

# GREAT RIVER ROAD IN ILLINOIS

## NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

### COLORING BOOK



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# Welcome to the Great River Road in Illinois National Scenic Byway!

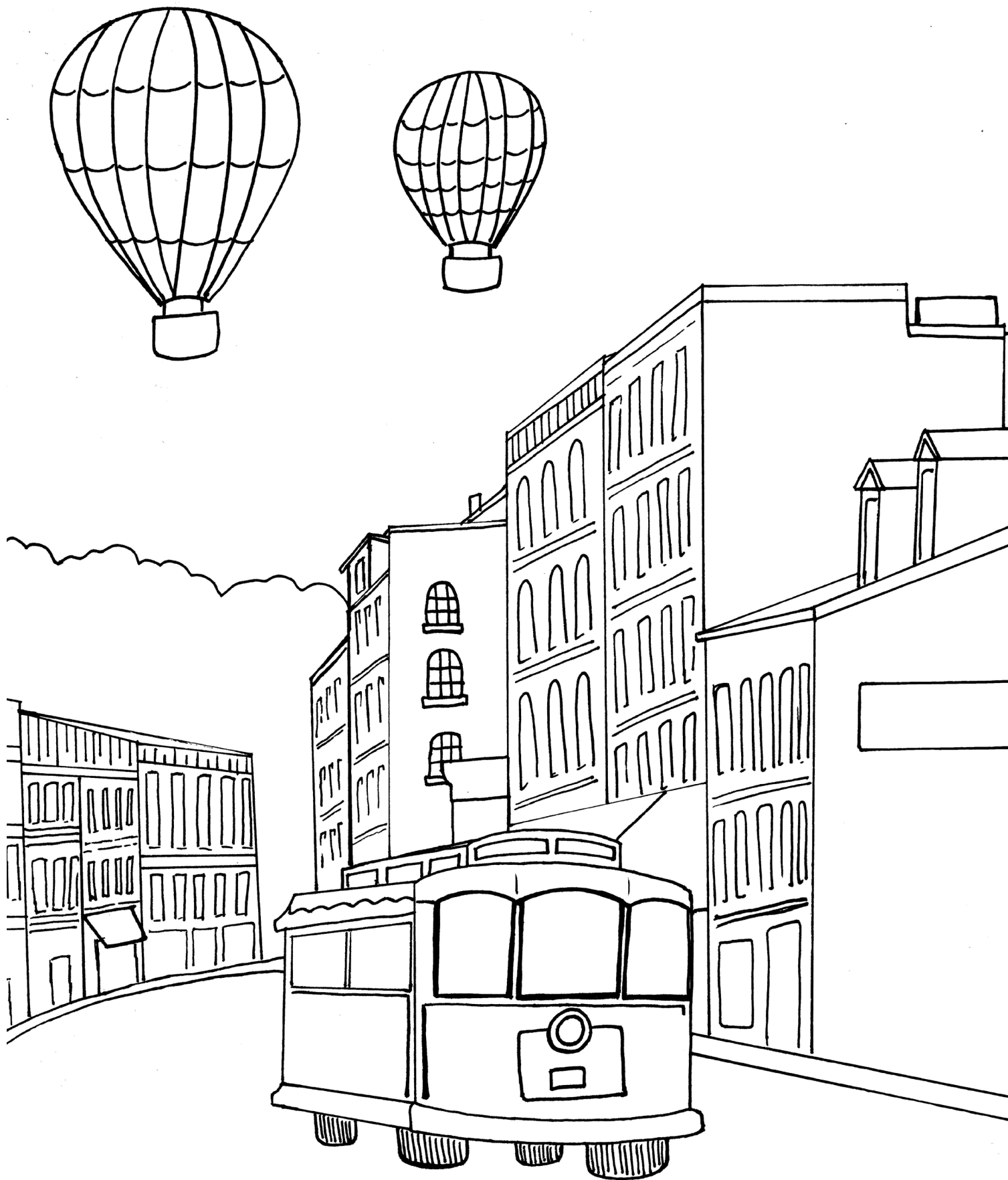
Take a trip on this 550 mile long scenic road that travels through 18 counties on the western border of Illinois. The Great River Road in Illinois runs along the bluffs and plains that border the mighty Mississippi River. It's a great place to see amazing views, wildlife, and fertile farmland and to learn about history, agriculture, and Illinois' cultural heritage.

