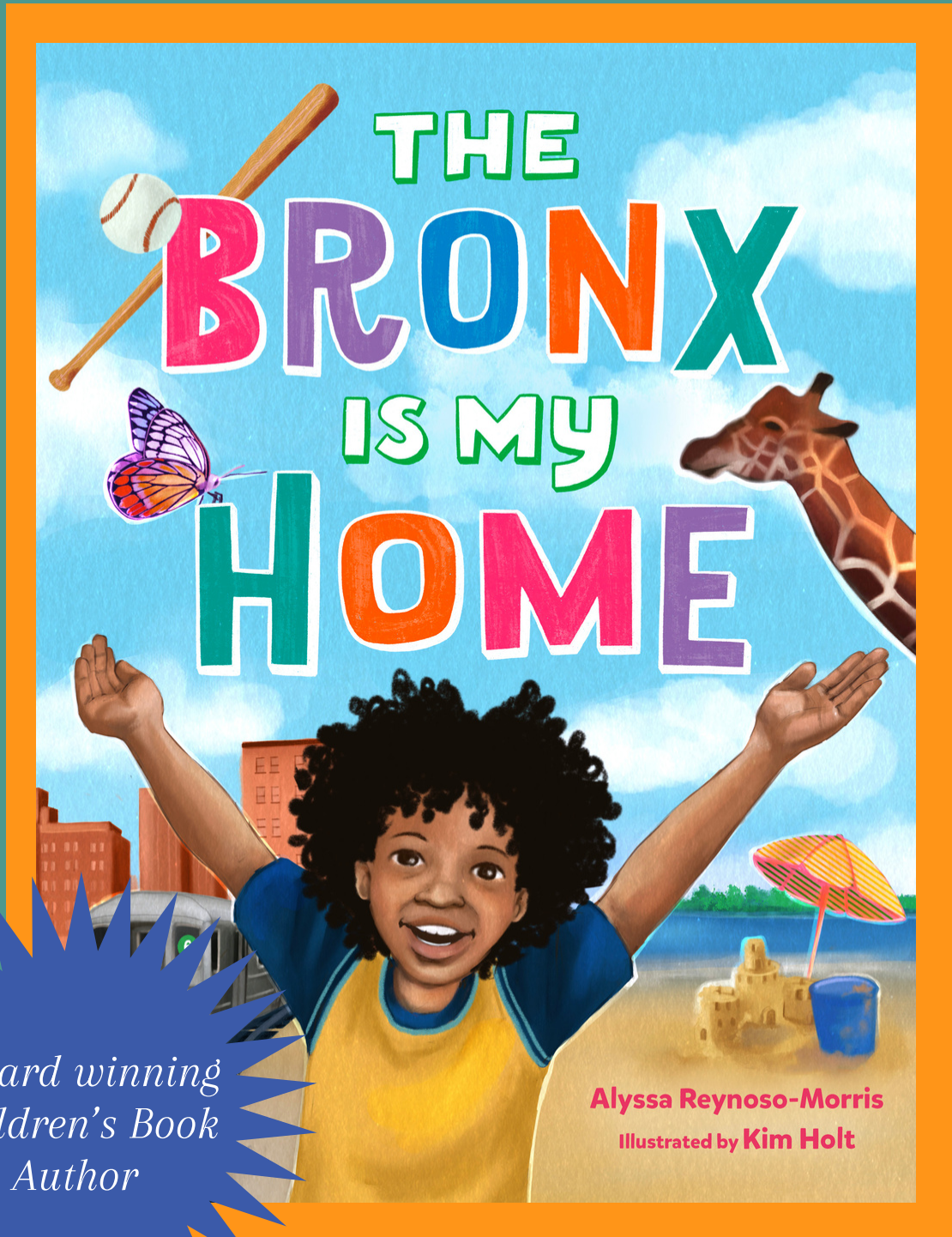


EDUCATOR



*Award winning
Children's Book
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GUIDE

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CLASSROOM GUIDE

This classroom guide is designed for students in kindergarten through third grade but can be adapted for older students. Teachers should adapt these activities according to their needs and the abilities of individual students. The activities and discussion questions in this section have been developed using current Common Core Standards, which are listed below.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COMMON CORE STANDARDS

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1

With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.3

Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.6

With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.7

Use the information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate an understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2

Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.3

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Dear reader,

My name is Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, author of Plátanos Are Love and The Bronx Is My Home. I wanted to be an author since I was 7 years old but tried other things before finding my way back to writing.

As a mom and daughter of an ELL Educator, I realized there was a need for more stories that reflected my experiences and culture as a Black Latine individual with Dominican and Puerto Rican roots. I know these types of stories positively affect student engagement, confidence, and comprehension.

I am happy to share that my second picture book The Bronx Is My Home comes out into the world on October 24, 2023.

It is "A warm introduction to a culturally rich borough." –Kirkus

Welcome to The Bronx, New York! A picture book celebration of hometown pride including the history, landscape, cuisines, cultures, and activities unique to this vibrant community.

There's only one place where you can see bodegas and businesses bustling on every street, taste the most delicious empanadas in the world, smell the salty sea air of Pelham Bay, and pet horses at the Bronx Equestrian Center.

From sunrise to sunset, Santiago and Mami have many treasures to enjoy in their neighborhood on a beautiful Saturday, including colorful birds on the Siwanoy Trail and fresh cannolis on Arthur Avenue.

