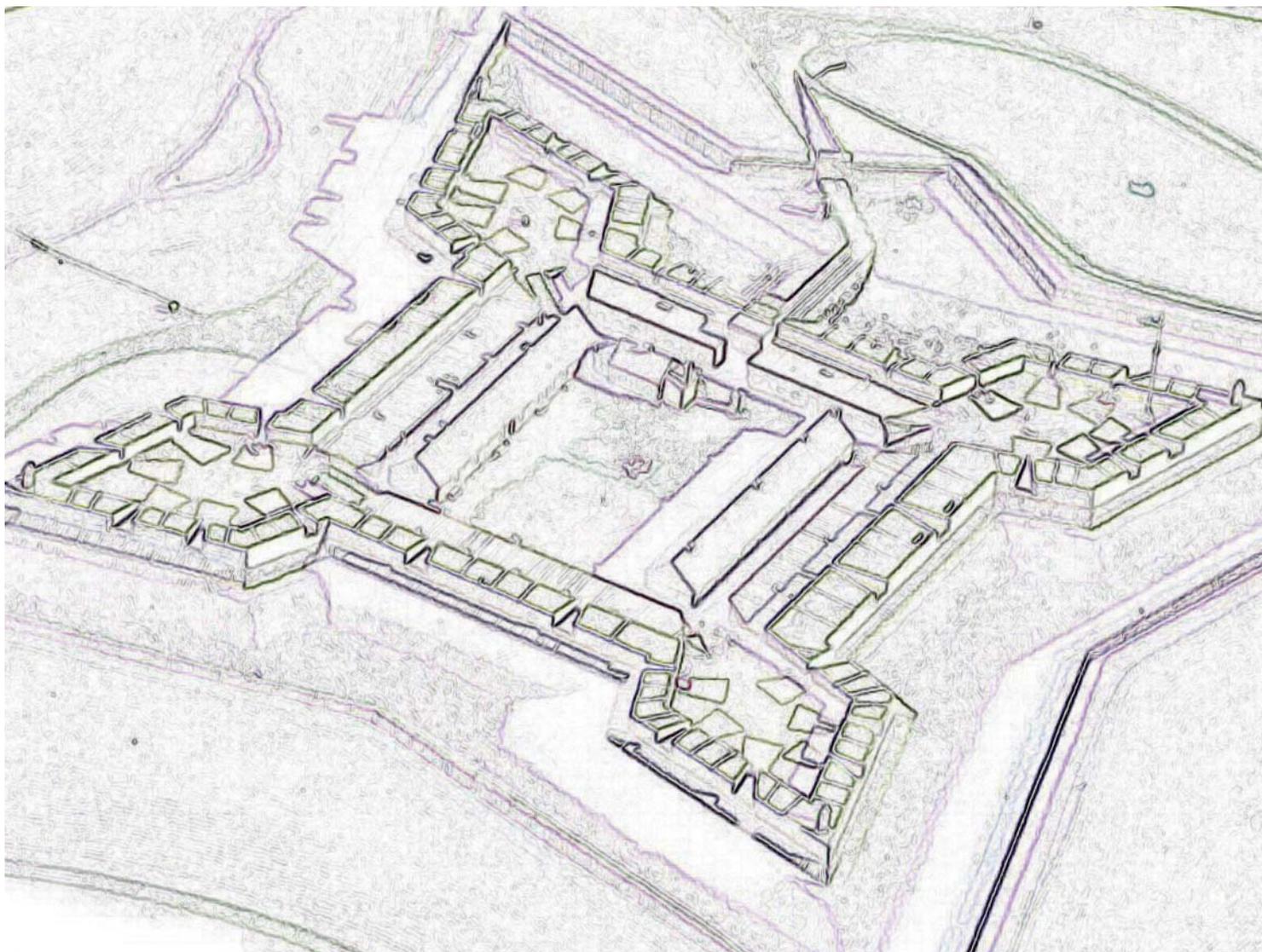




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Hello,

Welcome to Fort Stanwix National Monument!

Today you are doing something very special by becoming a National Park Service Junior Ranger! What is a Junior Ranger? They are very important people, just like you, who take the time to learn about and protect Fort Stanwix NM and other National Parks around the United States.

At Fort Stanwix NM, you can become a Junior Ranger in several different and fun ways. Please read "How Do You Become a Fort Stanwix NM Junior Ranger?" on Page 2 to learn how to begin this booklet. Thank you for all of your effort today and, most importantly, have fun!

Explore. Learn. Protect.
Be a Junior Ranger!

Experience Your America!

There are over 390 park areas that preserve America's heritage. Some parks protect plants, animals, and their homes. Other parks protect historic buildings and places. Each lets us see and learn about things that are special in the United States. You can enjoy these different parks as you travel around the nation!

Check out the National Park Service website to learn about other parks at www.nps.gov

Name a National Park near your home: _____

Can you name the National Park areas that these pictures represent?

Y _____ of L _____
National Monument

M _____ R _____
National Memorial

A _____
National Park

S _____
National Park

M _____ V _____
National Park

G _____ I _____
National Seashore

I _____
National Historical Park

F _____ S _____
National Monument

How Do You Become a Fort Stanwix NM Junior Ranger?

This Junior Ranger program will take about 1 to 1 1/2 hours to complete depending upon which activities you choose to do.

Step One:

Read the "What Does a Fort Stanwix NM Junior Ranger Do?" page. Then, with an adult in your group, decide which activities you will complete. What you do is your choice, so look through the booklet and have some fun!

Step Two:

Complete your activities. If you have any trouble with questions ask a park ranger to help you. **Complete the same number of activities as your age.**

Example: If you are 6 try to complete 6 activities, if you are 12 try to finish 12.

Step Three:

Take your completed booklet to the Willett Center Information Desk and inform a park ranger you have completed your booklet. You will receive a signed certificate and a badge to make you an official Junior Ranger!

Good Luck!

This booklet belongs to: _____

and was completed on: _____

NOTE: This is NOT a test! Have fun, relax, ask questions, and do your best!

What Does a Fort Stanwix NM Junior Ranger Do?

While exploring Fort Stanwix National Monument, remember that a Junior Ranger always:



Stays close to the group that he/she arrived with at all times.

Does not remove historical objects or reproductions from the park.

Asks park rangers for permission to look closely at things he/she is curious about.

Stays behind roped and gated areas for safety.

Is prepared for changes in the weather, hot or cold.

