# Kids in the House

## THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK

### ACTIVITY FOLDER

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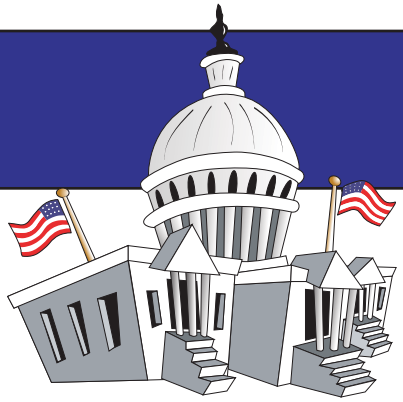

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- **Meet the Clerk:** Learn about the official duties of the Clerk and the history of the office, and read the biographies of the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk.
- **Learn About Congress:** Get answers to frequently asked questions about House Members, House committees, and House Leadership offices.
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- **Field Trip:** Learn about the U.S. government the fun way! Go on a virtual field trip to Capitol Hill, the House Chamber, and Statuary Hall.
- **Fun & Games:** Fun facts, activities, and puzzles to test your skill and tease your brain!
- **Parents & Teachers:** We have a section just for you, with lesson plans and educational resources to use in conjunction with this site.
- **Glossary:** Key words for each section of the site are listed in the feature boxes to the right. Go to the glossary to search for a vocabulary word, or view the full list of glossary terms and their definitions.
- **Find it all at** http://clerkkids.house.gov

## Word Puzzle

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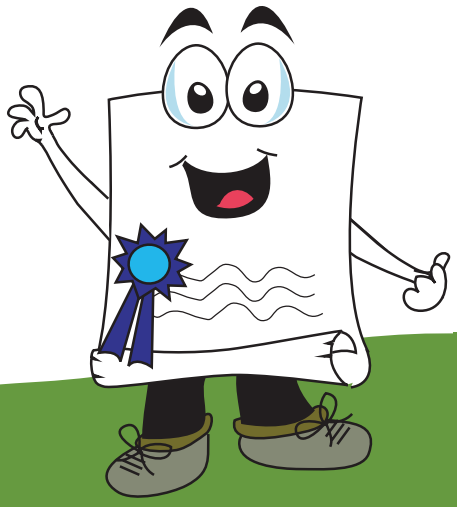



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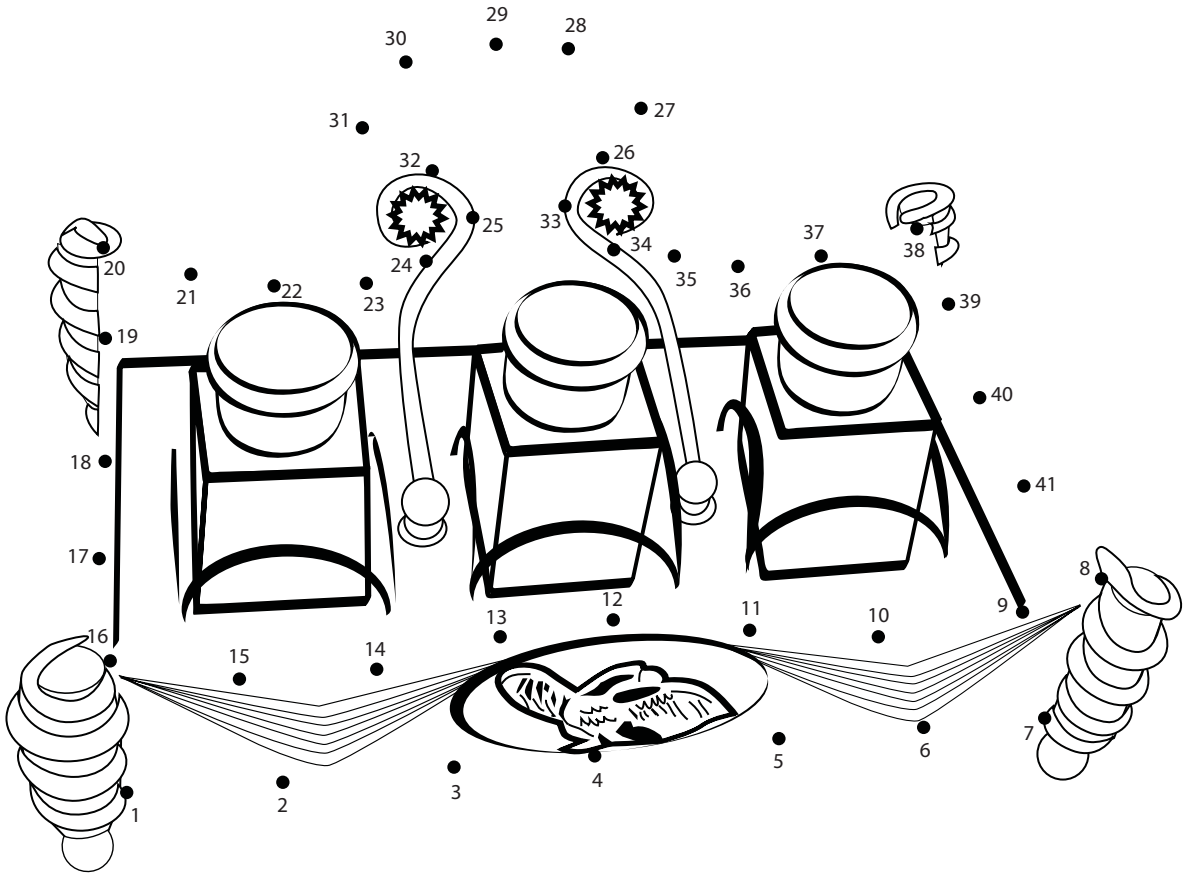
# CONNECT THE DOTS

