

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

## ACTIVITY BOOK

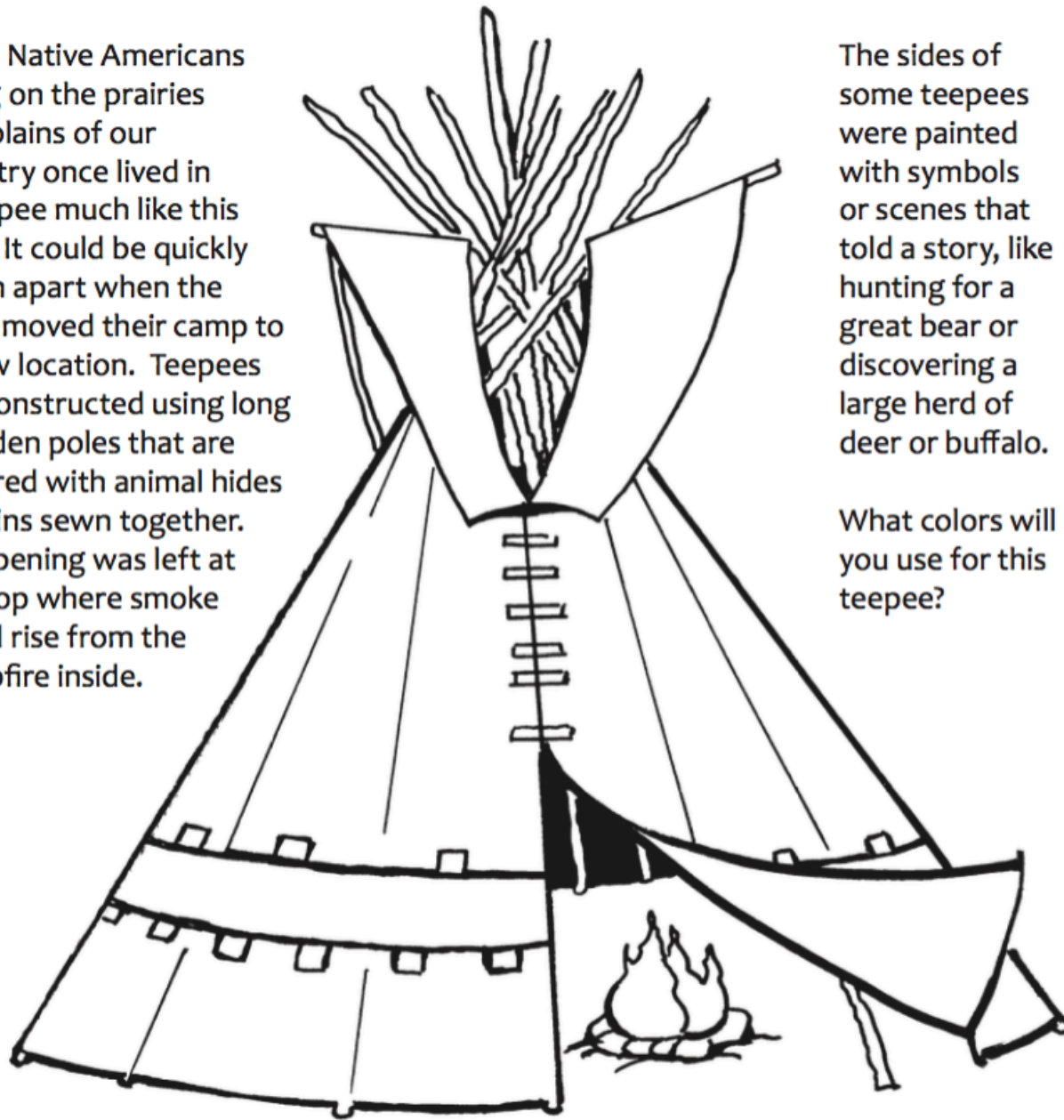
FUN  
FOR AGES  
3 TO 99!





# A TEEPEE IS A HOME

Most Native Americans living on the prairies and plains of our country once lived in a teepee much like this one. It could be quickly taken apart when the tribe moved their camp to a new location. Teepees are constructed using long wooden poles that are covered with animal hides or skins sewn together. An opening was left at the top where smoke could rise from the campfire inside.