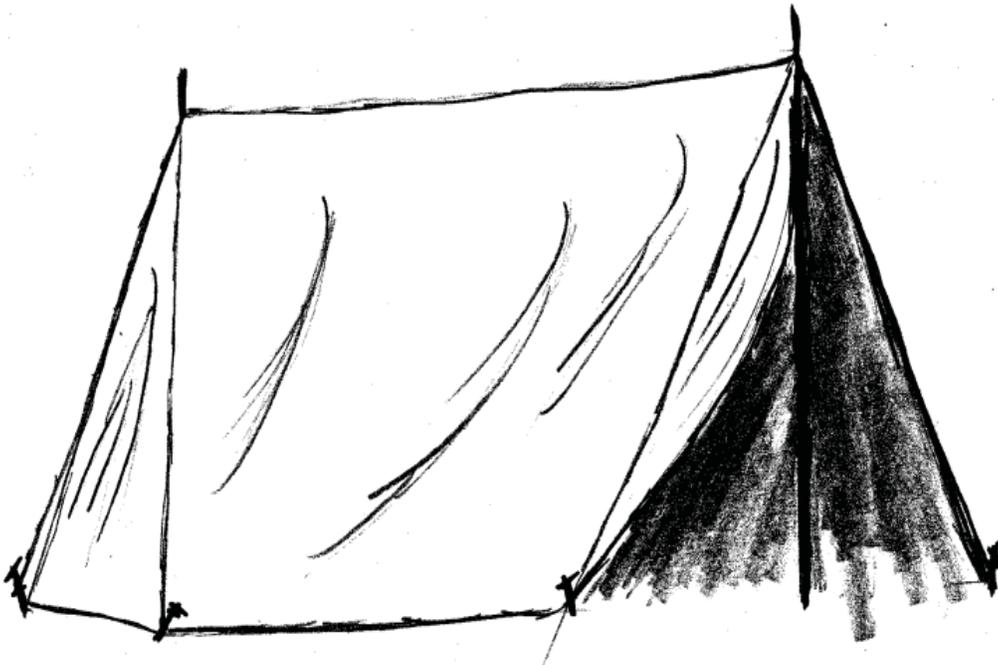
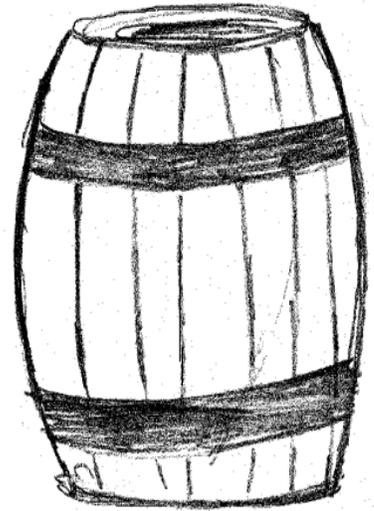
Takes only pictures and leaves only footprints.

Is polite to other visitors at all times.

Always shares the fun things he/she has learned with others when he/she leaves.



Willett Center Activities



#1 What's Your Story?

Many different people lived in the Mohawk Valley during the American Revolutionary War. English, Haudenosaunee, Irish, Dutch, German, Algonquin, and Scottish are a few different examples.

Where does your family come from or what is your family background?

Answer in the space below:

The first Willett Center exhibit has four screens. Everyone brought different opinions about how to deal with the conflicts in New York. **Pick one of the four people who lived in the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War.** Continue to follow their story through the next exhibits and to the final panels in the back of the Willett Center.

When you are finished, answer the questions in the spaces below:

Question #1 Which person did you choose to follow and how do you think they felt about the American Revolution?

Question #2 If your person chose one, what side did they choose and why do you think they chose it?

Question #3 Which side do you think you would have chosen and why?

#2 Using a Map

Fort Stanwix was built to protect the boundary of New York and the 13 Colonies. Because of its importance there were many maps drawn of Fort Stanwix and the land surrounding it. You can find these maps at the Willett Center!

Answer the following question and do Activity A OR Activity B on the page below:

Question How many maps can be found inside the Willett Center? _____

Activity Choice A:

Draw your own map using others you have found as a guide.

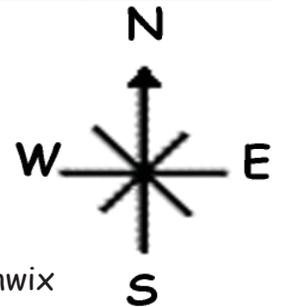
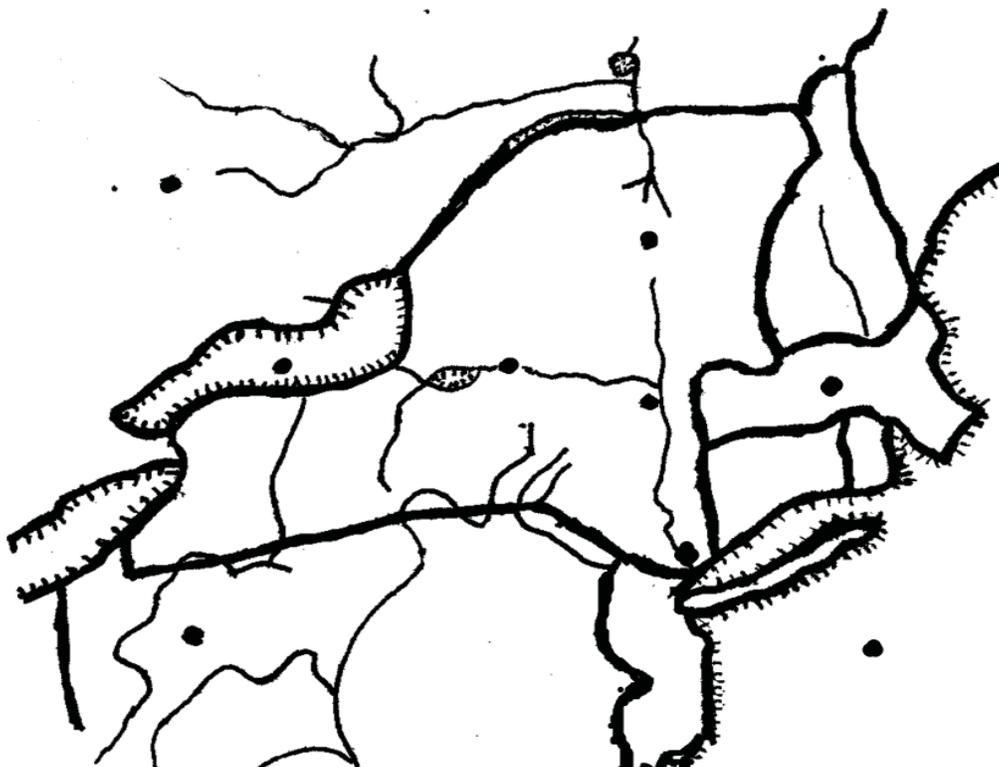
Now answer for yourself, why do you think it was important to put Fort Stanwix here?

Box A



Activity Choice B:

Compare the blank map of New York below with all of the others you see. Label the map below with at least 4 of the places on the following list:



- Fort Stanwix
- Fort Ticonderoga
- Albany
- New York City
- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania
- Canada
- Lake Ontario
- Hudson River
- Mohawk River
- Atlantic Ocean

#3 What Do You See?

As you walk around the Willett Center, take some time to look at the artifact display cases. They hold many things that people used in the past, and quite a few that could still be used today. What can these objects tell us about how people lived so long ago?