With love and gratitude,



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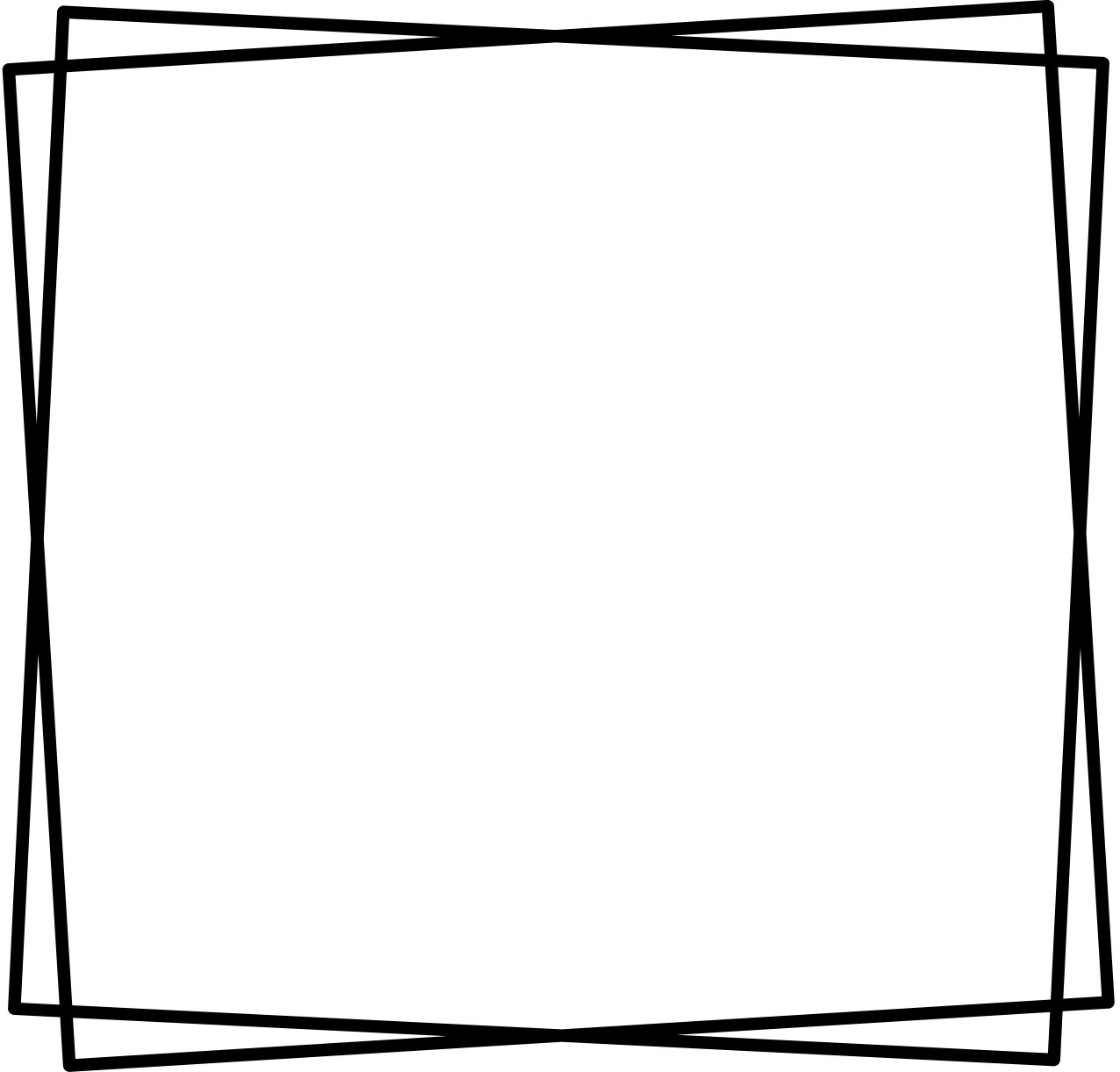
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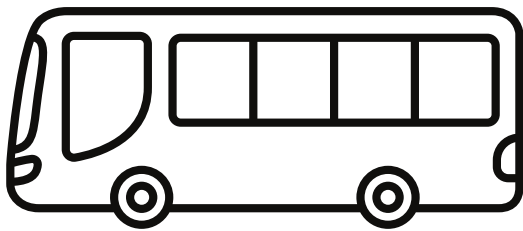
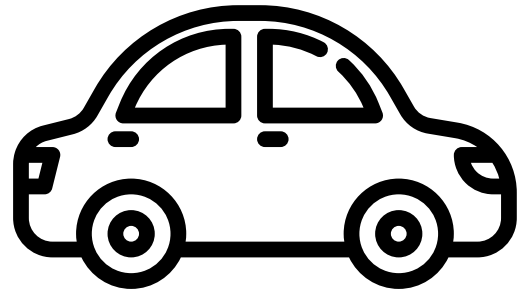
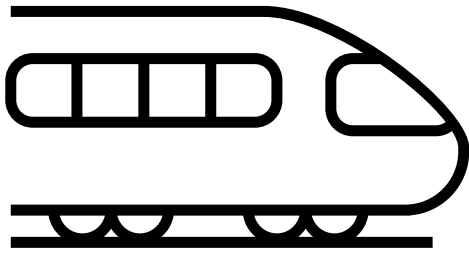
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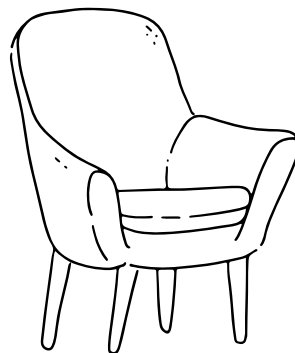
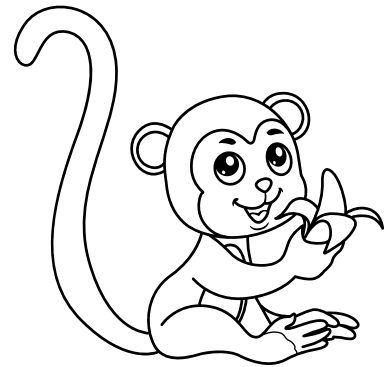
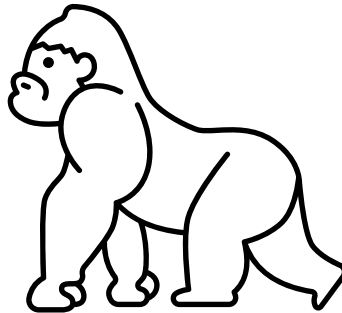
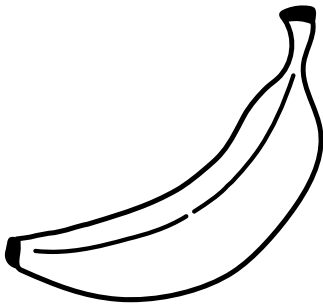
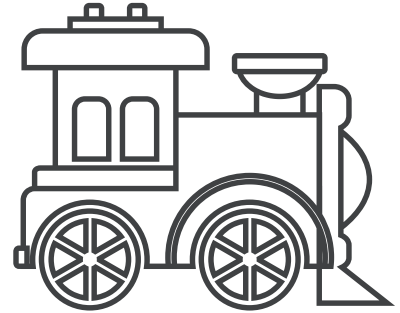
How do you travel through your borough? Circle the ways.



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THE BRONX ZOO

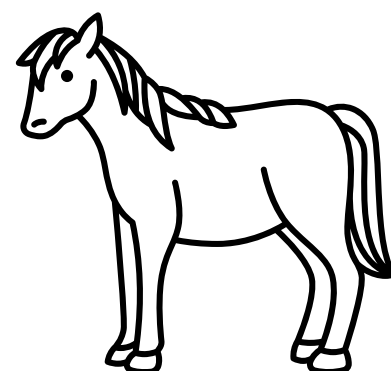
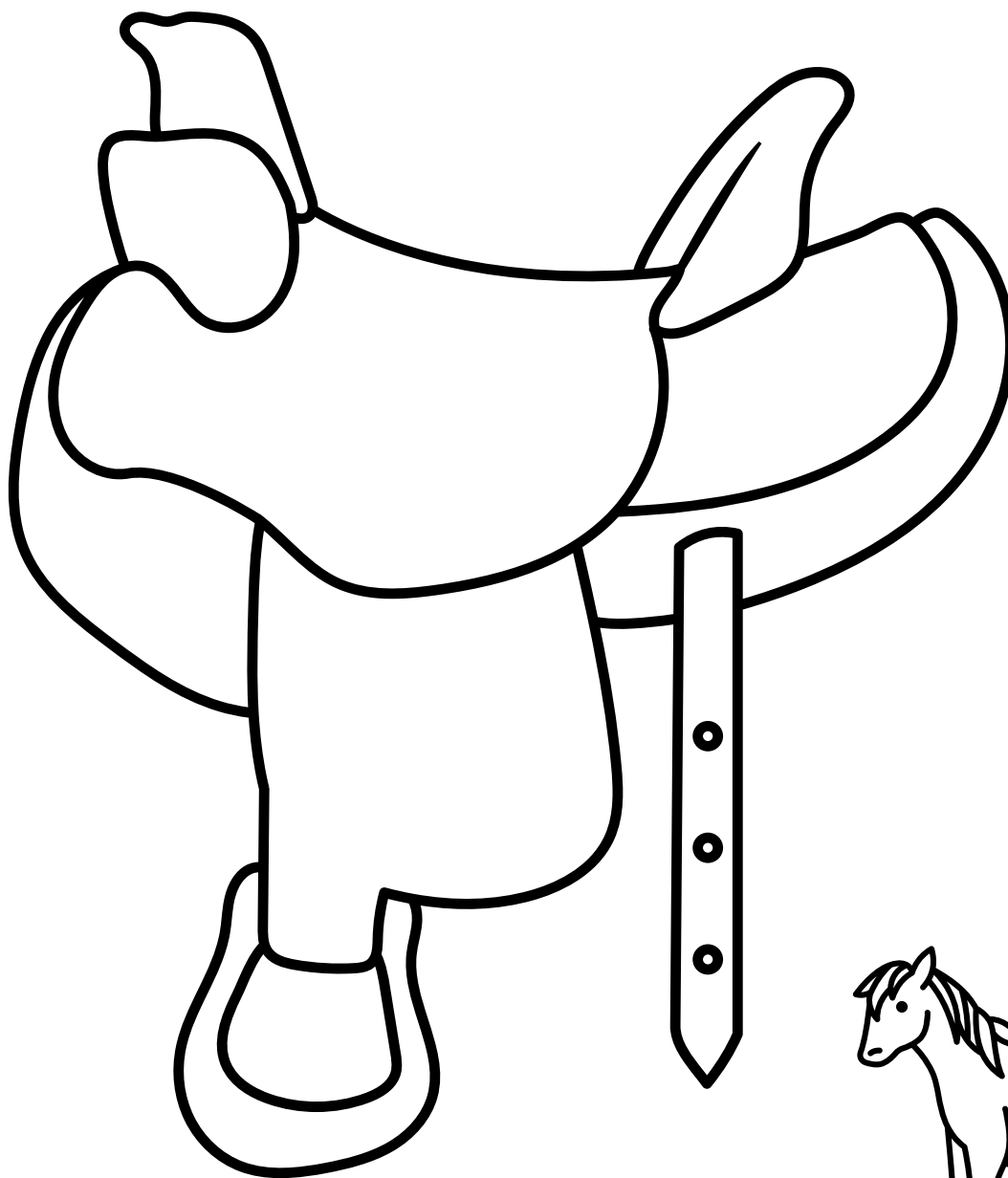
Circle what doesn't belong.