The green pilot's wheel road signs mark the route of the Great River Road. This coloring book will show you a few of the attractions to see while traveling along the Great River Road in Illinois National Scenic Byway.

We hope you enjoy your trip along the Great River Road in Illinois! For more information or to download brochures, visit us at [GreatRiverRoad-Illinois.com](http://GreatRiverRoad-Illinois.com)

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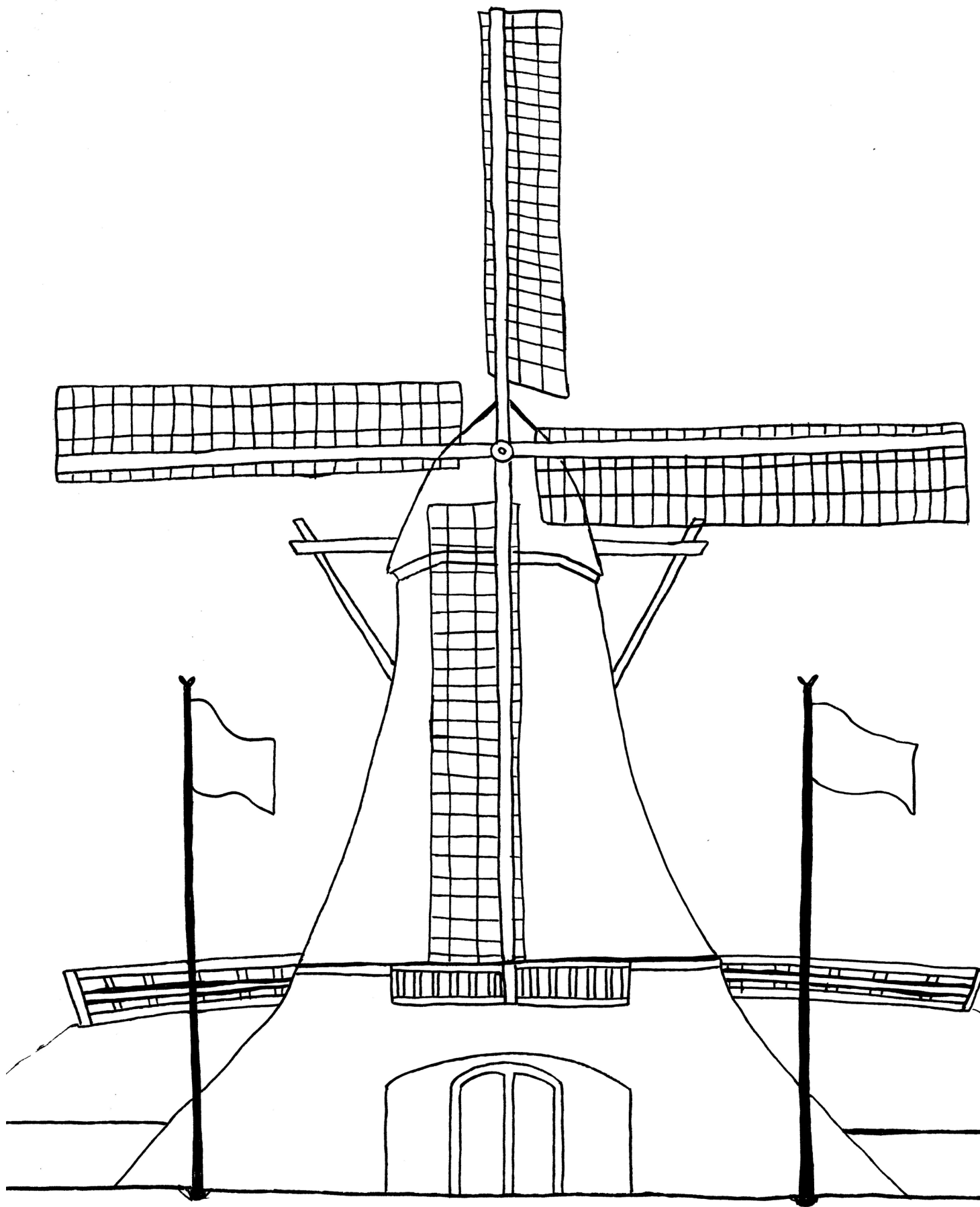


Along Main Street in Galena you can find shops of all kinds. Visit some of the stores for clothes, antiques, art, ice cream and candy!