Try to find the following objects as you are exploring and then draw them or write a list of what you have found in the boxes below:

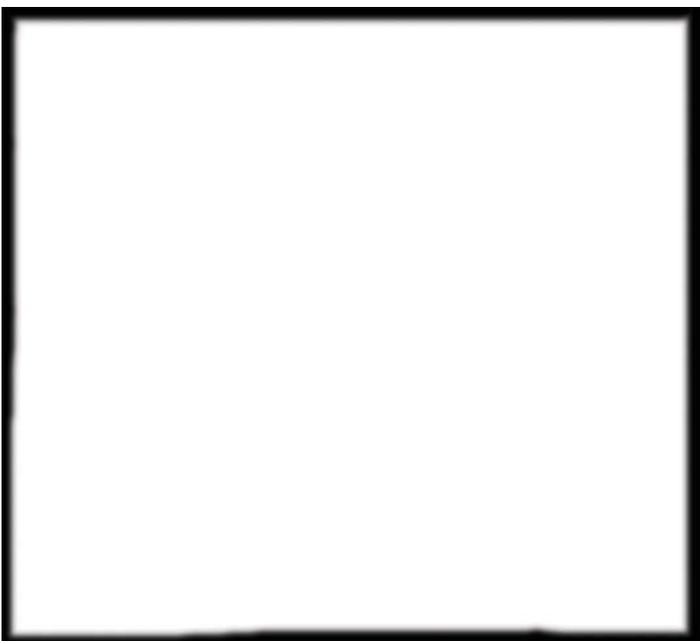
Something a child would use then:



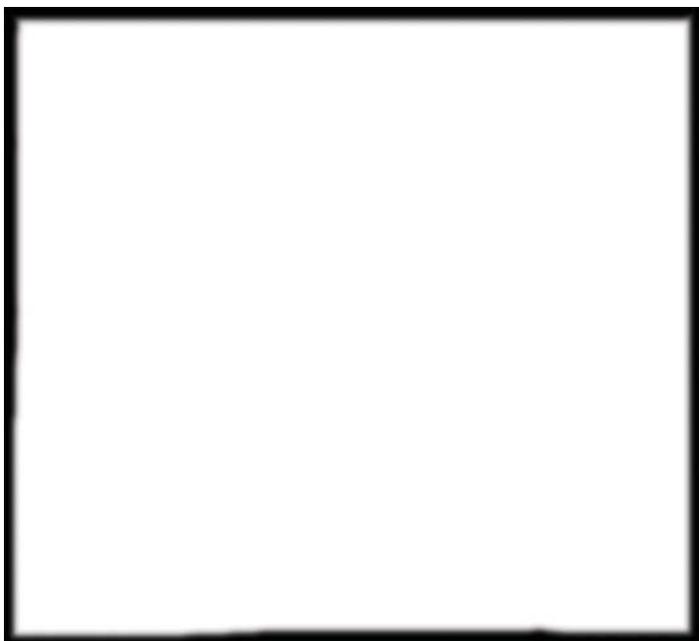
Something an adult would use then:



Something you use today:



Something adults use today:



Do you think people lived any differently than we do today?

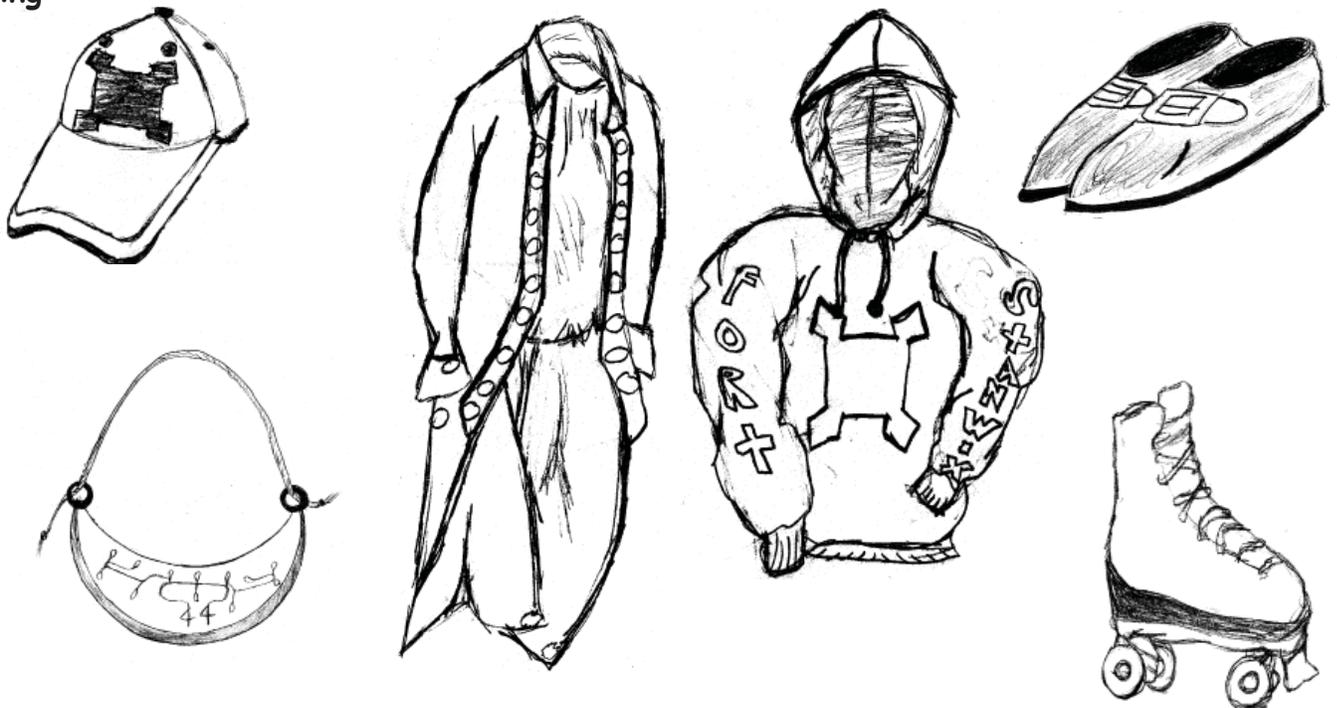
Yours or Theirs?

On the next two pages are pictures of many things. Some you may see today, some you may not. Circle the ones used during the American Revolutionary War.

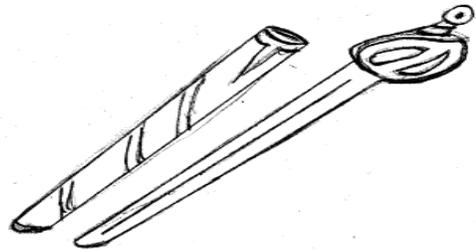
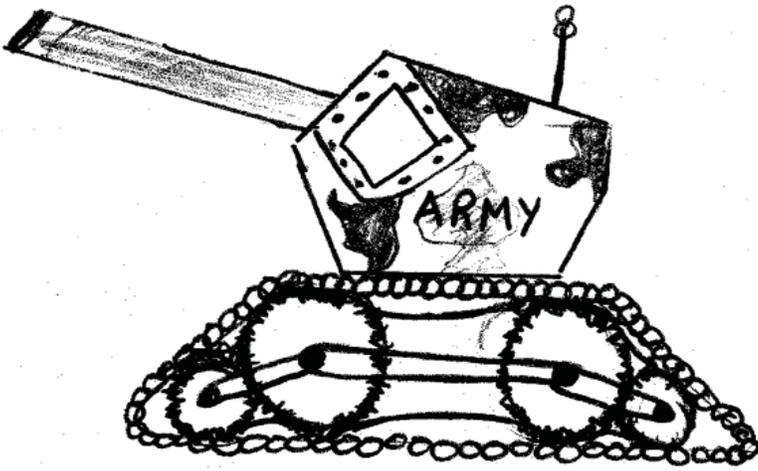
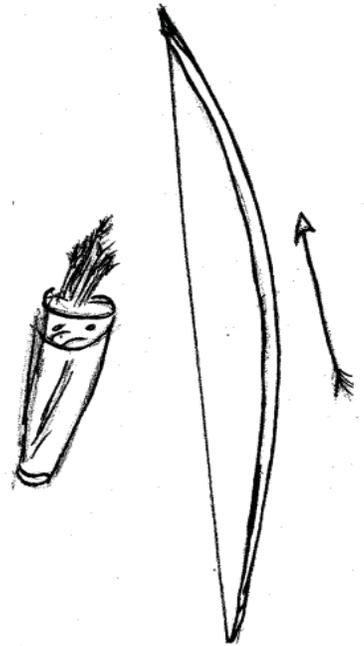
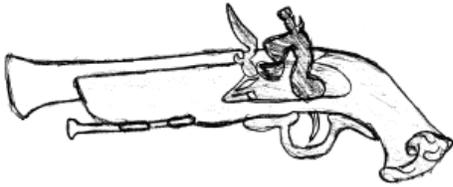
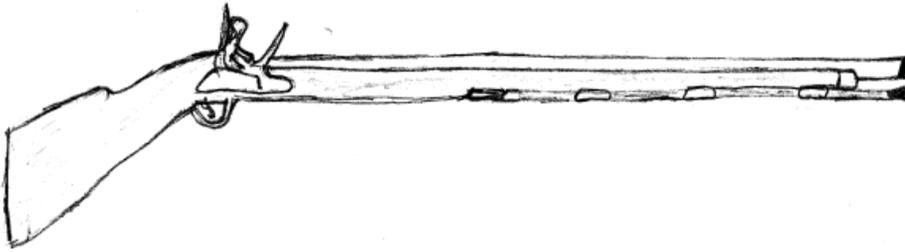
Travel and Transportation