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BRONX EQUESTRAIN CENTER

Design a saddle for Azúcar

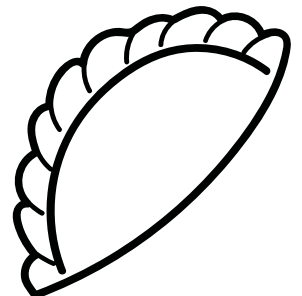
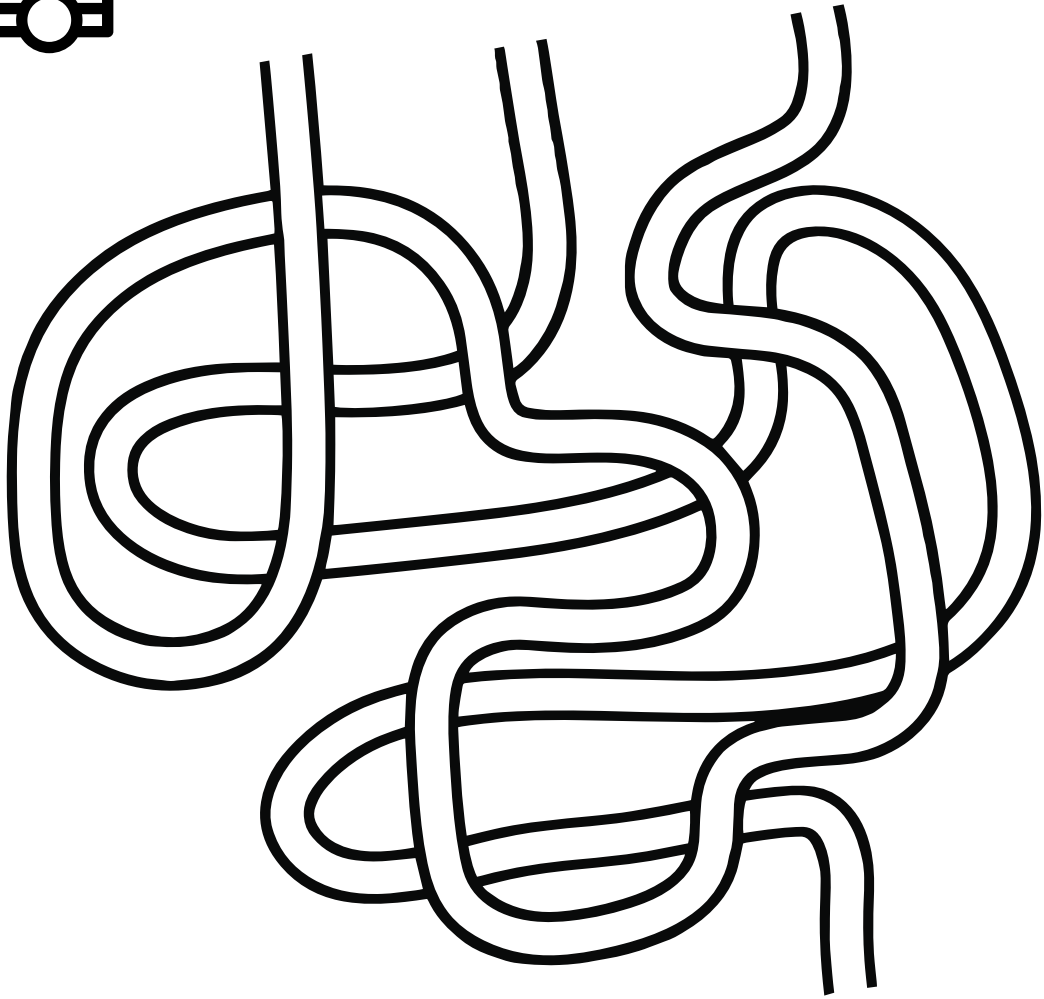


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P A D R I N O S



Which path leads to the empanada?



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1ST -2ND GRADE

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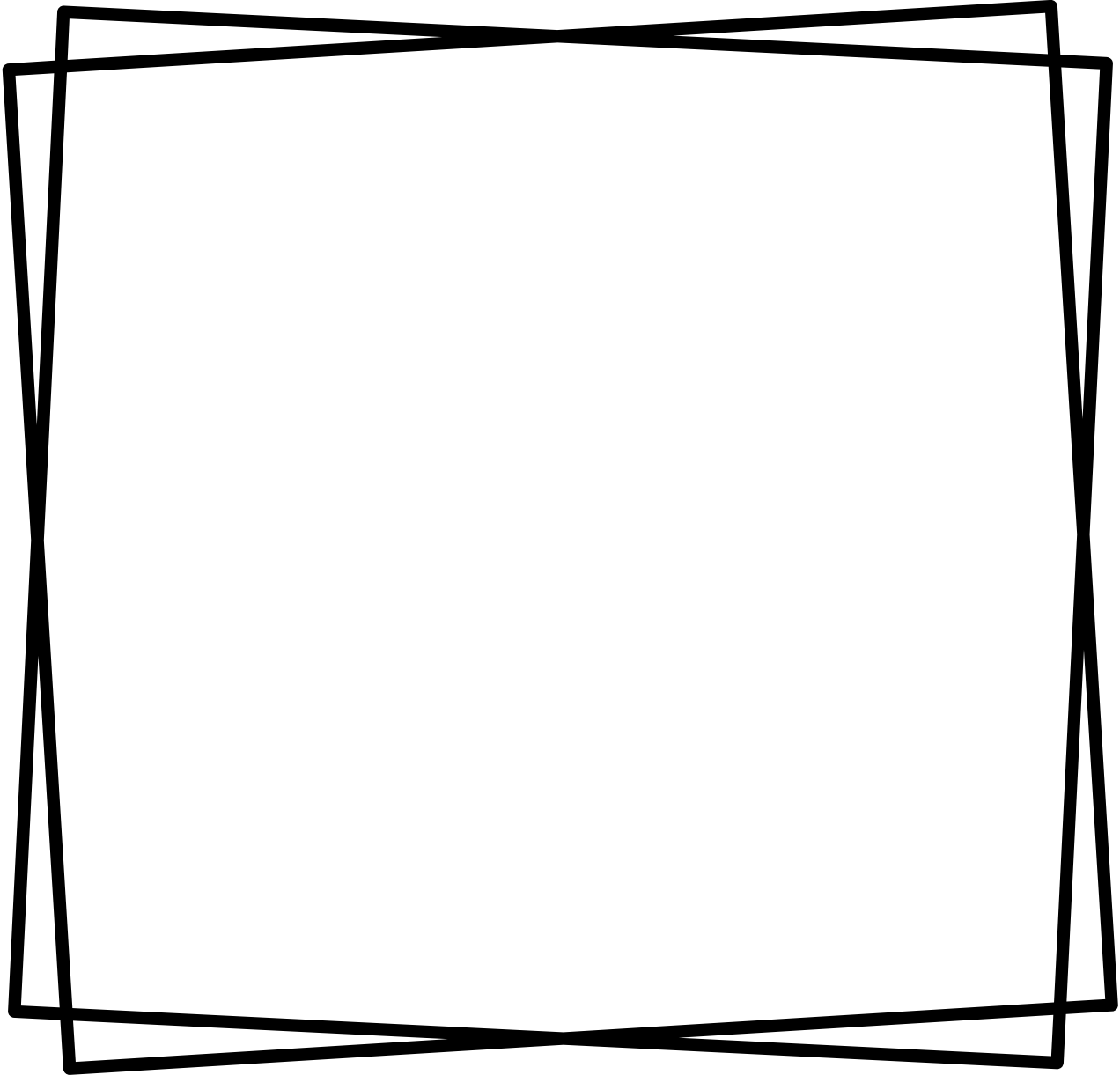
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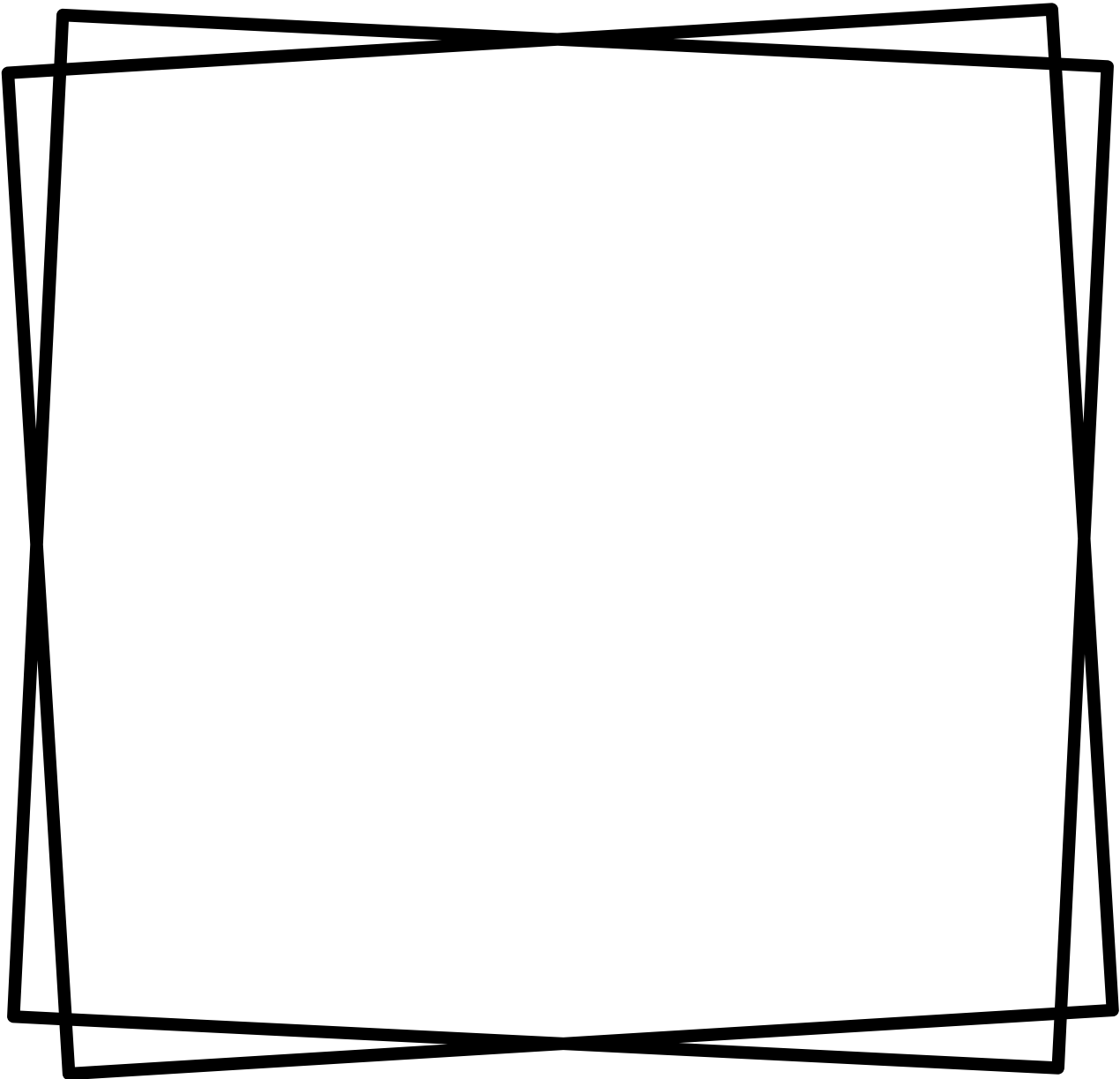
Draw a picture of your home