The sides of some teepees were painted with symbols or scenes that told a story, like hunting for a great bear or discovering a large herd of deer or buffalo.

What colors will you use for this teepee?

## COLOR THIS PAGE!

This is our famous teepee chapel designed to look like a giant teepee. It can be seen for miles and is made of stone and rock from the local area. It symbolizes the heart and home for hundreds of Northern Cheyenne and Crow children who go to school and live here at St. Labre.

Kids of all ages are invited to color this page and enter it into our contest. Check our website weekly at [www.stlabre.org/coloringcontest](http://www.stlabre.org/coloringcontest) to see if your child is featured as one of our winners.

### HOW TO ENTER:

Color this page and have a grown-up send it to:

St. Labre Coloring Contest,  
P. O. Box 216,  
Ashland, MT 59003-9989

Be sure to write the child's name, home town, and age in the space provided.

**HURRY!**  
ALL ENTRIES MUST  
BE RECEIVED BY  
MONTH XX

### WANT MORE PAGES TO COLOR?

Download additional entry blanks to enter our coloring contest by going to: [www.stlabre.org/extraentries](http://www.stlabre.org/extraentries) where you will also find other fun pages and activities for children that will help them learn more about our Native American heritage.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Gift for the Indian Children

☐ YES, CURTIS! I want to help give the Indian children at St. Labre hope for a brighter, better future.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



St. Labre Indian School

Give online at [www.stlabre.org/activity](http://www.stlabre.org/activity)

Make your tax-deductible contribution online or by calling us toll-free at 1-866-753-5496.  
Please make checks payable to: *St. Labre Indian School.*

*Please see reverse to make your tax-deductible contribution by credit card.*

Please charge my tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

Credit Card #

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as on credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (for credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

Make this a: ☐ One-time Gift ☐ Recurring Monthly Gift

**ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL**  
P.O. BOX 216  
ASHLAND, MT 59003-9989

### CREATE A LASTING LEGACY FOR THE INDIAN CHILDREN!

- ☐ I am considering St. Labre Indian School to be included in my will.  
Please send your legal title and complimentary Will preparation kit.  
I understand I am under no obligation whatsoever and no one will call.
- ☐ I have already included St. Labre in my Will.

Thank you for helping to "Keep the Miracle Alive" for the Northern Cheyenne and Crow children who live and go to school at St. Labre!

▲ Please be sure this address is used on your envelope when sending a gift and artist's entry. ▲



# MEET YOUR NEW INDIAN FRIENDS

Who are your new Indian friends? Use the spaces below to give the boy and girl a name. What colors will you use for their clothing?