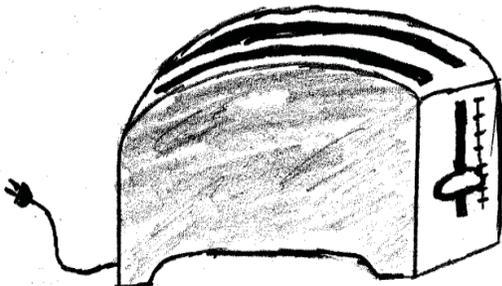
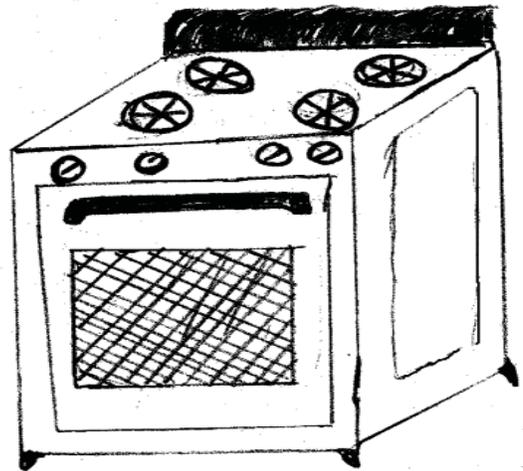
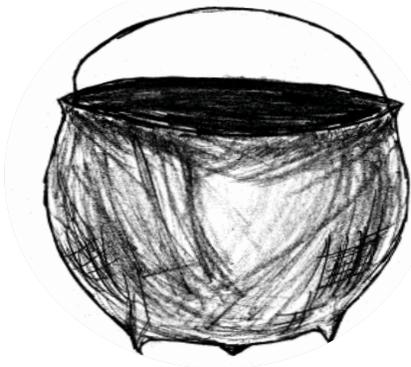
Clothing



Weaponry



Cooking



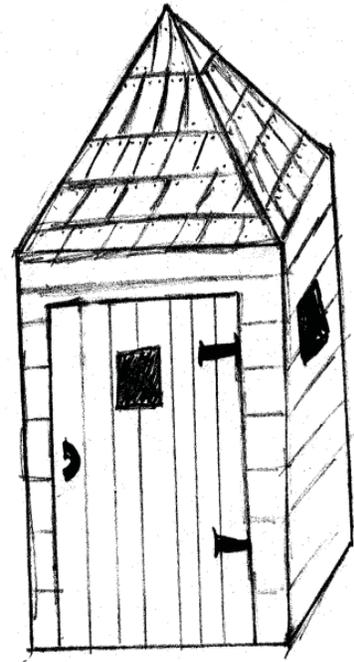
#5 Building Fort Stanwix

Fort Stanwix is made out of earth and logs because those are the supplies that the British and American armies had to work with along the Oneida Carry. It is star-shaped so the soldiers inside can keep a good look out from all sides of the fort and defend it well.

Sit down by the Willett Center windows and use the blocks provided to build your own fort. When you are done, draw a picture of it below, then put the blocks away for others to use.

Now explain to another person in your group why you have designed your fort this way.

Fort and Park Trail Activities



#7 What's Up With Waysides?

Wayside exhibits are often used in National Parks to connect one important area to another. Depending on the park you are visiting, you could miss a really cool idea, an interesting fact, or an important warning about why a trail or road is set the way it is. With an adult in your group, walk the trail surrounding Fort Stanwix NM. It begins in front of the Willett Center.

As you are walking, list **THREE THINGS** you have learned from waysides that you did not learn anywhere else in the park.

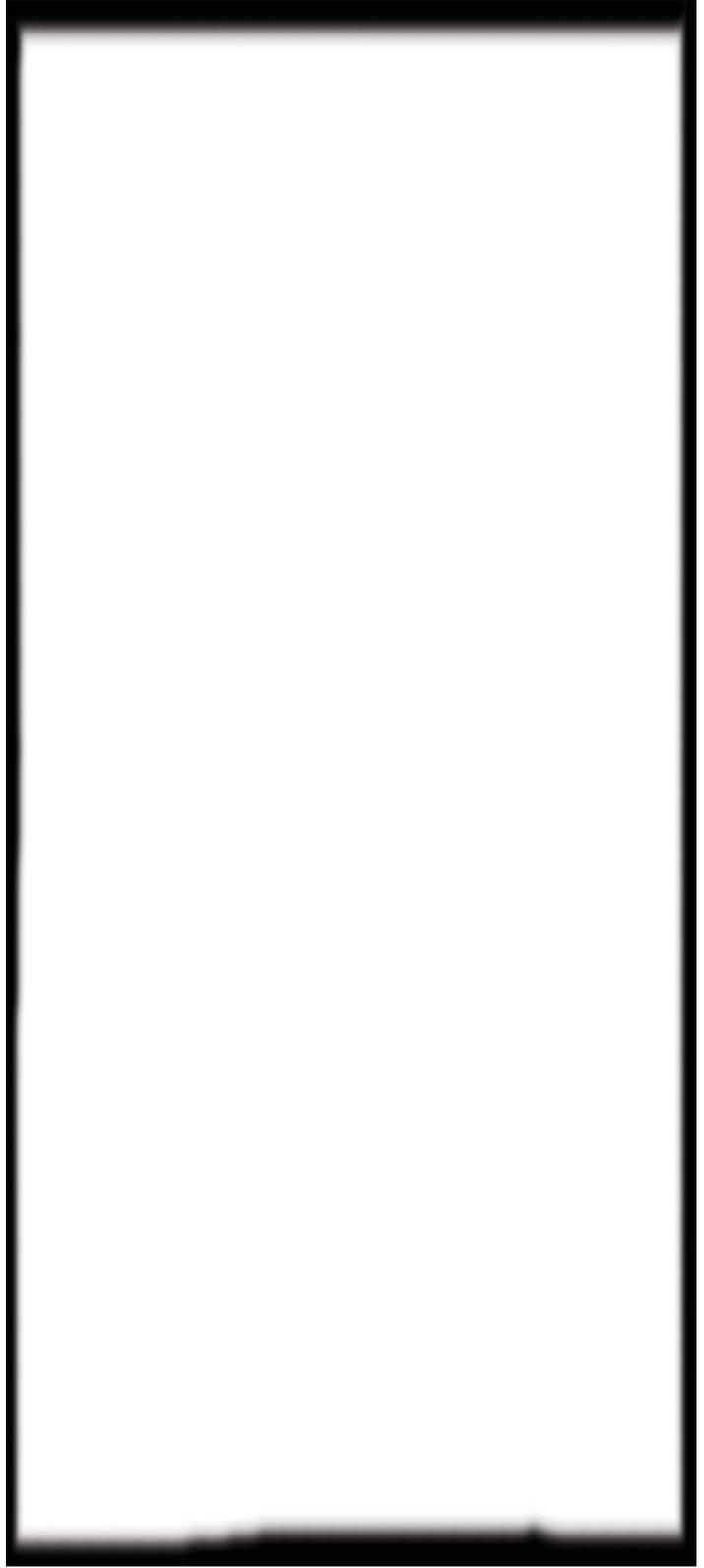
#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

Now, when you are finished, pretend you are a park ranger and designing your own wayside about Fort Stanwix NM in the space below.