Name

MY BOROUGH

**Draw a map of your
neighborhood**



Name

MY BOROUGH

My favorite place
in my borough is

_____.

I like it because

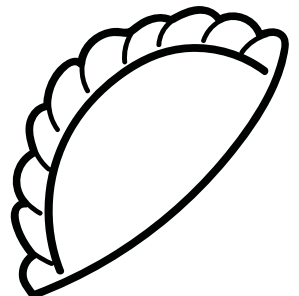
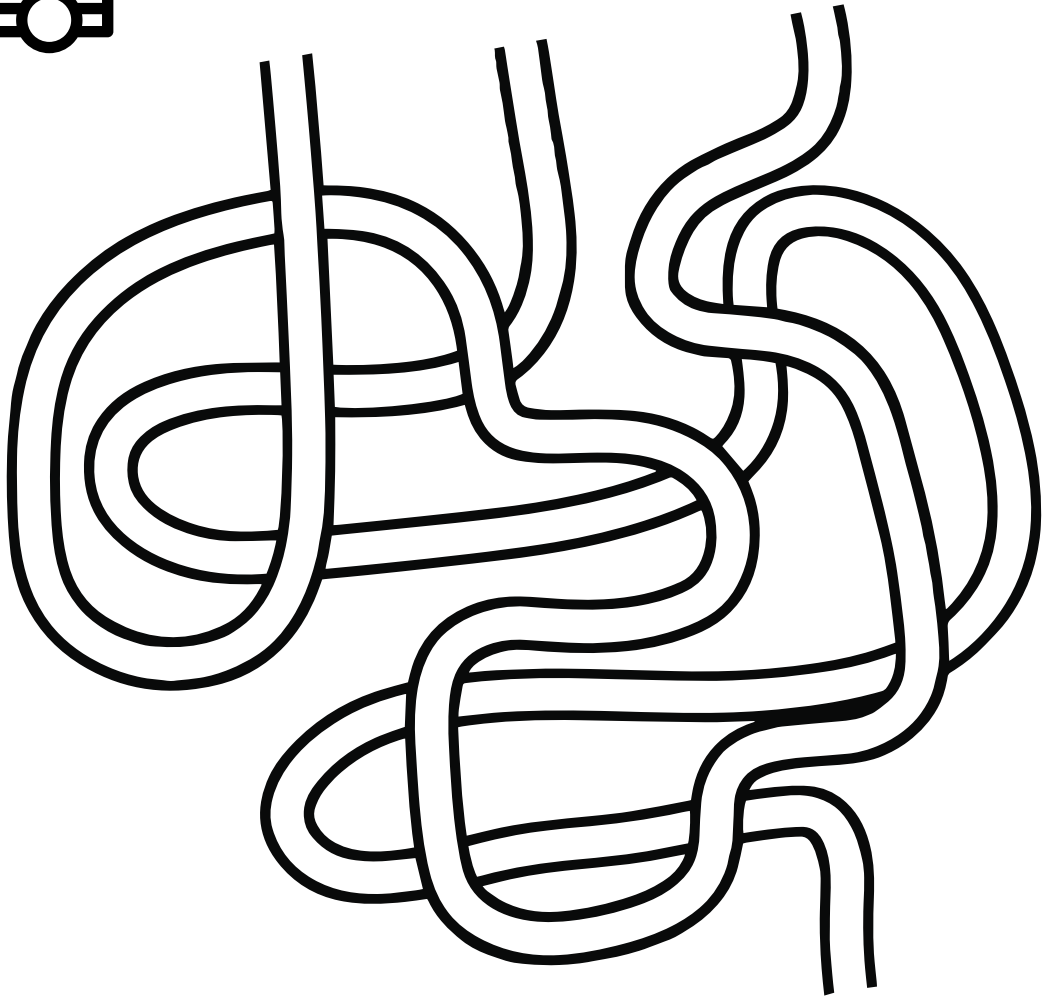
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PADRINOS