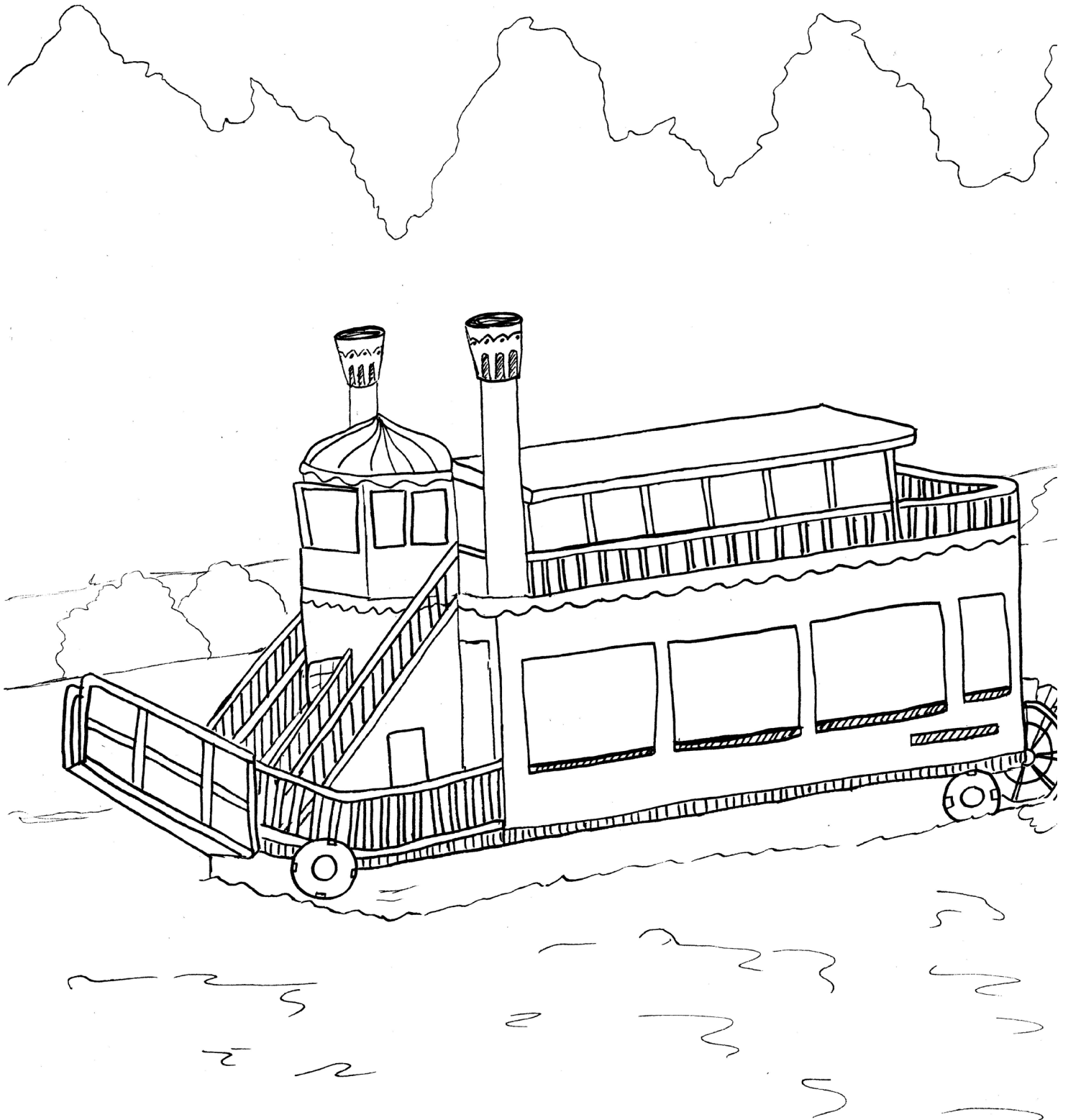


When you are ready to stretch your legs stop by Mississippi Palisades State Park and travel the same paths Native Americans used hundreds of years ago.