**Connect the dots by using the numbers to see which object is the oldest relic in the House.**

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# WHAT'S MISSING?

**Can you discover which objects are missing from the second picture of the House Chamber?**

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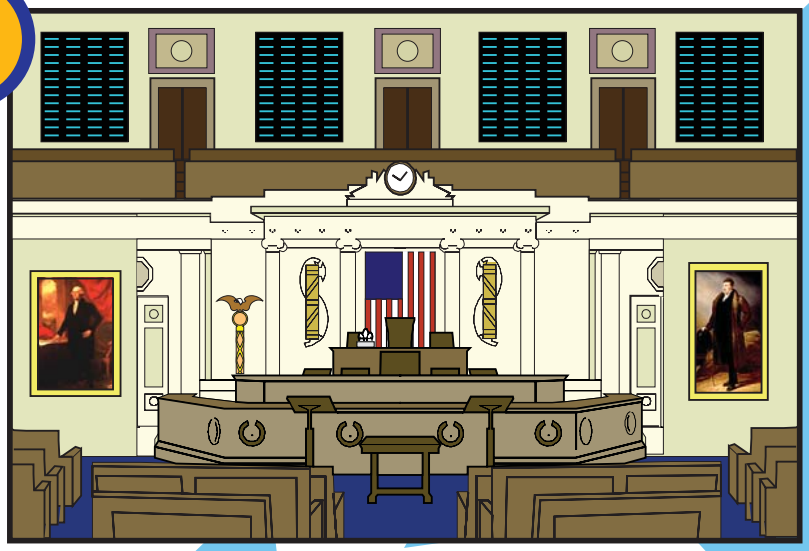

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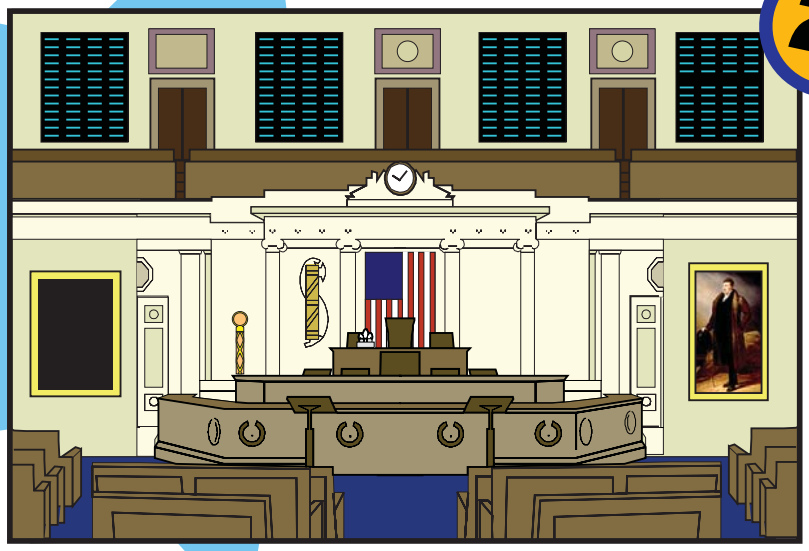