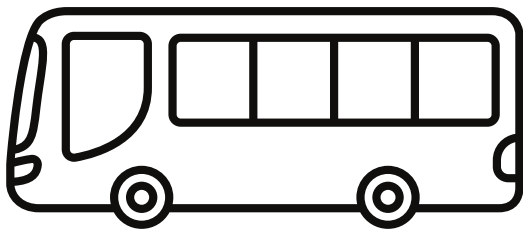
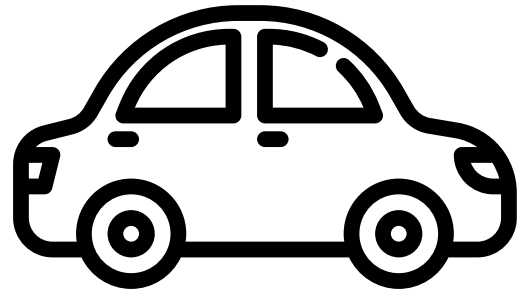
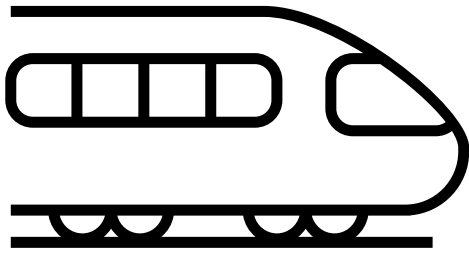
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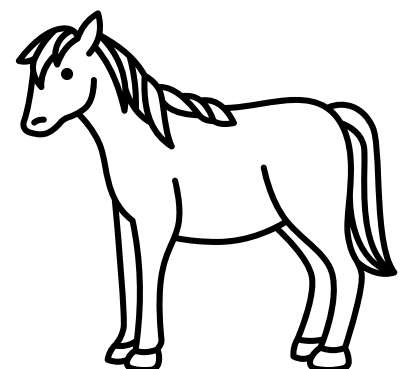
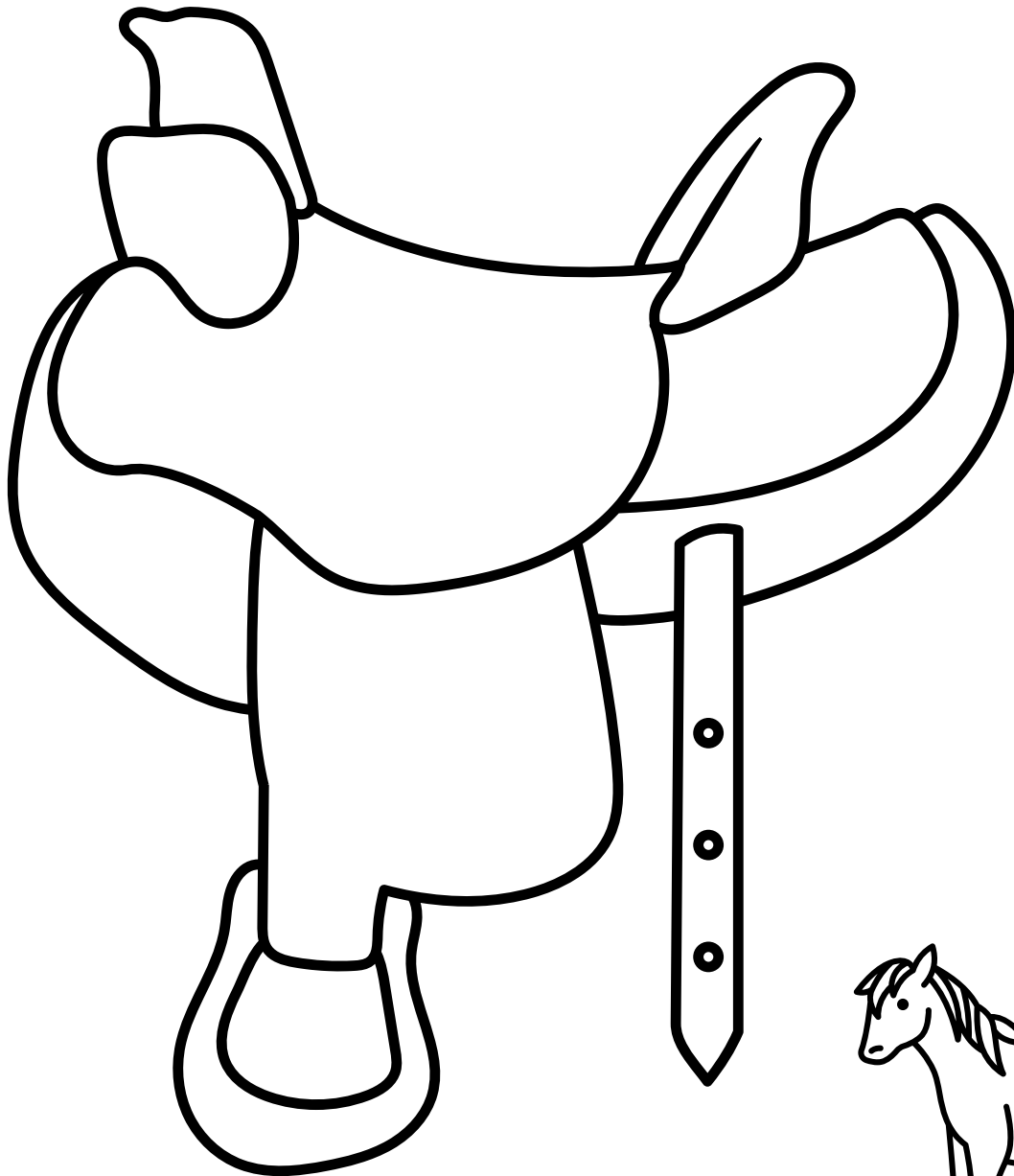
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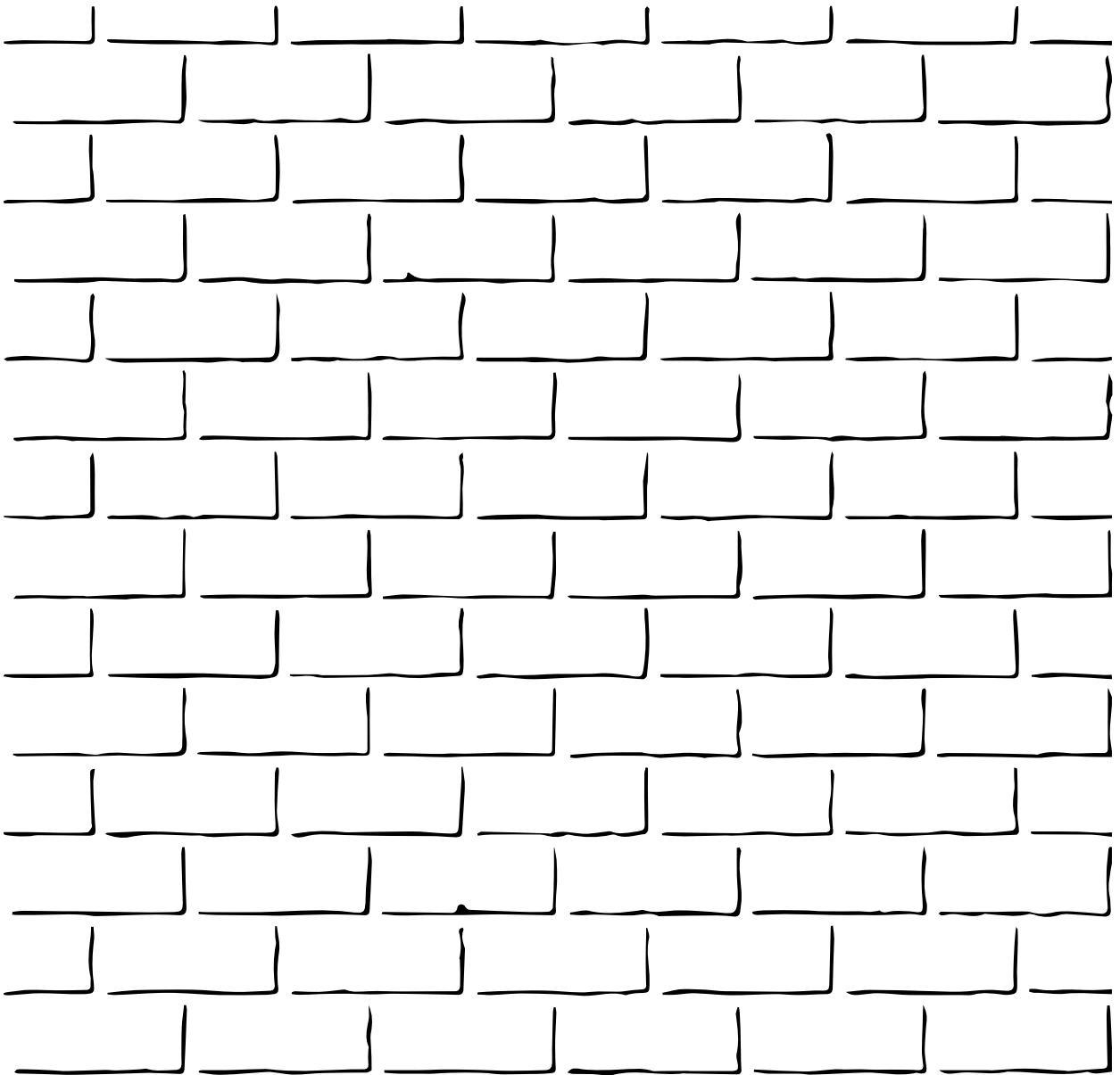
Design a saddle for Azúcar



Name

THE BRONX

Make your own graffiti
masterpiece.



Name

THE BRONX

I drew a

I like it because

Name

ORCHARD BEACH

Imagine you are at the beach.

I see

at the beach.

I hear

at the beach.

Name

PELHAM BAY

Imagine you are at your favorite park.

I like to

at the park.