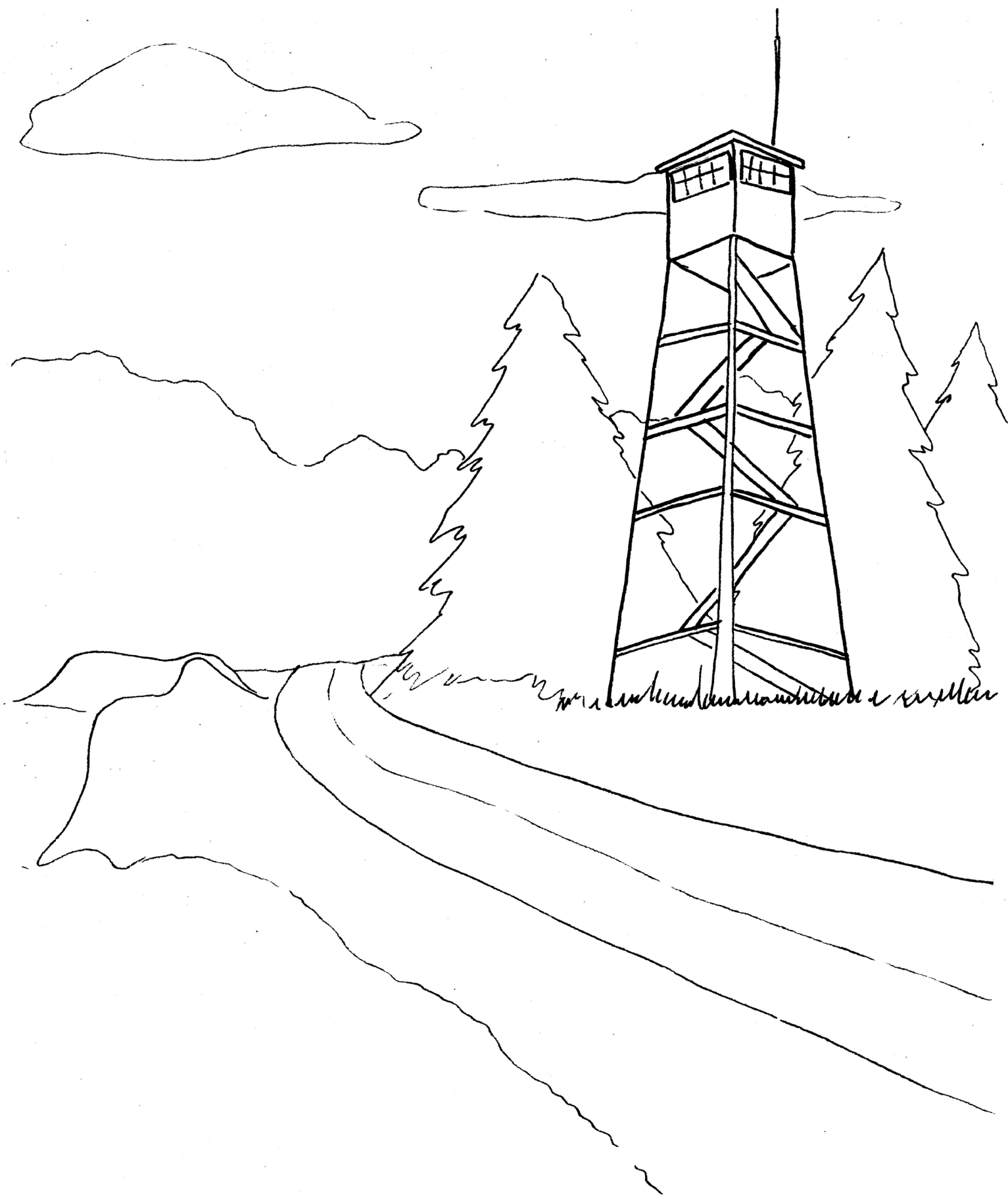


In Fulton, stop by the Windmill Cultural Center to view a collection of windmills from 3 to 6 feet tall. Then walk across the street to visit the 90 foot tall Dutch Windmill "De Immigrant."