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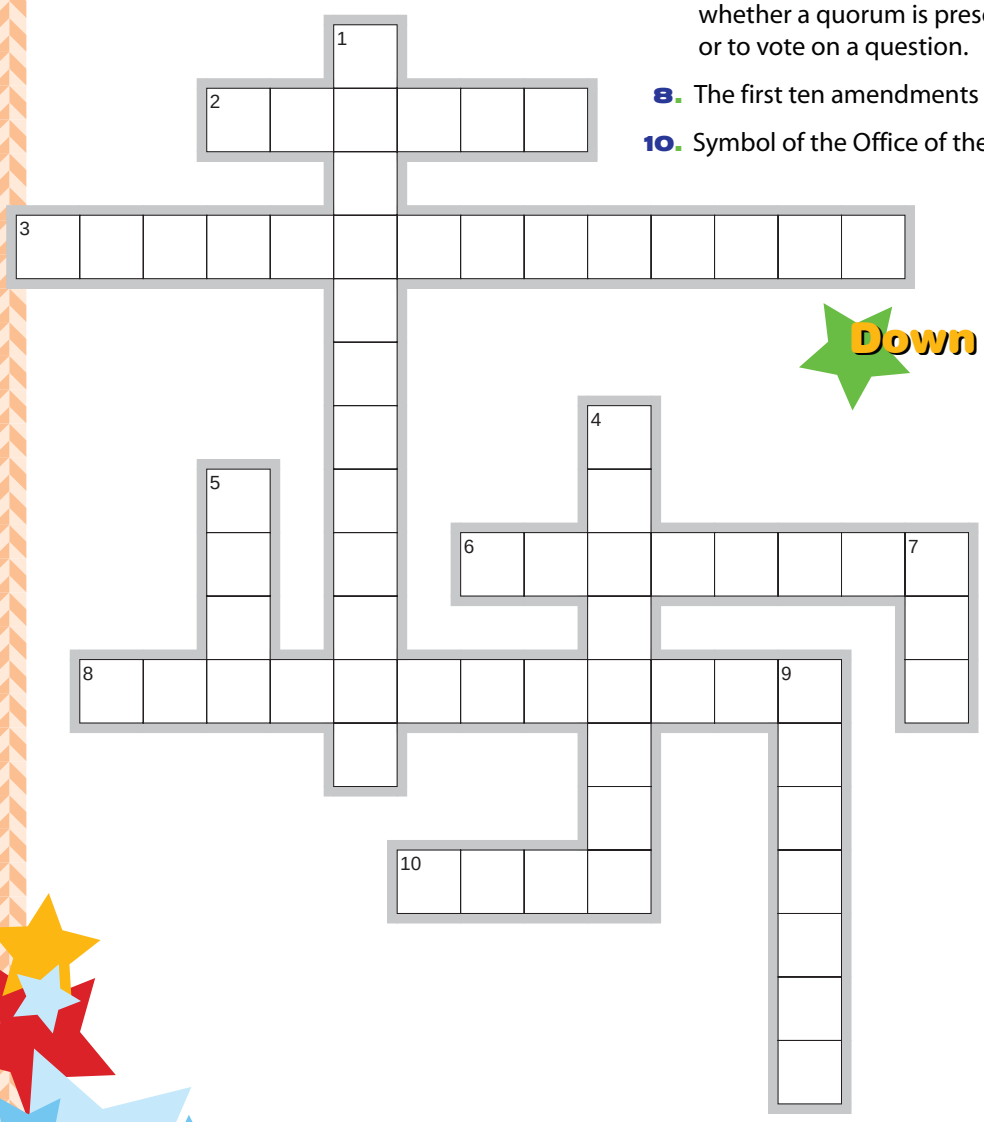
# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