What interesting or important fact have you learned today that you would like to share with others?



#8 I Am So Wore Out With Fatigue!

Work never ended at Fort Stanwix. With a garrison of about 500 soldiers needed for daily operations, plus skilled craftsmen, Oneida Indian scouts, merchants passing through, and many of the soldiers' families, Fort Stanwix was like a small town!

Do Activity A OR Activity B on the page below:

Activity Choice A:

Go on a ranger guided program or tour of the park.

Write a sentence about, or draw a picture of, what you think was the neatest thing you learned along the way in the box below:



Activity Choice B:

In the fort, go to the door that says "Gregg." Go inside and ask to watch the fort film. Answer the following questions when you are done:

Question #1

Name one of the battles mentioned that other officers had won away from the fort?

Question #2

What were 3 jobs a soldier had?

Question #3

What was a job the women did at the fort?

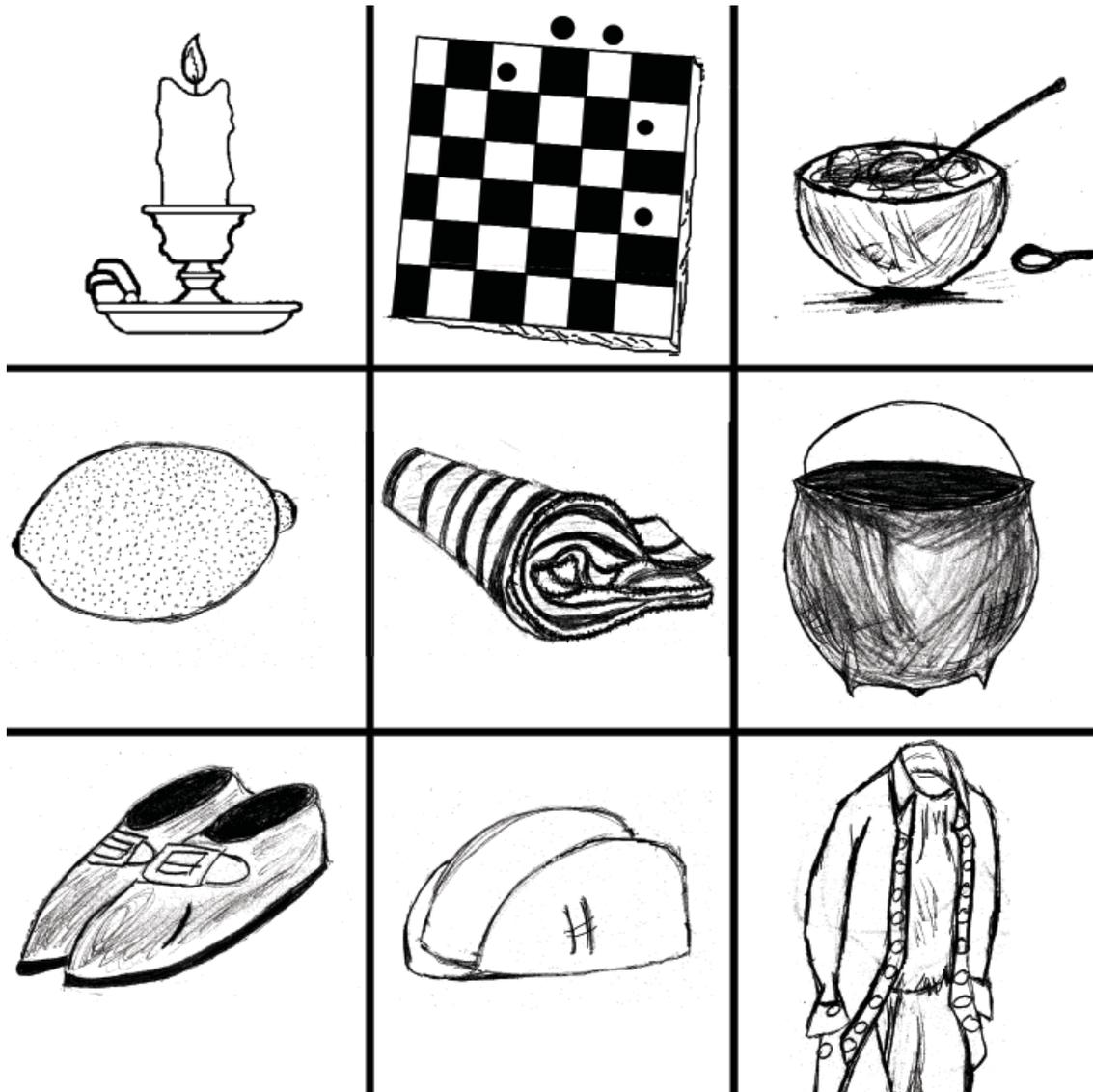
Question #4

Why do you think it was so difficult to live at Fort Stanwix after the Siege of 1777?

#9 Where are Your Rations?

Many citizens joined the United States Army because their communities were taken over by the British. The 3rd NY Regiment was formed mainly out of people from New York City - a place taken over by the British military. "Rationing" means supplies were given to you in different sized amounts. Everything you had to live on in the army was rationed to you; money, food, clothing, and even your free time.

Walk around to the different rooms of the fort and compare officer's quarters with those of an enlisted soldier. Place "O's" on the objects you find in an officer's quarters and "X's" on those you find in a soldier's barracks. "X" or "O" wins when you have connected three objects in a row you have found in a room together, just like the game Tic-Tac-Toe!



Look at your ration card when you are done. Were you even able to complete a row? What does this tell you? Throughout the American Revolution, Fort Stanwix had trouble supplying its soldiers because it was so far from other American settlements.

Even officers had trouble buying the supplies they needed for themselves because many had trouble shipping things through the frontier. No matter who you were, you probably had just enough to get by.

#10 Imagine Yourself When...

Was life very different so many years ago? Was it exactly what you expected it to be, or more unusual than anyone can describe? You be the judge.

Find a quiet spot in the park to sit and imagine what it would be like if you lived at Fort Stanwix during the American Revolution. What would you see? What would you smell, hear, or touch? Who would your friends and neighbors be?

When you are done, draw a picture of yourself in your favorite area of Fort Stanwix.

OR

Write a journal entry about what you would have done on a day like today at the fort.

Make sure you have imagined yourself in history!