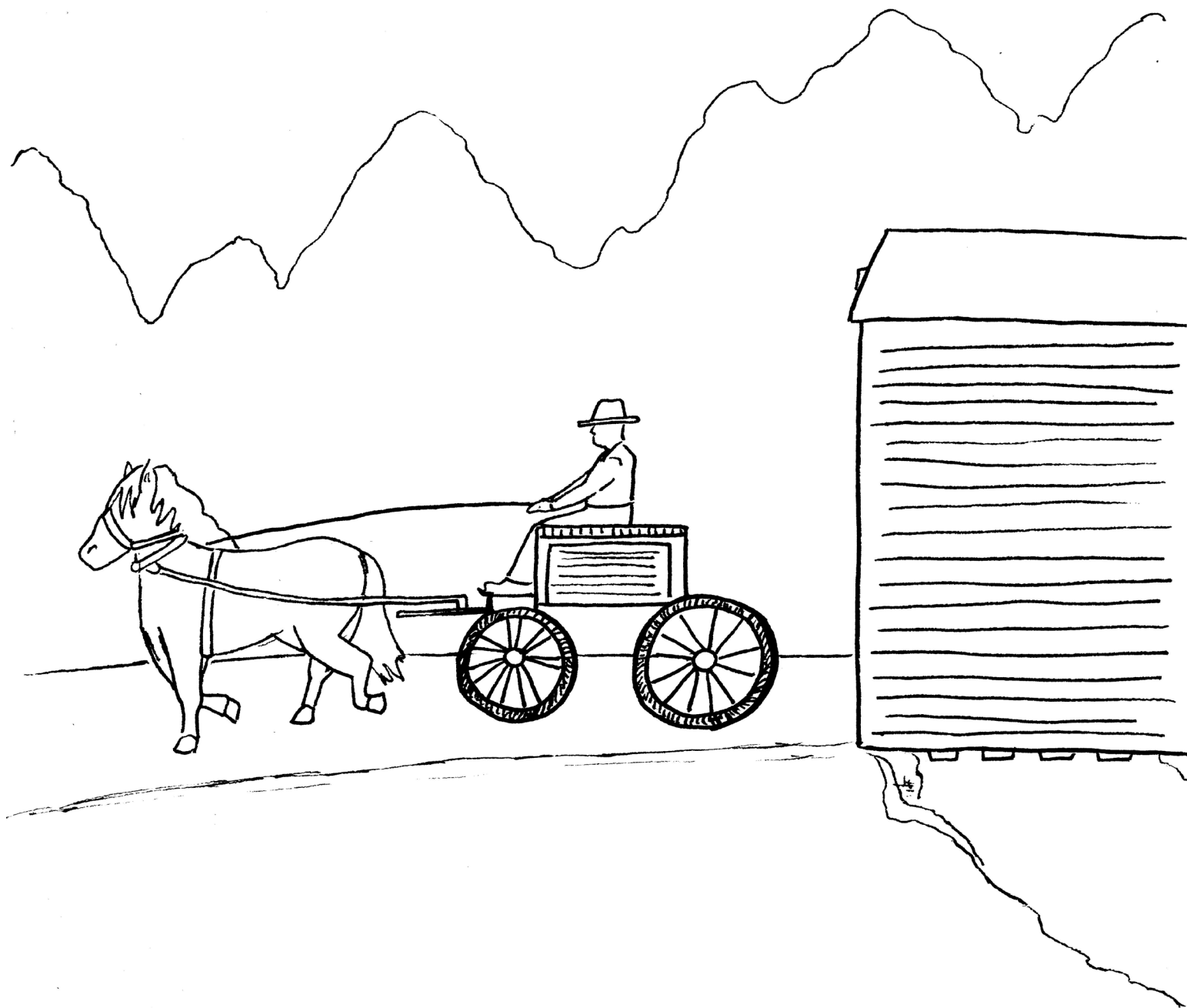


Enjoy a cruise along the mighty Mississippi River in a riverboat while visiting the Quad Cities.





View a real fire tower at Big River State Forest. While at Big River make sure to see one of the oldest pine plantations around. It was planted in 1928 and covers 17 acres.



In Henderson County, visit the Allaman Covered Bridge south of Oquawka. It was built in 1866 and is 104 feet long. It is one of only five covered bridges in Illinois.





Walk through Nauvoo, which has over 60 restored historic sites. Listen to the Nauvoo Brass Band as they pass by on their wagon.



In Quincy, tour Clat Adams Bicentennial Park at Quincy Bay and then see restored centuries old homes as you drive the Quincy Architectural Tour.





Visit Pike County where there is a wealth of wildlife viewing opportunities. Pike County is home to some of the largest white-tailed deer in the country.

## **Alphabet Game**

Be the first person to find all the letters in the alphabet, in order, using only the first letter of any word in signs or license plates. A word can only be used once.

Make it easier: Use any letter of signs or license plates.

## **I Spy**

One person looks around the car and picks an item. Then they say, "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with the letter...." The other people in the car ask yes or no questions to try to find out what it is.

Make it harder: Use items inside and outside the car.

## **License Plate Name Game**

Find a license plate around you and try to turn the letters in the license plate into words using the letters in the order they are on the plate. One point is earned for each letter in the word.

The first person to 100 wins.