2. The number of Members in each House needed to conduct business (218 in the House, 100 in the Committee of the Whole, 51 in the Senate).
3. An elected and duly sworn Member of the House of Representatives who is entitled to vote in the Chamber.
6. A call of the roll in the House or the Senate to determine whether a quorum is present, to establish a quorum, or to vote on a question.
8. The first ten amendments to the United States Constitution.
10. Symbol of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

## Down

1. The document that outlines the United States government and its functions.
4. A person designated to act for or represent another or others; a deputy; representative, as in a political convention.
5. A proposed law requiring the approval of both Houses and the signature of the President to enact.
7. A rule of conduct established and enforced by the authority, legislation, or custom of a given community, state, or nation.
9. The period during which Congress assembles and carries on its regular business.

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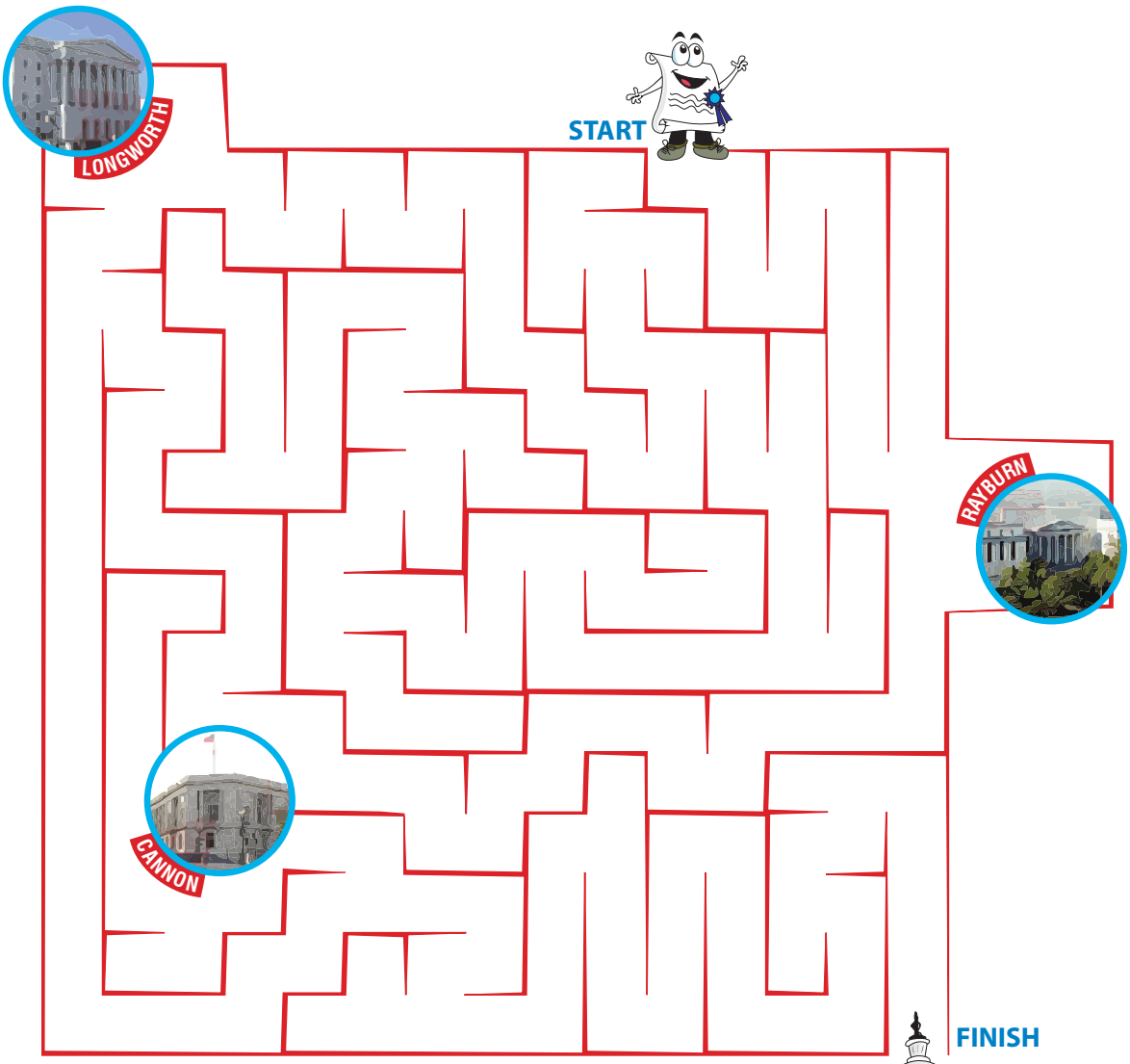
# MAZE TO THE CAPITOL