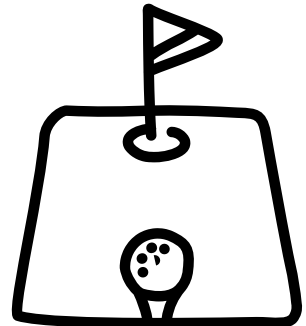
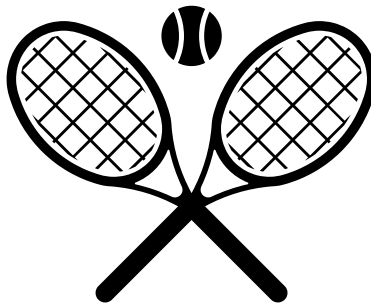
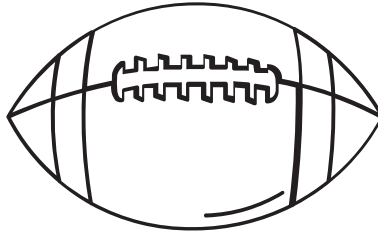
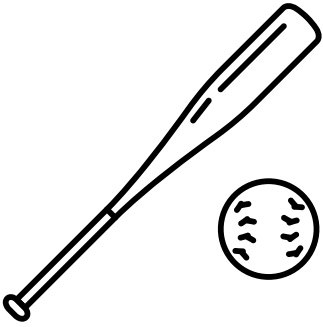
My favorite thing is

at the park.

Name

YANKEE STADIUM

Circle sports you like.



Name

3RD-4TH GRADE

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What do you like In your borough?

Talk about street art.

Padrino's: What types of restaurants do you visit in your neighborhood?

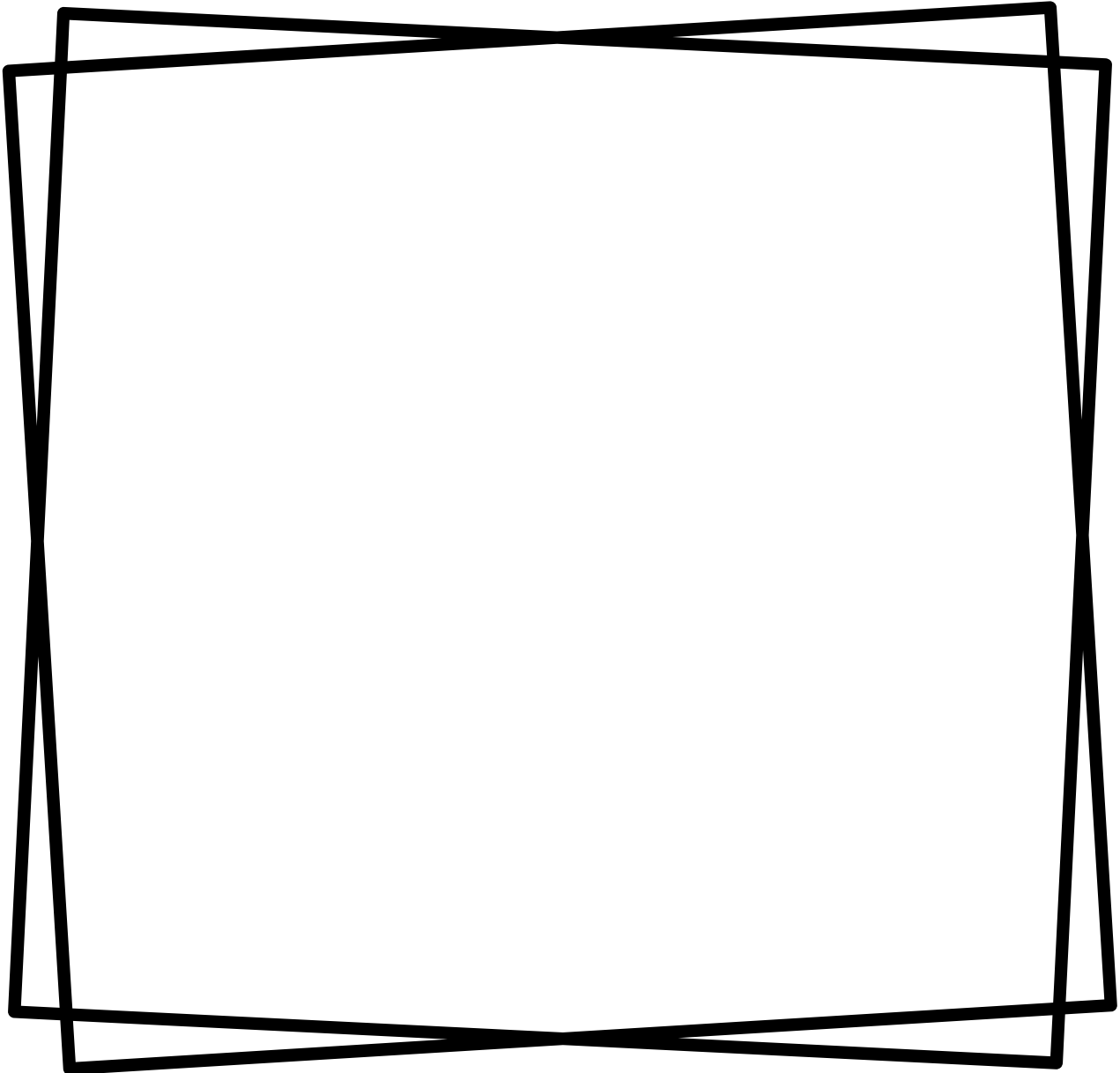
How do you honor Indigenous communities? Look up what Indigenous nations Inhabited the land you are on.

Have students write about a real life hero. Have them share out in small groups.

Draw the ultimate park experience.

MY BOROUGH

**Draw a map of your
neighborhood**



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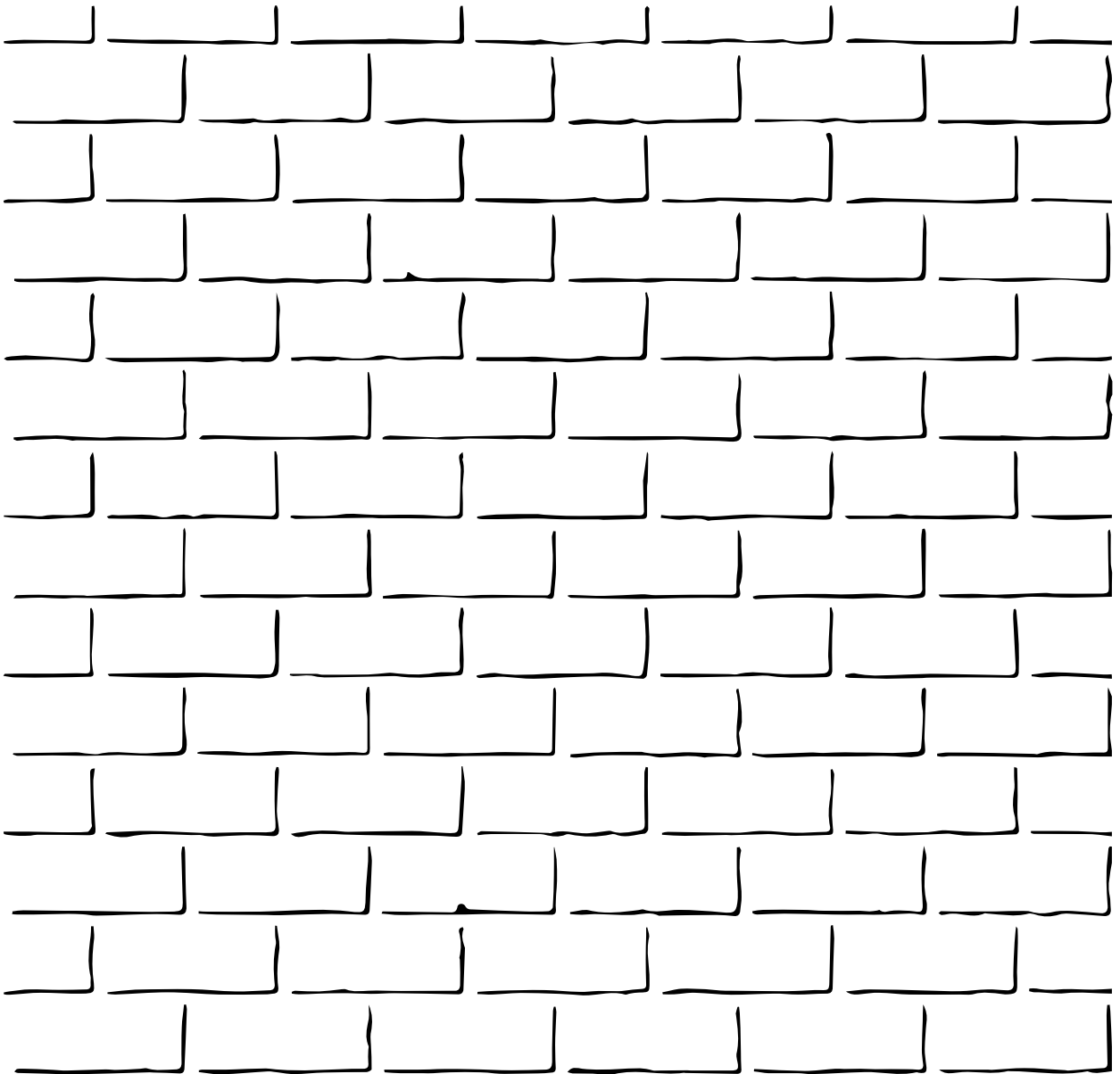
MY BOROUGH

Write about your neighborhood.