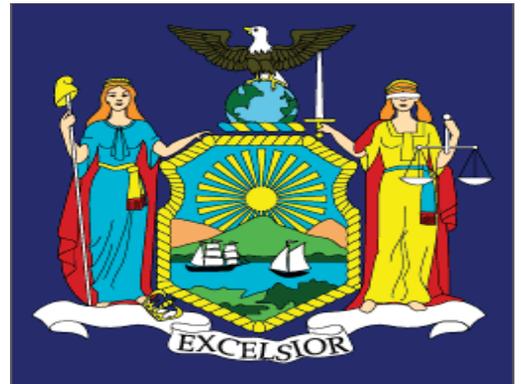
#11 What Do You Stand For?

Many different flags have flown over Fort Stanwix. They have all been important to our history as Americans. Some have long stories behind them, some do not.

Below are a few examples of our unique flags:



The Flag of Britain
During the French and Indian War, before the American Revolution, this flag would have flown at Fort Stanwix. (left)

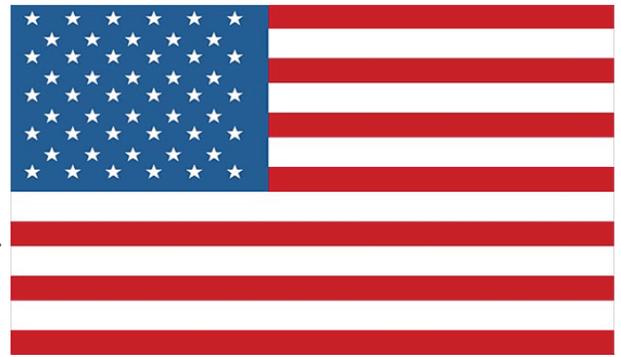


3rd NY Regimental Flag
It was given to the soldiers by Col. Gansevoort for their service during the Siege of 1777. Today it is the modern New York State Flag. (above)

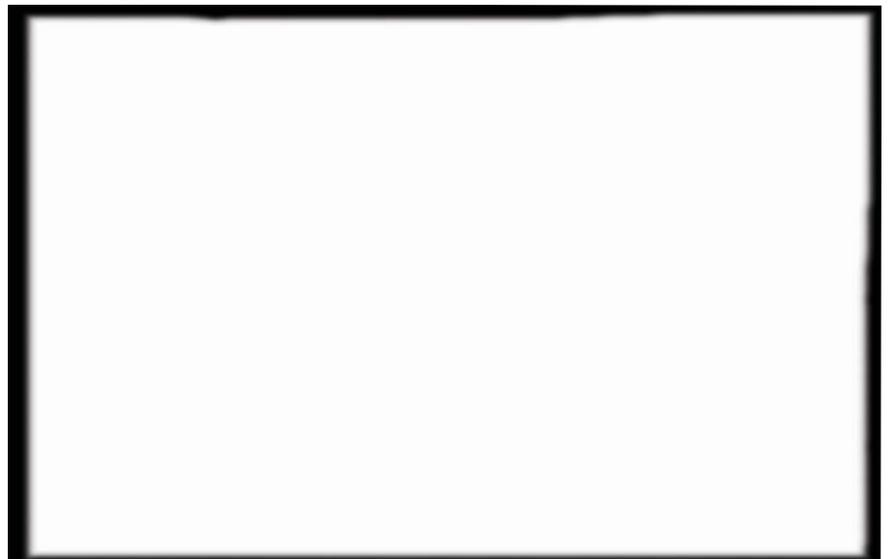
The Grand or Great Union Flag
A flag commonly flown by the U.S. Army during the American Revolution. It may have flown over the fort when besieged in 1777. (below)



The Modern American Flag
You can find this flying over Fort Stanwix today (right).
Did You Know: Francis Bellamy, the author of the "Pledge of Allegiance," lived, was educated in, and is buried in Rome, NY, home of Fort Stanwix NM!



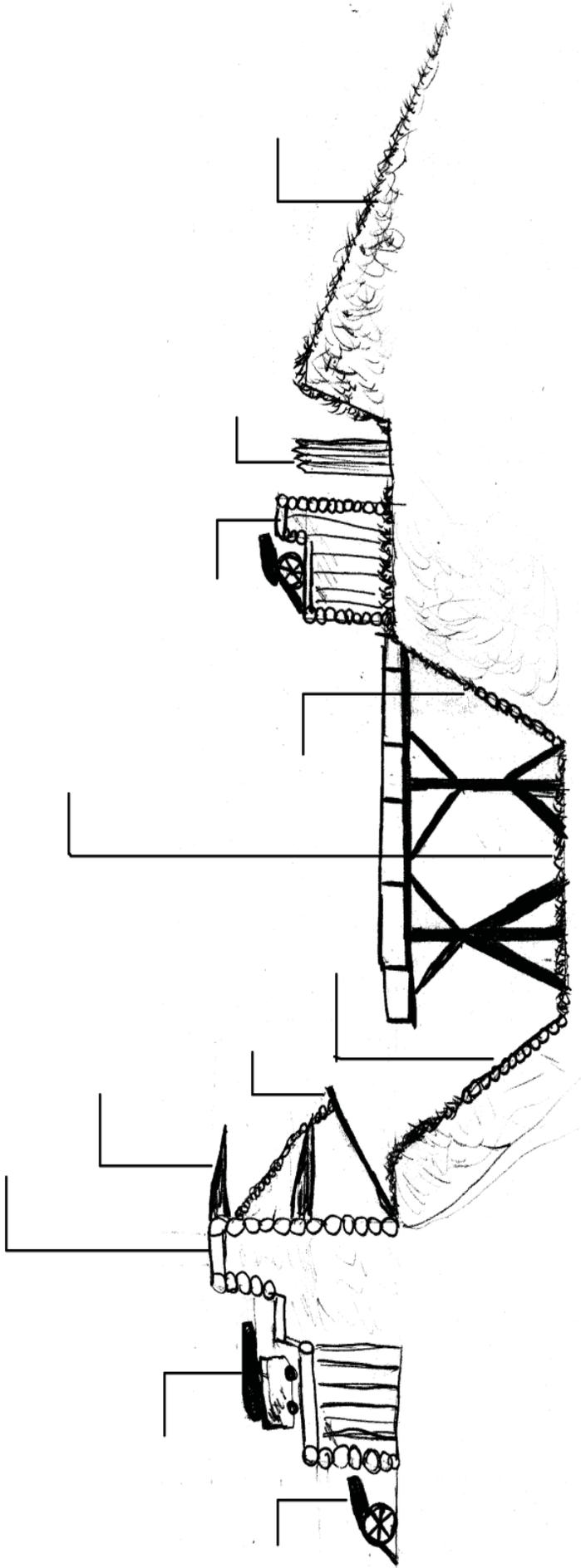
Create your own flag in the space provided. Be prepared to explain what it stands for or what it means to you.



#12 Defended to the Last Extremity

Even after a 21 day long attack, or siege, upon the fort, the British and their allies were not able to breach, or crumble, the walls in order to get inside. Fort Stanwix has many defenses, called "fortifications," built right into its design. The walls in some areas are 18 feet thick. Many of the barracks also have thick ceilings so artillery shot could not easily crash through them. Gun powder was hidden in a protected tunnel inside the fort so that it could not easily explode.