**Help A. Bill through the maze to the Capitol.**
**Be sure to visit all of the House office buildings.**

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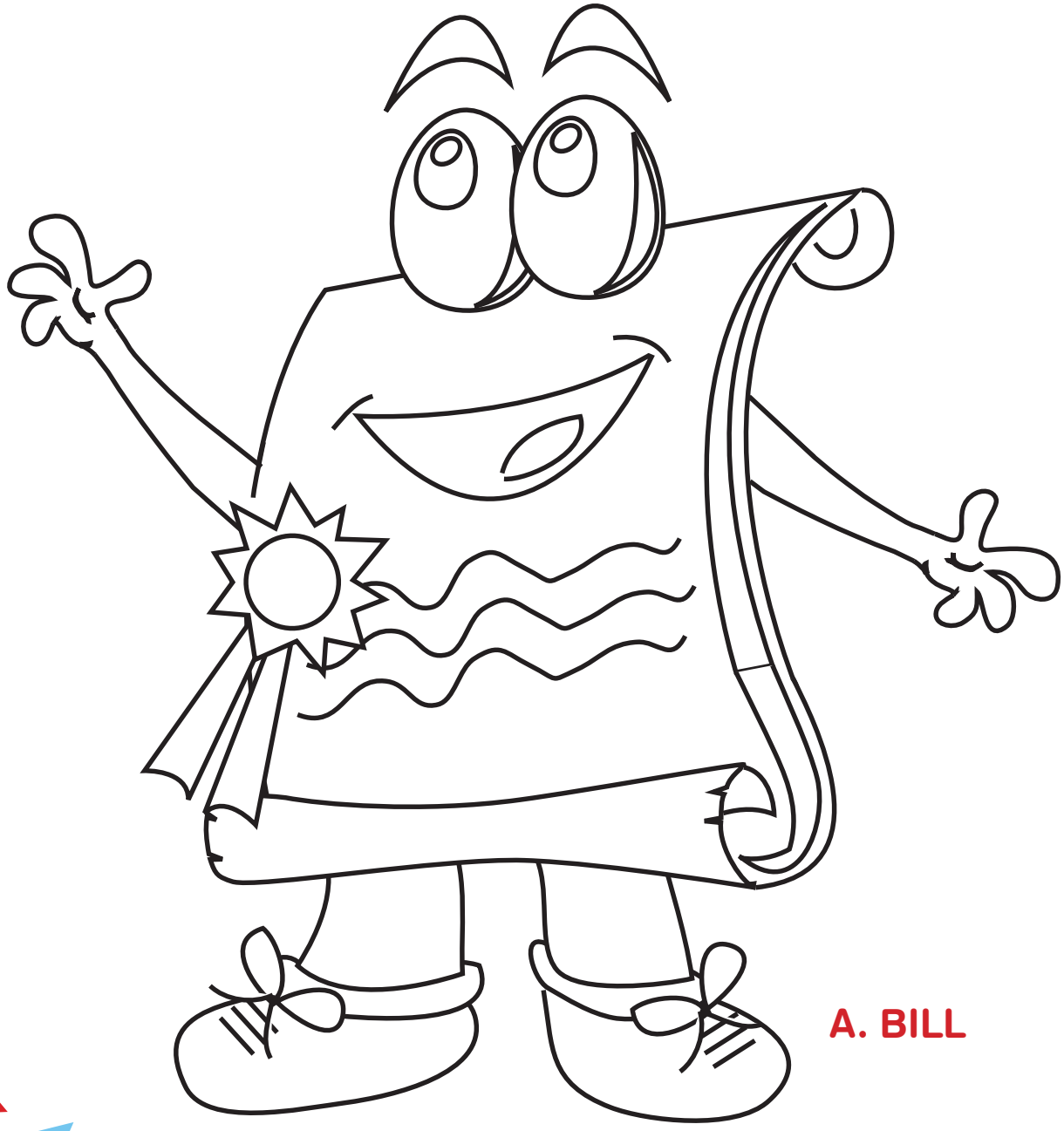