Make it easier: Use the letters in any order.

## **Cow Game**

Pick 5 animals and assign them points. For instance, Cow = 1, Horse = 2, Dog = 5, Sheep = 10, Skunk = 20. Try to be the first person to get a score of 100 points from all the animals on your side of the car. If a person on the other side of the car calls out an animal on your side of the car before you do, subtract that animal's score from your total. If you pass a cemetery on your side of the road, go back to 0.



## **Once Upon A Time**

Each player takes turns telling a story, one sentence at a time. Try to time your story so it ends at the same time you reach your destination.

## **Scavenger Hunt**

Before you set off on your trip, put together a list of 25 items. The first person to find all 25 items on their side of the car wins. If no one finds all 25 items, the person who finds the most items wins.

## **Name That Tune**

Play using the radio or other device. Play only a few seconds of a song and then stop. The first person to guess the name of the song wins. The winner gets to decide if you listen to the whole song or move on to the next song.

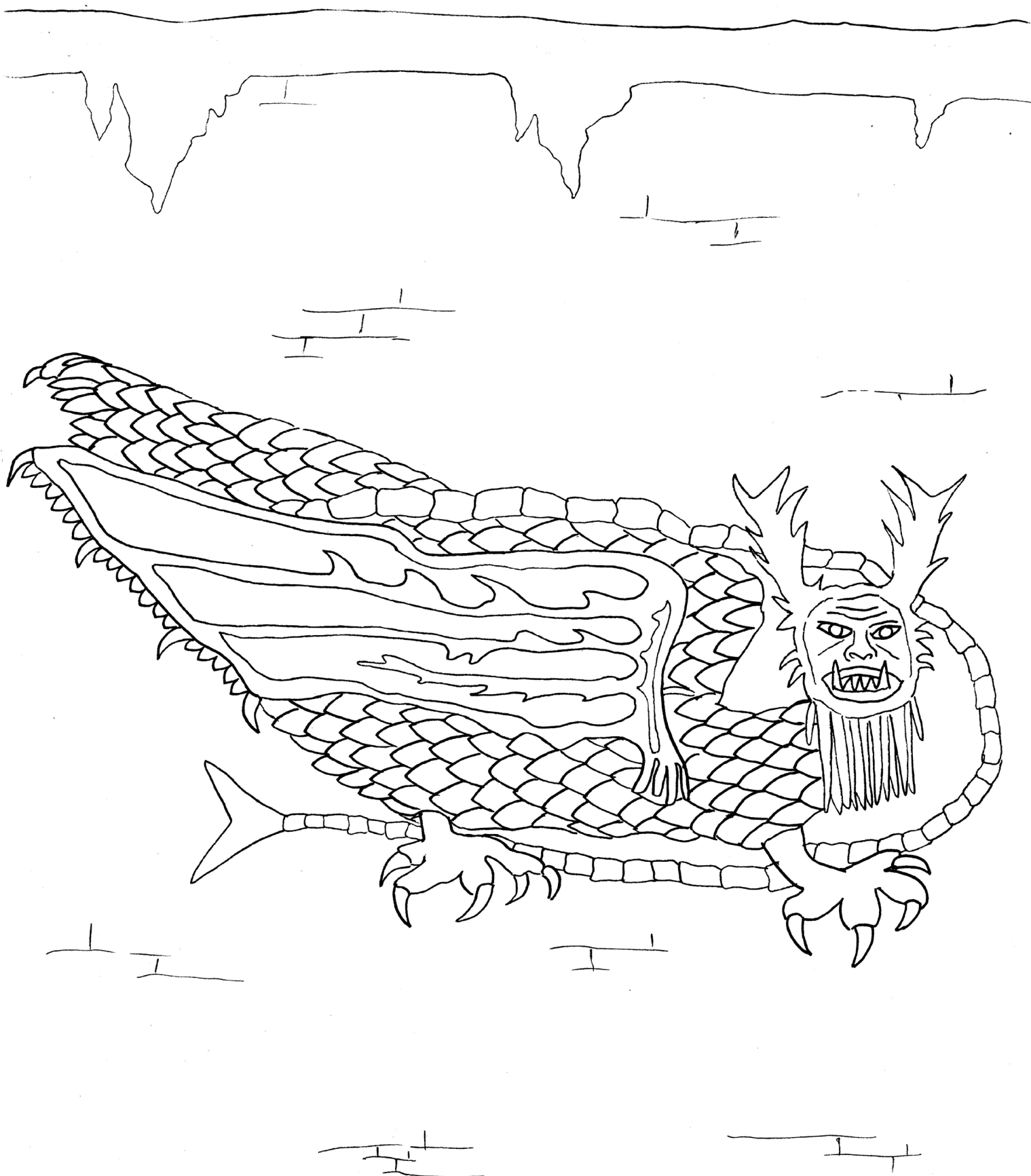
## **License Plate Game**

Write down the names of all 50 states. As you are driving check off each state's license plate you see.