This is: \_\_\_\_\_

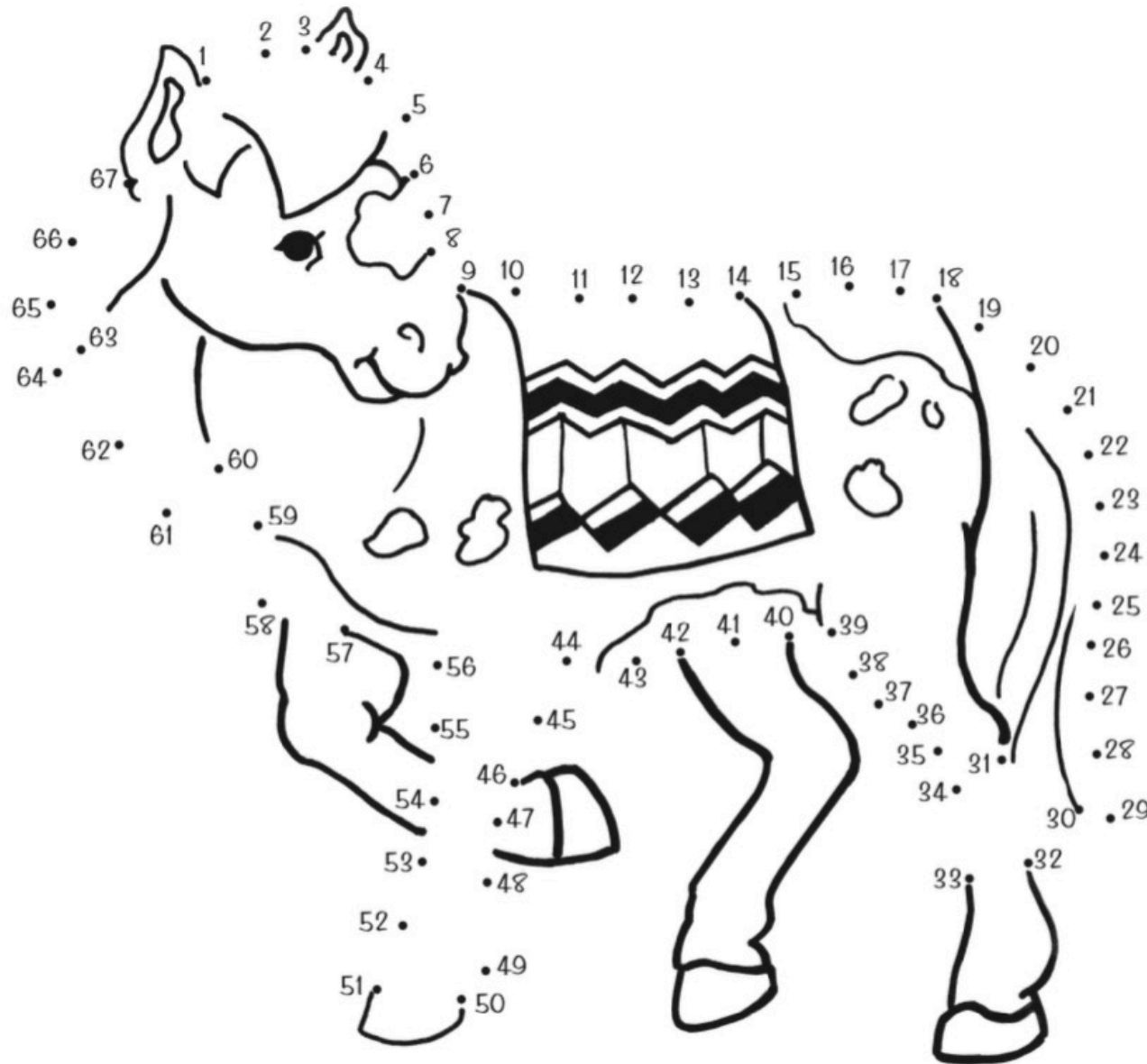
She loves picking wild flowers and has a pony named "Patches."



This is: \_\_\_\_\_

He likes to ride his horse and waves to all his friends, like you.

# INDIANS AND THEIR HORSES



Native Americans believed the horse was very special. They learned to ride horses without saddles and used them for hunting buffalo.

Some Indians called their horse a “painted pony” because the horse’s colors looked like spots that were painted.

Connect the dots and create your own painted pony. What color of horse would you like to ride? What would you name your horse?

My horse’s name is: \_\_\_\_\_







# CREATE YOUR OWN CAMP

USE THESE CUTOUTS TO CREATE YOUR OWN INDIAN CAMP.





# PLAINS INDIAN WORD SEARCH

Find the words below in the jumble.



N	A	P	K	F	D	J	S	A	B	Q	E	D	W	M
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H	N	I	O	G	D	A	F	F	P	X	A	L	G	I
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ARROW  
BOW  
BUFFALO  
CORN