A. BILL

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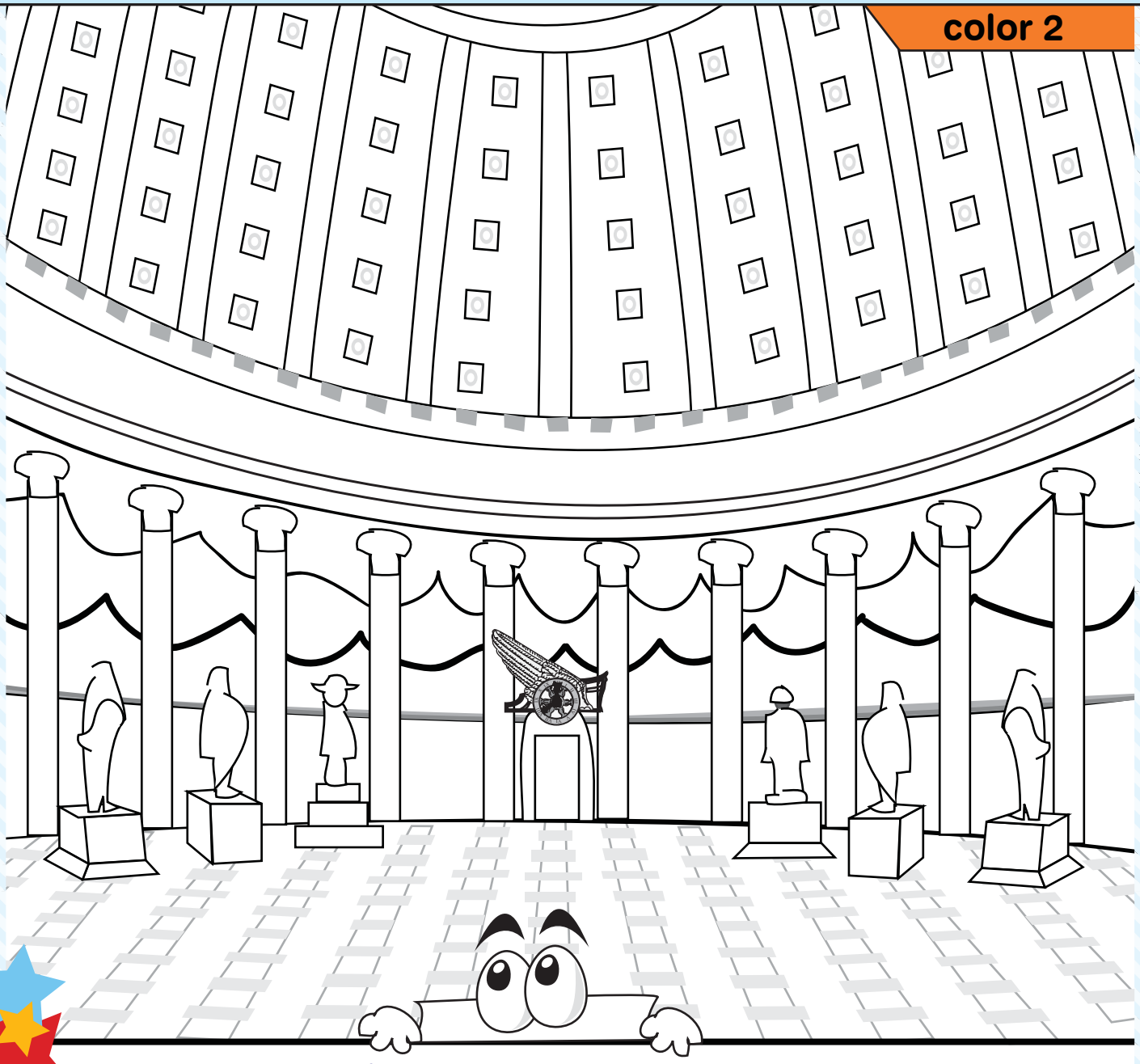