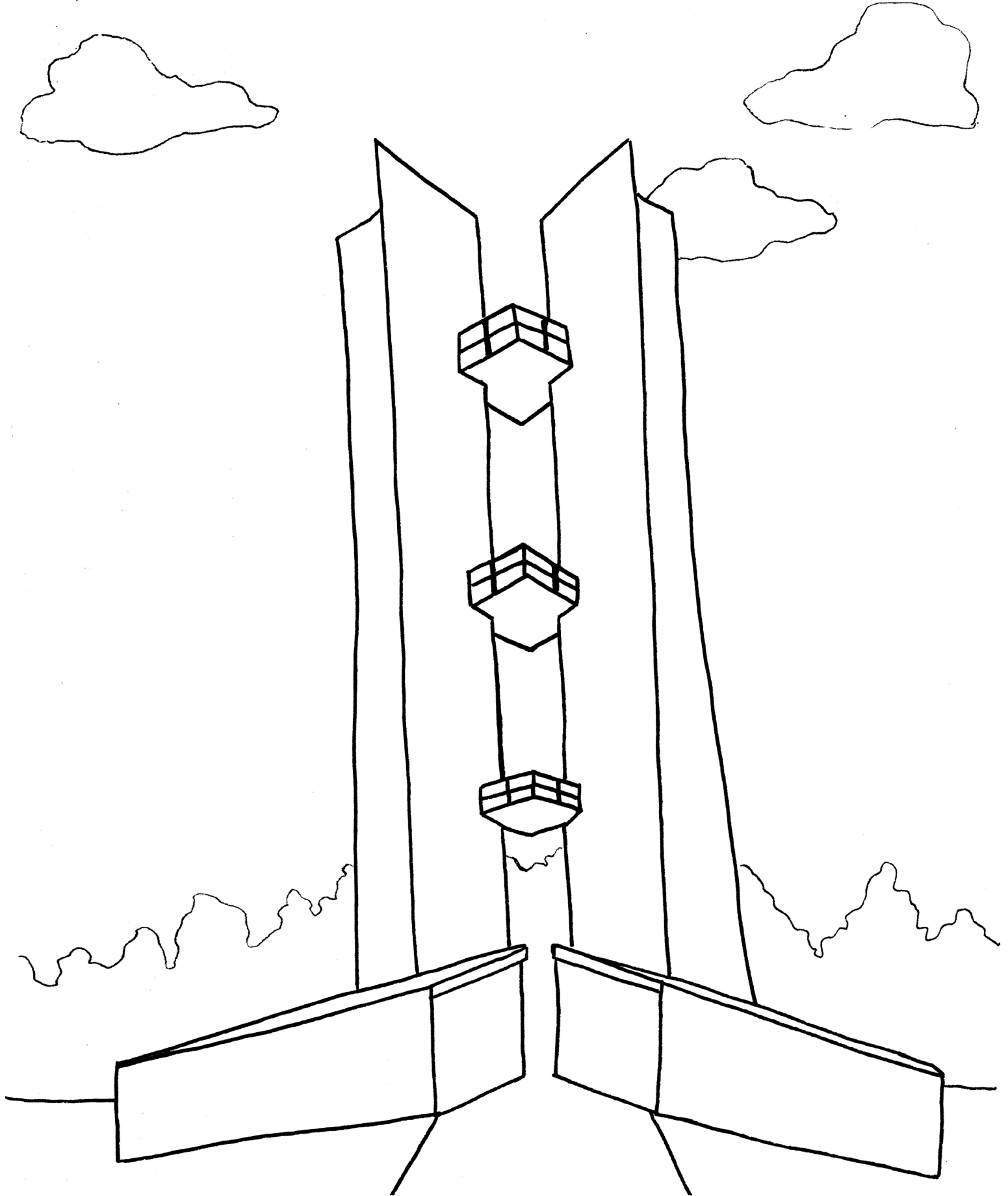
## **Haiku**

A haiku is a short poem containing 17 syllables: 5 in the first phrase, 7 in the second, and 5 in the third. One person looks at signs or license plates outside the car and picks words having a total of 17 syllables. The other person has to make a haiku out of those words.