Name

THE BRONX

Make your own graffti
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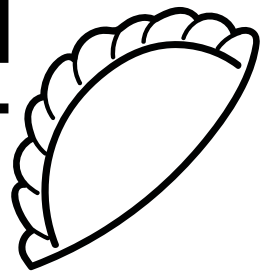
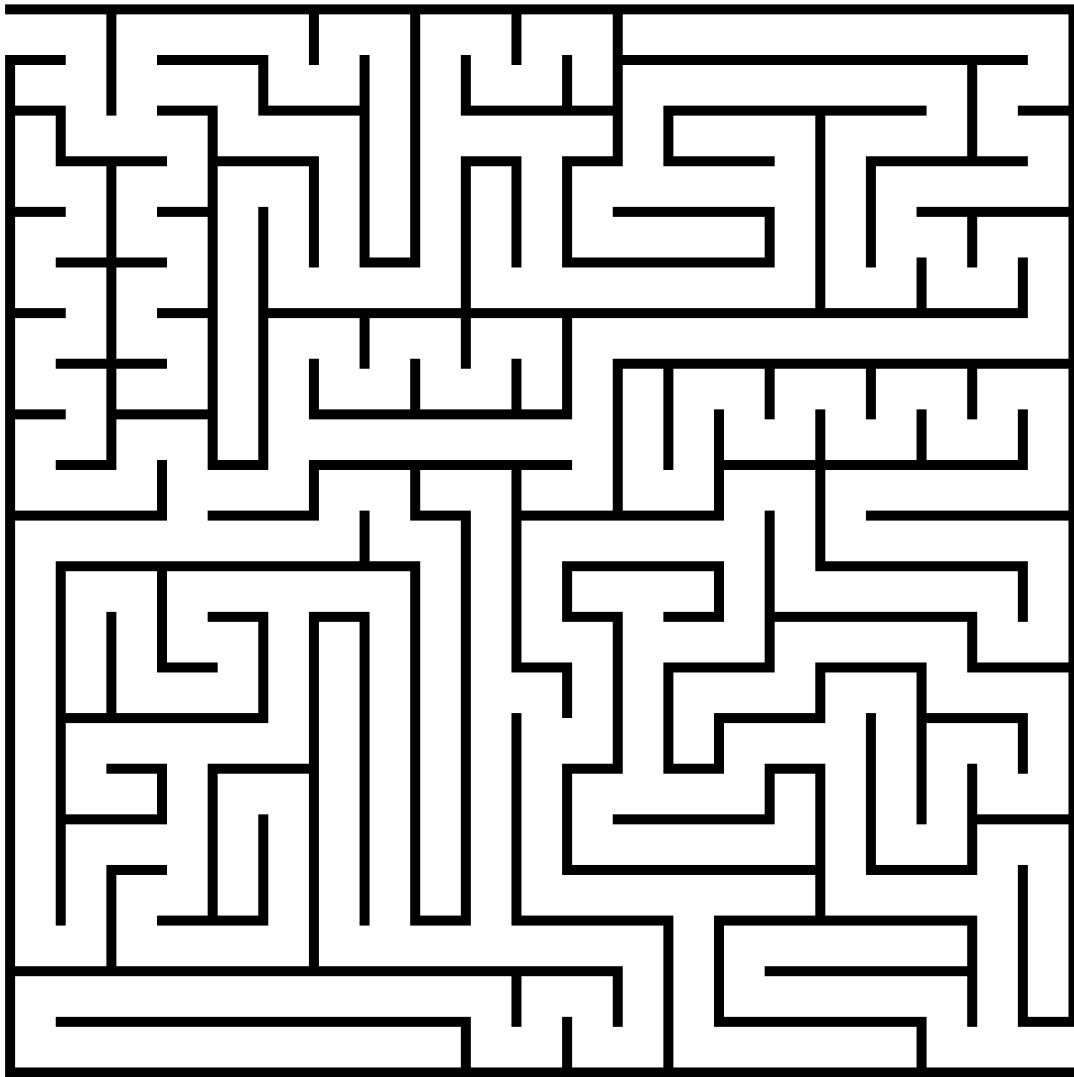


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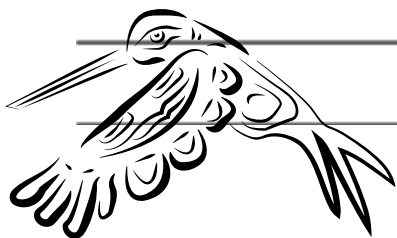
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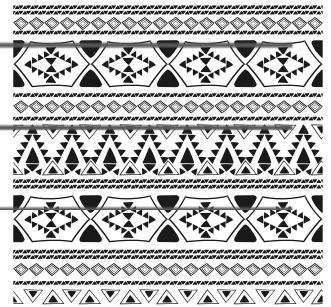
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SIWANNOY TRAIL

We are still here.
How do we honor Indigenous
lands?



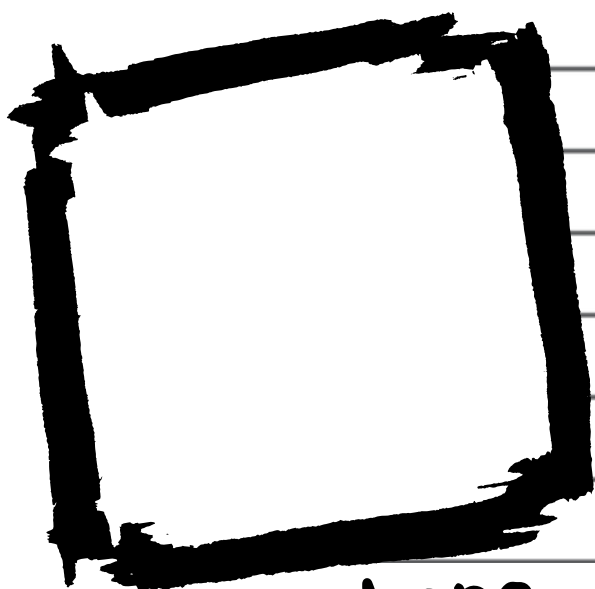
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REAL LIFE HERO



Who is your real life hero?
Share who and why.

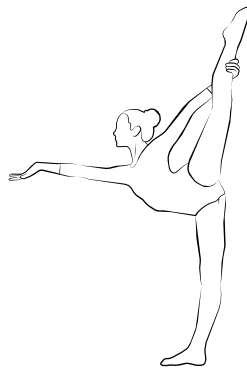
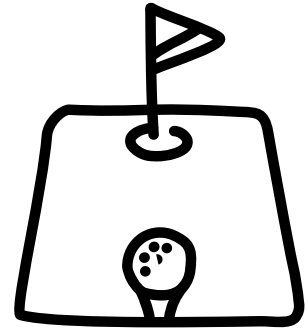
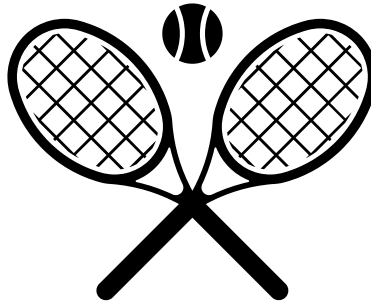
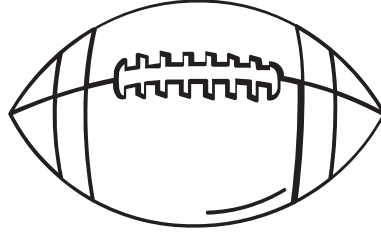
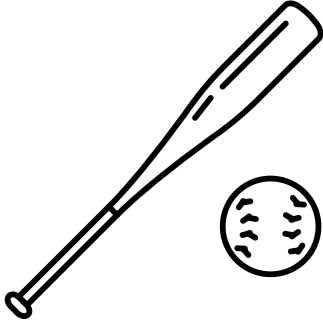


My hero

Name

YANKEE STADIUM

Fill in the blanks with sports names.