## Help A. Bill add color to Statuary Hall

Each state is allowed to have two statues in the Capitol's Statuary Hall. Today the collection consists of 100 statues. To learn more about Statuary Hall and the statues that represent your state, visit Kids in the House at http://clerkkids.house.gov.

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# ANSWER SHEET

## 1 Word Puzzle

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## 2 Connect the Dots

### Coin Silver Inkstand

The origin of the inkstand is unclear, but it appears in portraits dating from 1821 and is stamped with the mark of J. Leonard, a Georgetown silversmith. The coin silver inkstand sits on the Speaker's desk. The tray contains three crystal inkwells and is adorned on both sides by eagle medallions. The feet of the tray are fasces entwined by a serpent, a classical symbol of wisdom surrounding authority.

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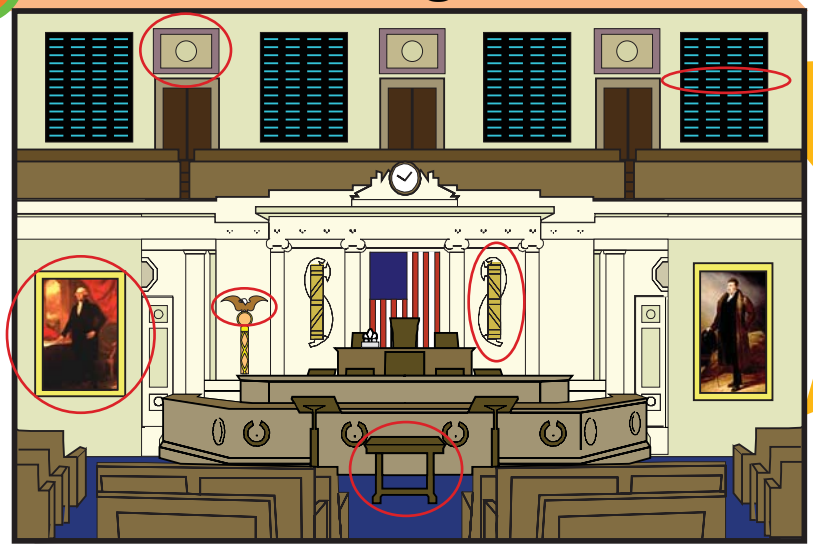
## 3 What's Missing



**Did you find all the items that were missing from the House Chamber?**

Use the chart below to learn about each item

**Portrait of Washington**
A portrait of George Washington hangs at the right of the Speaker's rostrum. This portrait was commissioned in 1834 from American artist John Vanderlyn as a companion to the portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette.

**Mace**
The Mace, which is the symbol of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, is placed by the Sergeant at Arms on a pedestal at the Speaker's right each time the House convenes.

**Bronze Fasces**
The bronze fasces, used since Roman times to symbolize civic authority, are located on both sides of the U.S. flag. The original Roman fasces consisted of an axe within a bundle of rods, bound by a red strap.

**The Well**
Members address the House from microphones at any table or from the well, the area immediately in front of the rostrum.

**Electronic Voting**
Recorded and roll call votes are normally taken by electronic device, except when the Speaker orders the vote to be recorded by other methods prescribed by the Rules of the House.

**Lawgivers Relief Portraits**
23 marble-relief portraits of noted lawgivers, hang over the gallery doors. Created in bas-relief on white Vermont marble, by seven different sculptors, the plaques each measure 28" in diameter.