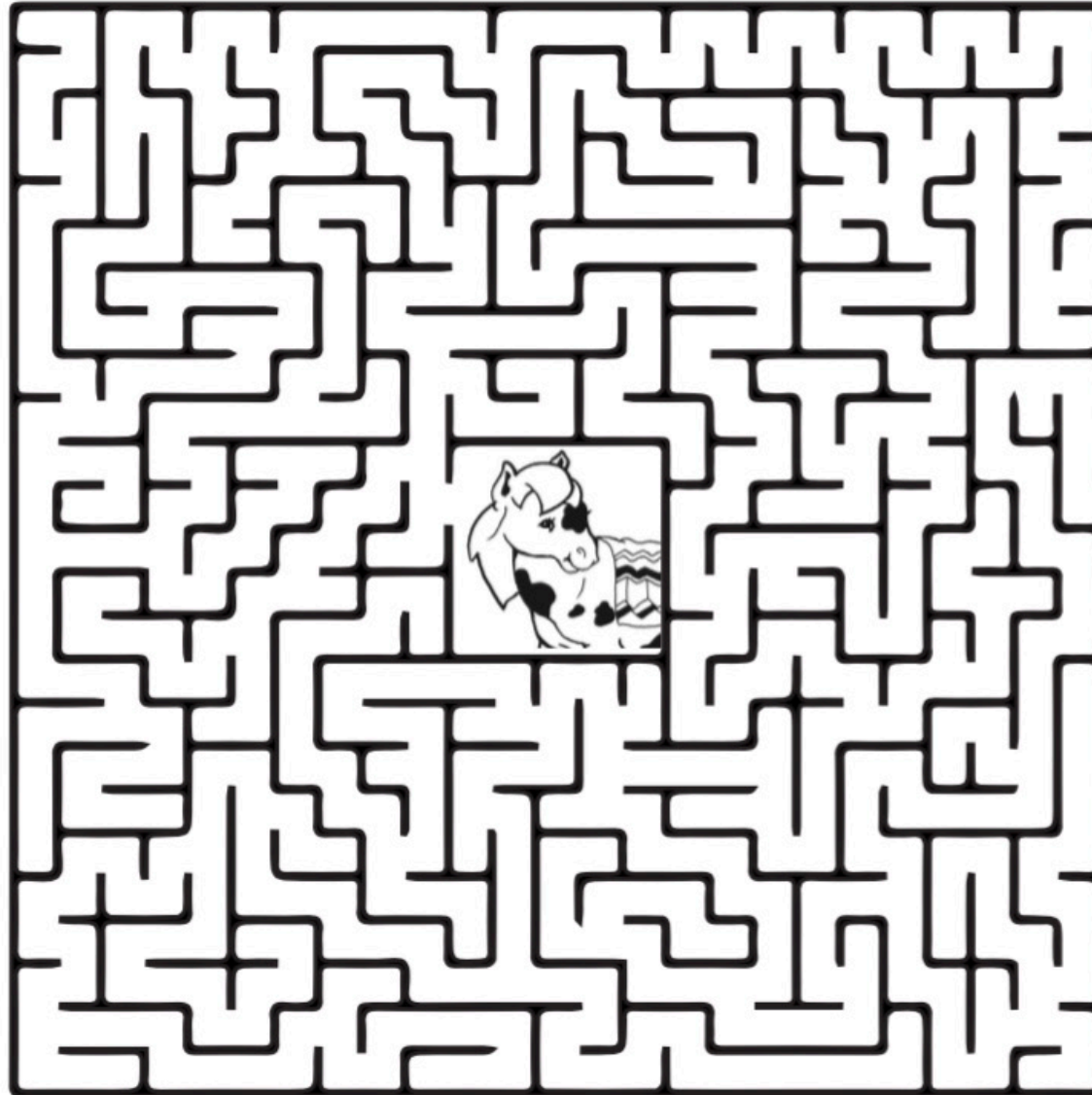
FEATHERS  
FIRE  
HEADDRESS  
HORSES

INDIAN  
MEDICINE  
PLAINS  
TEEPEE

TOOLS  
WHEEL

# PLAINS INDIAN MAZE

Help the Plains Indian child find his horse!