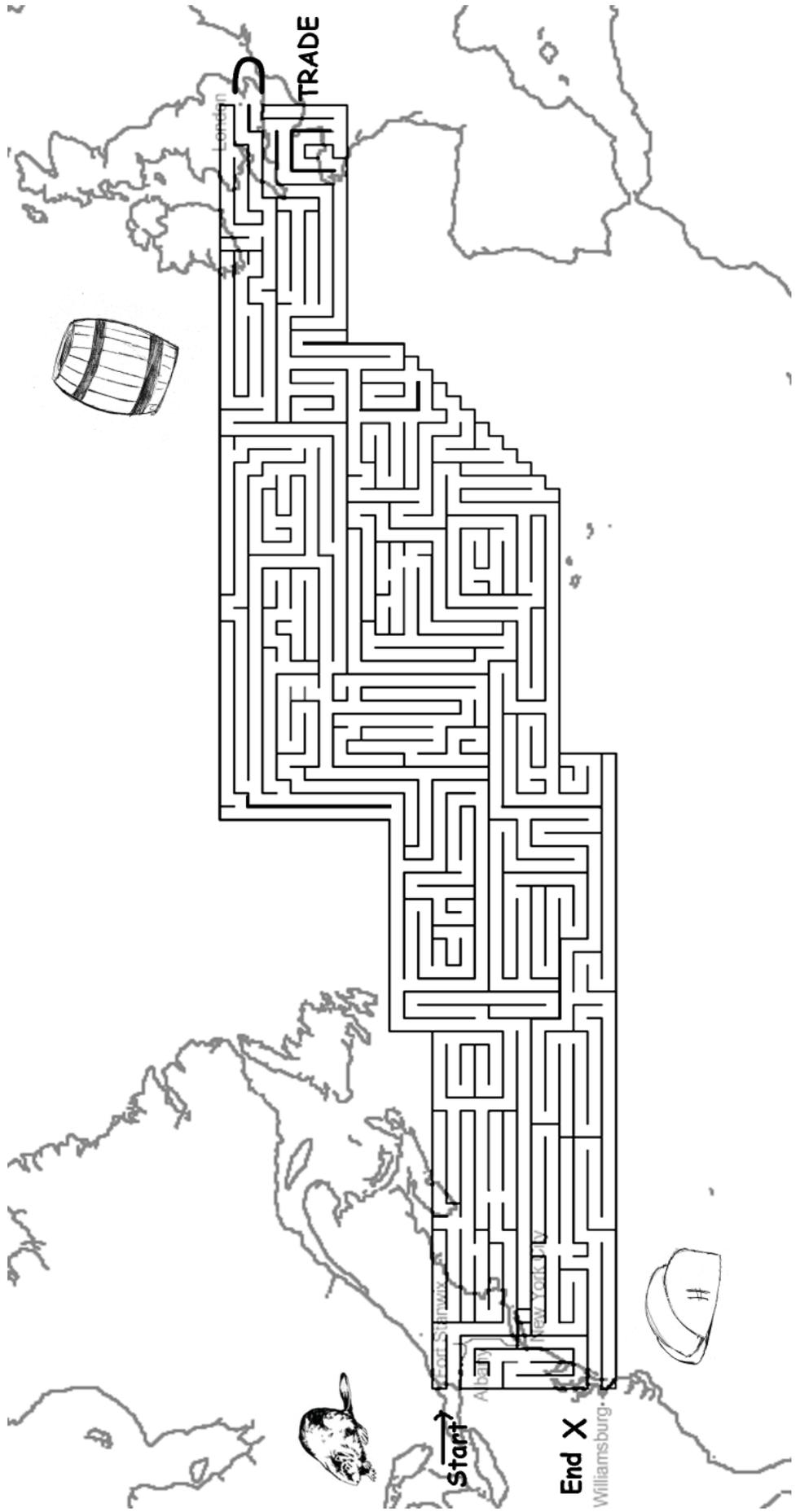
Below is a drawing of all of the defenses of Fort Stanwix during the American Revolution. Go outside the fort to the ditch, or to the Gregg Barracks, and fill in the blanks below in the list. Try to figure out what these fortifications were used for and give them names. Then, talk to a park ranger to find out their actual names. How close were your guesses?



#13 Let's Make A Deal

Many merchants, or "sutlers," made their living in the frontiers of North America. They would travel long distances to trade goods. At Fort Stanwix they would trade European goods with the Oneida Indians in exchange for furs, like beaver pelts. Furs would be shipped across the Oneida Carry, which Fort Stanwix protected, down the waterways to New York City, and across the Atlantic Ocean to England. There they would be crafted into fabricated goods, like felt tricorns and cocked hats. From England, these hats would be shipped back across the ocean to the 13 Colonies and sold for a profit.

Pretend you are a sutler trading for goods. Find your way through the maze starting at Fort Stanwix. Take your animal pelts to England to make new items, then ship your goods back to the southern colonies to be sold.



Answer Page

Below you can find the answers to activities:

"Experience Your America"

Yellowstone
Mount Rushmore
Statue of Liberty
Independence National Historical Park
Fort Stanwix National Monument
Gulf Islands National Seashore
Mesa Verde National Park
Saguaro National Park
Arches National Park

"What's Your Story"

There are no right or wrong answers.

"Using A Map"

19 Maps

Activity A: There are no right or wrong answers.

Activity B:



1 Fort Stanwix; 2 Fort Ticonderoga; 3 Albany; 4 New York City; 5 Massachusetts; 6 Pennsylvania; 7 Canada; 8 Lake Ontario; 9 Hudson River; 10 Mohawk River; 11 Atlantic Ocean

"What Do You See?"

There are no right or wrong answers.

"Yours or Theirs?"

Travel and Transportation: batteau and horse
Clothing: straight last shoes, regimental, gorget
Weapons: musket, pistol, short sword
Cookery: iron kettle, iron griddle

"Building Fort Stanwix"

There is no right or wrong answer.

"Who Am I"

Q1: peteR gansevoort
Q2: philip schuyleR
Q3: skEnendon
Q4: johN johnson
Q5: molly brAnt
Q6: john burGoyne
Unscrambled Answer: RANGER

"What's Up With Waysides?"

There are no right or wrong answers.

"I Am So Wore Out With Fatigue!"

Activity A: There are no right or wrong answers.

Activity B: Q1: Monmouth and Saratoga. Q2: fatigue, sentry or guard, and drilling. Did you notice any more?

Q3: Laundry. Q4: There is no right or wrong answer.

"Where Are Your Rations?"

There are no right or wrong answers.

"Imagine Yourself When..."

There is no right or wrong answer.

"What Do You Stand For?"

There is no right or wrong answer.

"Defended To The Last Extremity"

(from left to right)

Gun of Last Resort
Cannon in Embrasure (gun port)
Parapet and Rampart
Fraise
Draw Bridge
Scarp
Ditch
Counterscarp
Ravelin
Picket Line
Glacis

"Let's Make a Deal"

There is no right or wrong answer.

More Adventuresome Activities:

Here are a few fun activities to try in your spare time!

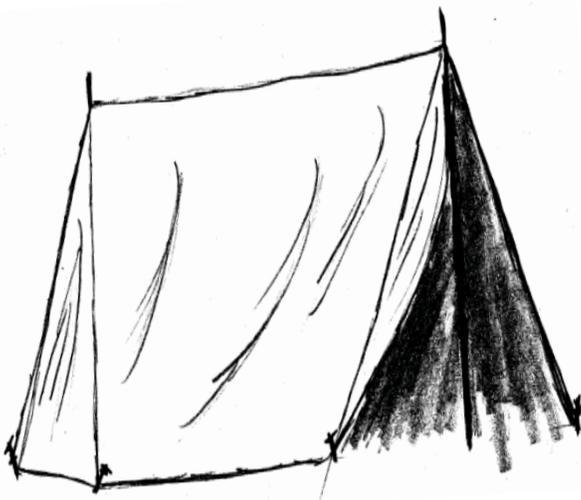
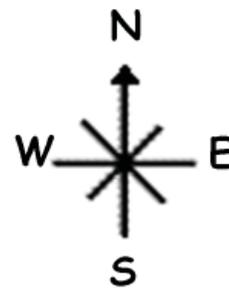
Fort Stanwix Traveling BINGO

While on the rest of your journey through New York State, try finding all the names you see below. Some names belong to people who served at Fort Stanwix. Others show how culturally diverse New York State was, even in the 1700s. All of them had an impact on the history of the United States in some way.