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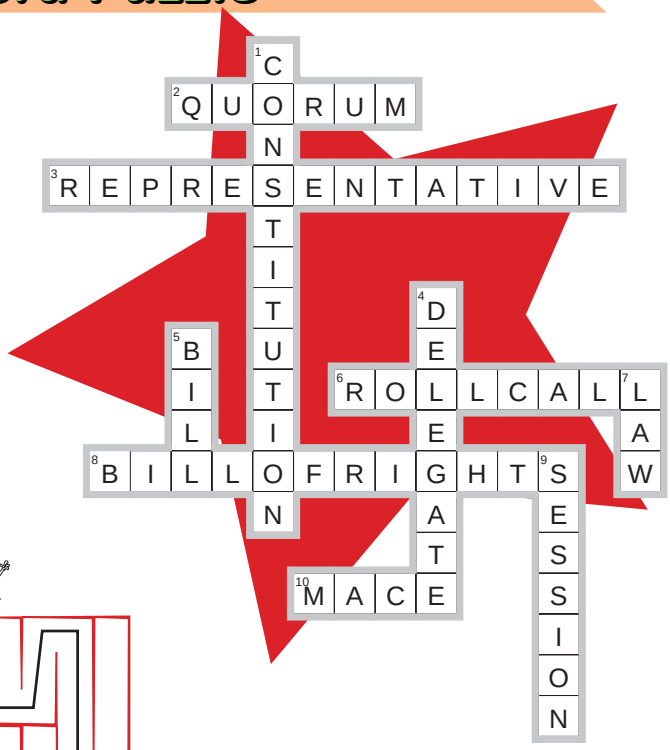
## 4 Crossword Puzzle

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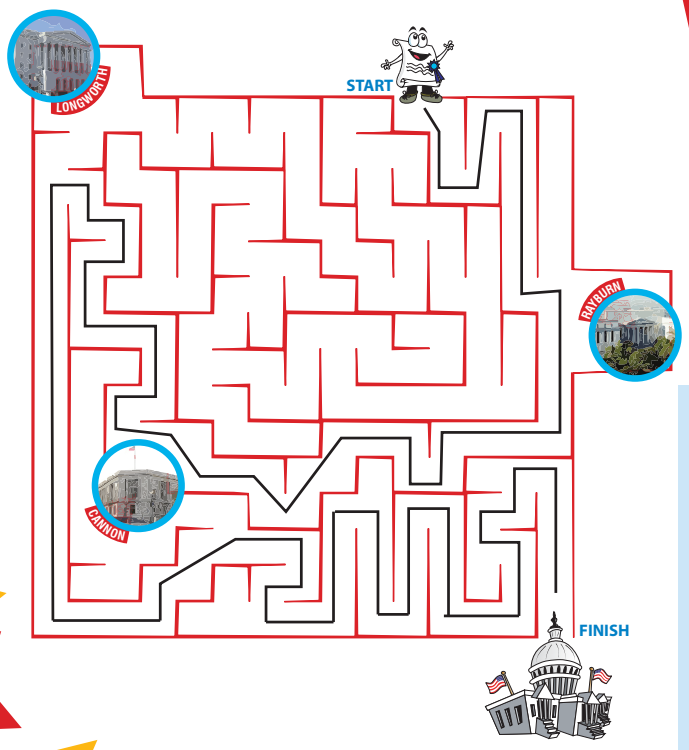


**CANNON** The Cannon House Office Building was named after Joseph Gurney Cannon, a Republican from Illinois. Cannon was Speaker of the House for the 58th through 61st Congresses. He also served in various Congresses from March 1873 to March 1891, March 1893 to March 1913, and again in March 1915 to March 1923, before retiring.

**LONGWORTH** The Longworth House Office Building was named after Nicholas Longworth, a Republican from Ohio. Nicholas served as a Representative in the 58th Congress and in the four succeeding Congresses (March 1903 to March 1913). In addition, he was the majority leader in the 68th Congress and the Speaker of the House in the 69th through the 71st Congresses.

**RAYBURN** The Rayburn House Office Building was named after Samuel Taliaferro Rayburn, a Democrat from Texas. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1913. Rayburn was elected Speaker of the House in 1940 and held that office for more than twice as long as any Speaker before him (1940-47; 1949-53; and 1955-61).