Name

WORD SEARCH

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Bronx Equestrian Center

Grand Concourse Bus

Third Ave Bridge

Pelham Bay Park

Yankee Stadium

Orchard Beach

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Siwanoy Trail

High Bridge

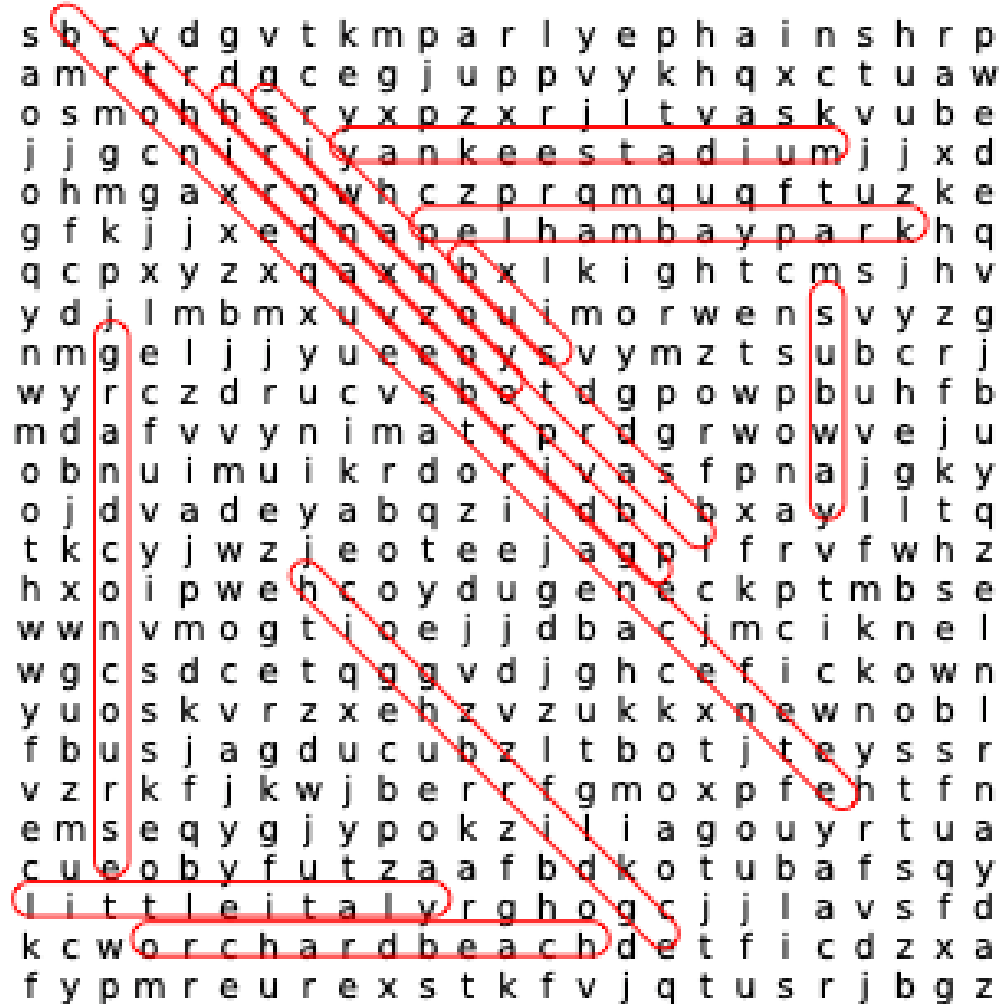
Bronx Zoo

Subway

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WORD SEARCH

Answer Key



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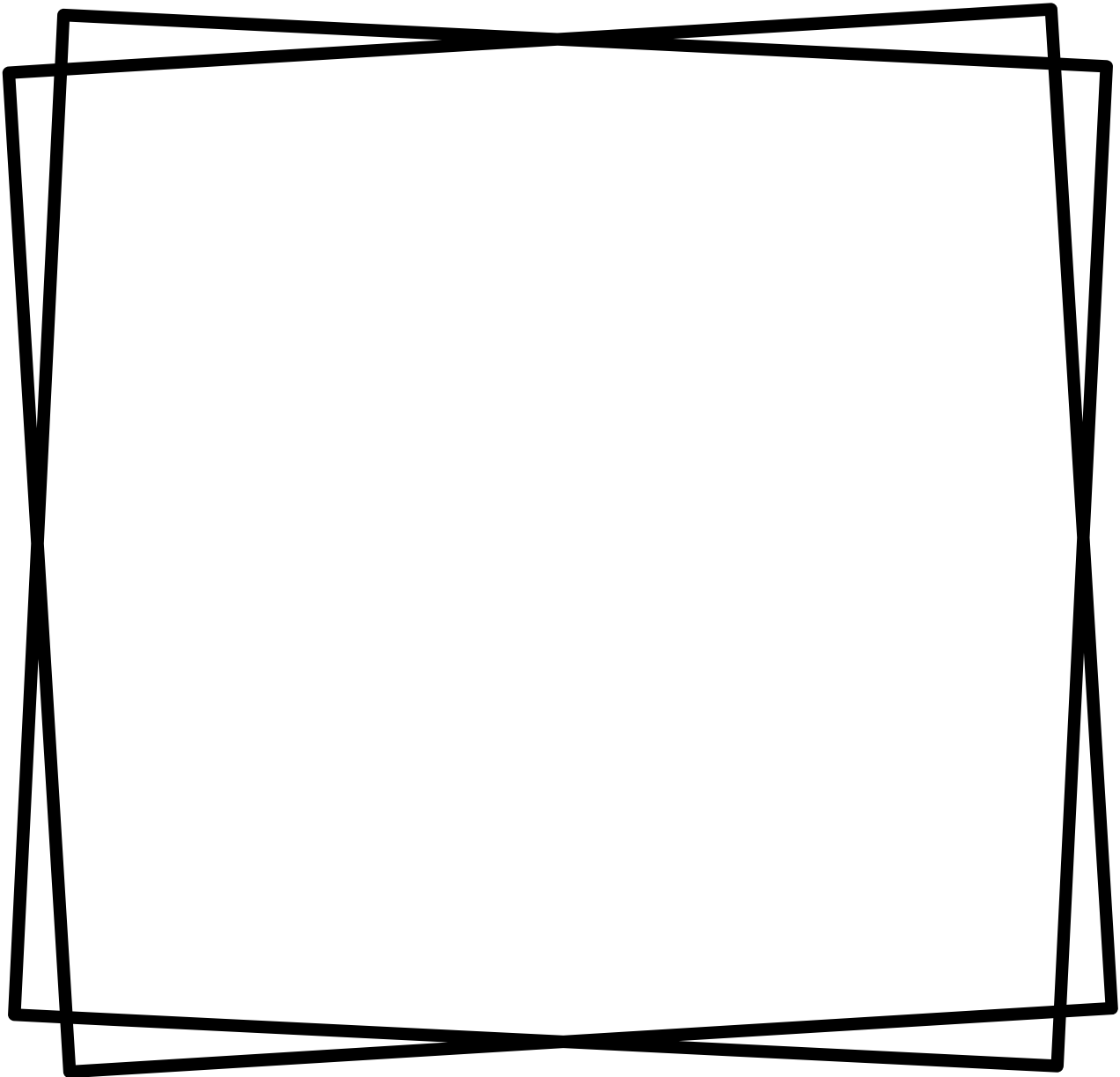
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Bronx Zoo

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PELHAM BAY

Draw the **ULTIMATE** park



Name

BRONX ZOO FUN FACTS



- Comprising 265 acres (107 ha) of area, the Bronx Zoo is considered the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States.
- The Bronx Zoo, one of the largest wildlife conservation parks in the United States, houses more than 4,000 animals representing more than 650 species.
- In 1960, when the Bronx Zoo exhibited James's flamingo, a species of flamingo which had been thought to be extinct until 1957, it became the first in the world to keep them.
- The zoo is so sparsely spread in 265 acres of area that it's difficult to see the entire zoo in a single day.
- The Bronx Zoo offers a natural habitat to snow leopard, and it has bred more snow leopards in captivity than any other zoo in the world. Around Halloween, the zoo officials let the snow leopards play with hollowed-out pumpkins.

Source: ohfact.com/bronx-zoo-facts

THANK YOU

Appreciate you!



THANK YOU FOR READING!

I hope you enjoy *The Bronx Is My Home*.
Somos familia.

We are family now.

For more information, including school visits, go to

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Con amor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alyssa'.