You can find the names you are looking for on street signs, buildings, rivers, at other historic areas, or on a map! Just like regular BINGO, across, diagonal, or 4 corners counts to win. The center square, "Fort Stanwix," is a free space. Can you fill up your entire card before you leave New York?

River	Bleeker	George	Oswego	Seneca
Oneida	Cayuga	Mohawk	Dutch	Willett
Tuscarora	Ontario	*FREE* Stanwix *FREE*	Butler	Oriskany
Gansevoort	Schuyler	Herkimer	French	Brant
Johnson	Palatine	Albany	Onondaga	Hudson

There is a bingo card here for you and a friend!



Willett	Onondaga	Albany	Schuyler	River
Oriskany	Dutch	Herkimer	Ontario	Seneca
Tuscarora	Oswego	*FREE* Stanwix *FREE*	Cayuga	Oneida
Johnson	Butler	George	Palatine	Brant
Hudson	French	Mohawk	Bleeker	Gansevoort

Make Your Own Ink!

You may want an adult to help you with this project.

Many people in the 18th century used journals and quill pens to record their thoughts.

To use their quill pens, first they had to be dipped into ink. Here are directions for making your own ink:

You will need:

- 1 cup ripe blackberries
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- Measuring cup and spoons
- Strainer
- Jar with lid

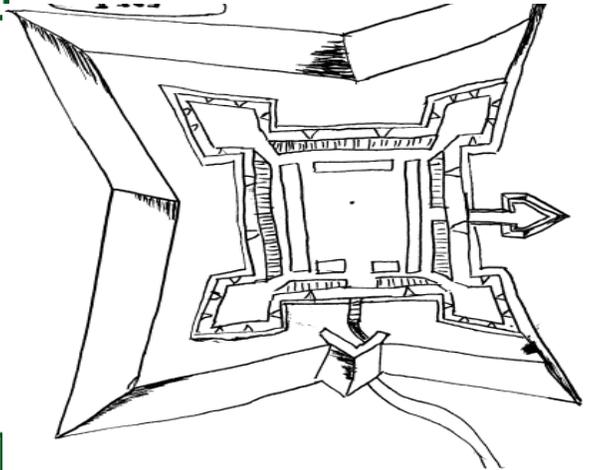
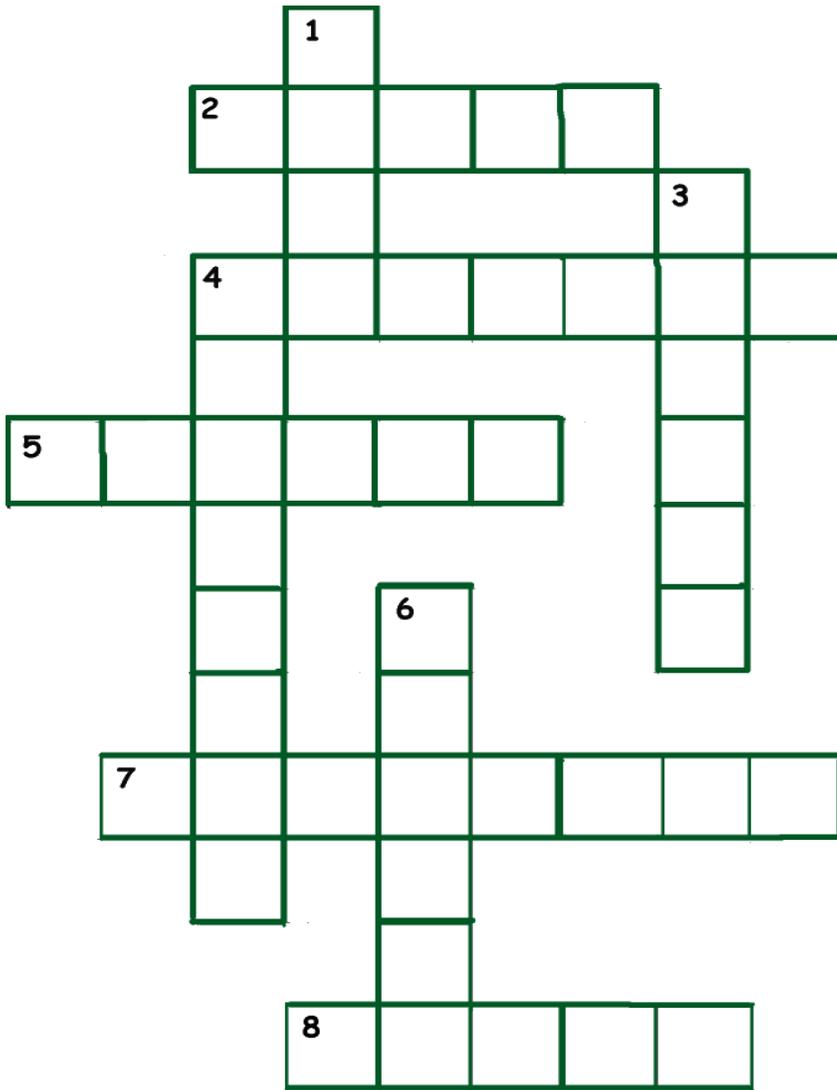


Steps:

1. Mash the berries through the strainer into the jar to make a berry juice.
2. Add the vinegar and salt to the juice so that it will last a long time.
3. Keep the lid on the jar when not using the ink so that it doesn't dry up.

Fort Stanwix Crossword Puzzle

Use the scrambled letters in the clues below to solve the puzzle:



ACROSS

- 2 Barry St. *grLge* the British forces that besieged Fort Schuyler/Stanwix in 1777.
- 4 The British people built many forts on the Oneida Carry to protect the Mohawk Valley from enemy attack. The one that you visited today is called Fort *Snitxaw*.
- 5 The Oneida Carry connected the *hakMow* River, flowing east, to Wood Creek.
- 7 A man who is called "a traitor" in history books today led a force that helped save the Americans during the siege. His name is *deceitBn* Arnold.
- 8 People traveled from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes by *trewa*.

DOWN

- 1 Wood Creek flowed *stwe* from Fort Stanwix and the Oneida Carry.
- 3 The Haudenosaunee traveled the *sreriv* and streams across New York.
- 4 The Americans renamed this place Fort *uylerShc* during the American Revolution.
- 6 Where the rivers did not meet people carried their belongings and their boats. One large portage was where Rome, NY is today; this place was called the *ndOeia* Carry.

Answers Across: 2 Leger, 4 Stanwix, 5 Mohawk, 7 Benedict, 8 Water
 Answers Down: 1 West, 3 Rivers, 4 Schuyler, 6 Oneida

Junior Ranger Notes:

Even More Junior Ranger Fun!

If you would like to continue your adventures as a Fort Stanwix National Monument Junior Ranger, please visit our website. While visiting, you can learn more stories of Fort Stanwix and explore other American Revolutionary War historic sites:

www.nps.gov/fost/forkids/index.htm

or

www.nps.gov/webrangers

****Remember, kids should only use the internet with permission of their parents or guardians****

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work today!



You ARE a Fort Stanwix National Monument Junior Ranger!

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