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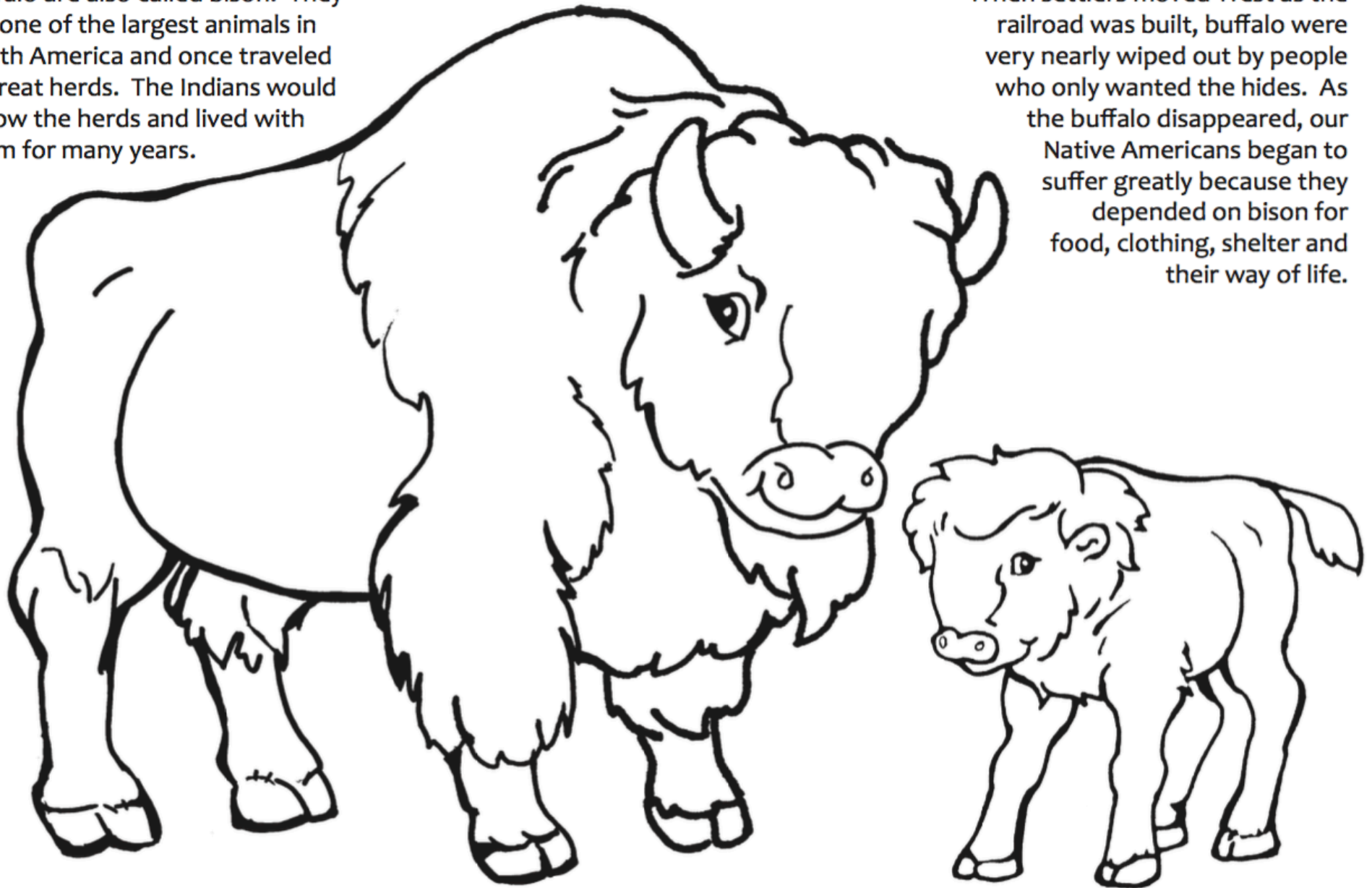




# BUFFALO AND THE INDIANS

Buffalo are also called bison. They are one of the largest animals in North America and once traveled in great herds. The Indians would follow the herds and lived with them for many years.

When settlers moved West as the railroad was built, buffalo were very nearly wiped out by people who only wanted the hides. As the buffalo disappeared, our Native Americans began to suffer greatly because they depended on bison for food, clothing, shelter and their way of life.



Buffalo can grow to be as big as a car! What colors are buffalo?

# A FEATHER IS VERY IMPORTANT

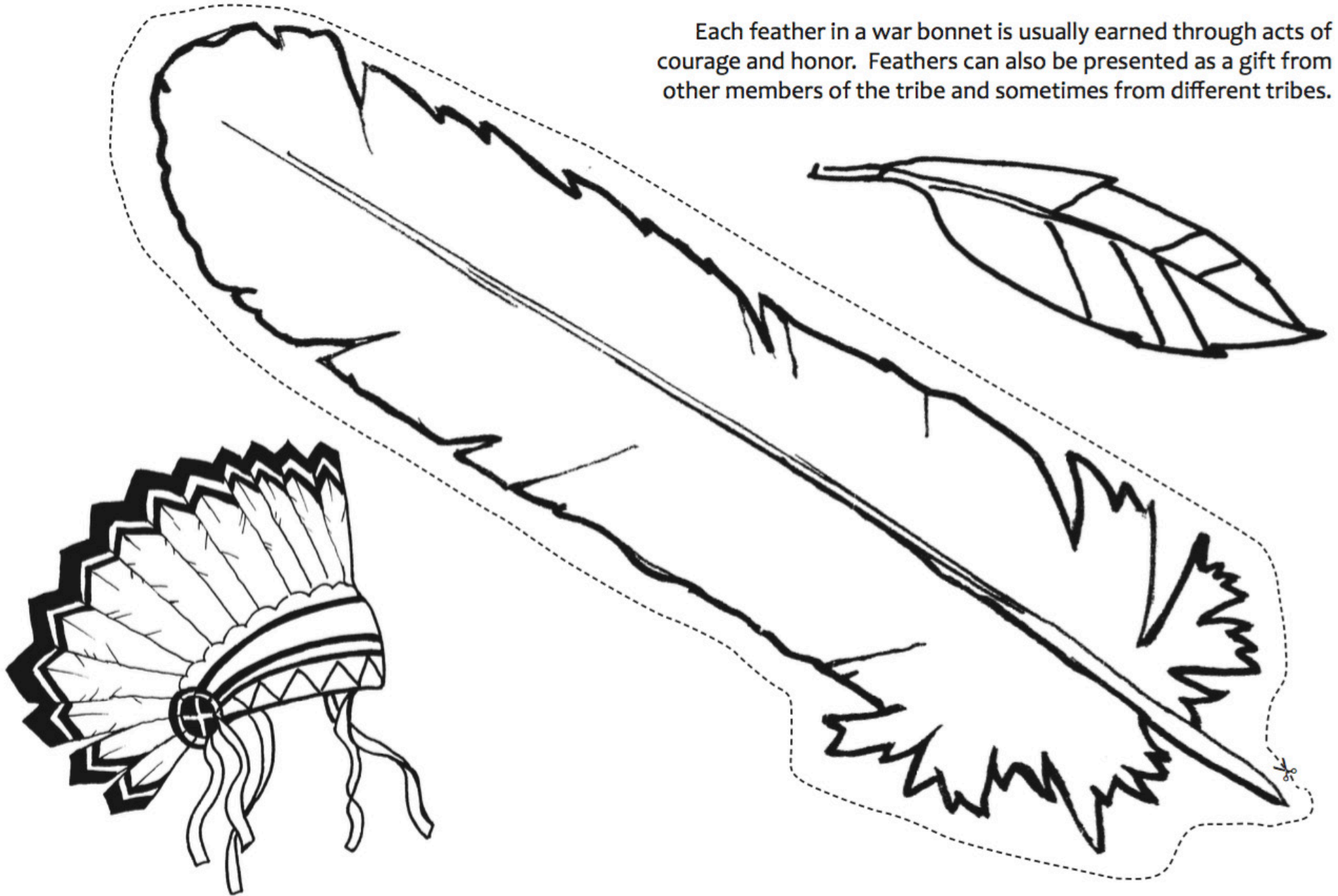
Feathers are a prized possession for Native Americans. They are sometimes given to another person as a sign of friendship or as a thank you gift. Feathers are worn on the head or can be used to decorate other objects such as drums or shields.



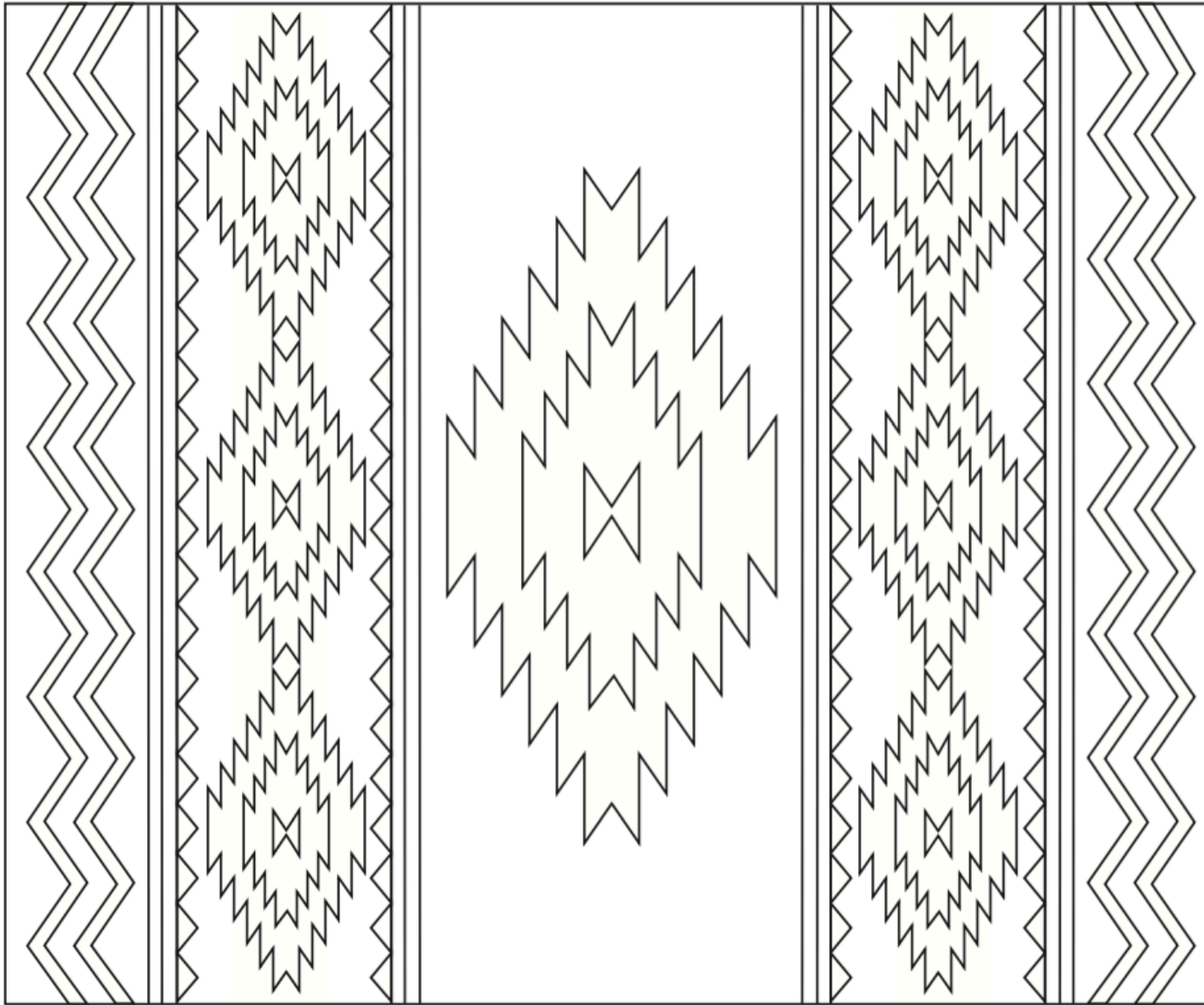


# FEATHERS MUST BE EARNED

Each feather in a war bonnet is usually earned through acts of courage and honor. Feathers can also be presented as a gift from other members of the tribe and sometimes from different tribes.



# BLANKETS ARE PRIZED POSSESSIONS



Indians have been trading or giving away blankets for hundreds of years. Blankets are often given to honor someone or to show appreciation. The patterns, colors, and designs used on blankets have special meaning or significance.

Blanket designs often use different shapes and patterns. Star designs are a favorite geometric pattern. Arrows, zigzag patterns, even animal shapes are also widely used to tell stories or symbolize an important event.

What would your blanket look like? Get started by coloring this blanket and then design your own blanket.





This Native American Heritage Activity Book has been produced on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne and Crow children who attend class and live at St. Labre Indian School.

It has been presented as a gift of appreciation for the kindness and generosity shared with the Indian children at St. Labre.

Some of the depictions included in this activity book may not be historically accurate or authentic to the Northern Cheyenne or Crow culture. They are meant to encourage children to learn more about our Native Americans and their customs.

Visit us at [www.stlabre.org](http://www.stlabre.org) for more information about St. Labre Indian School.



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