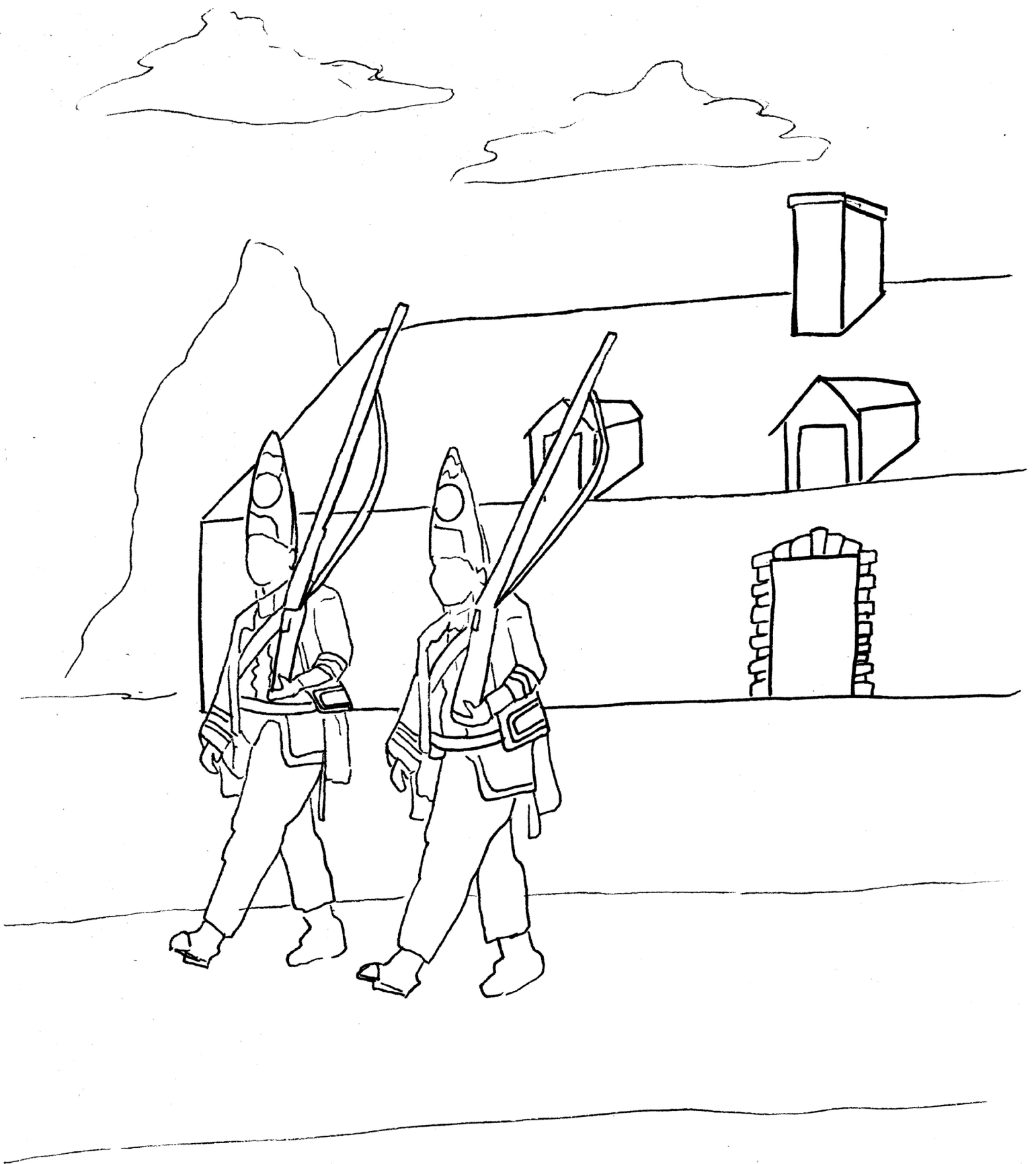
Make it easier: Pick 17 words instead of words containing 17 syllables.



Visit Alton where you'll find the Piasa Bird (Pie-a-saw) painted high up on the bluffs. The original was first written about and described by Father Jacques Marquette, in 1673, during his journey with Louis Joliet down the Mississippi River.

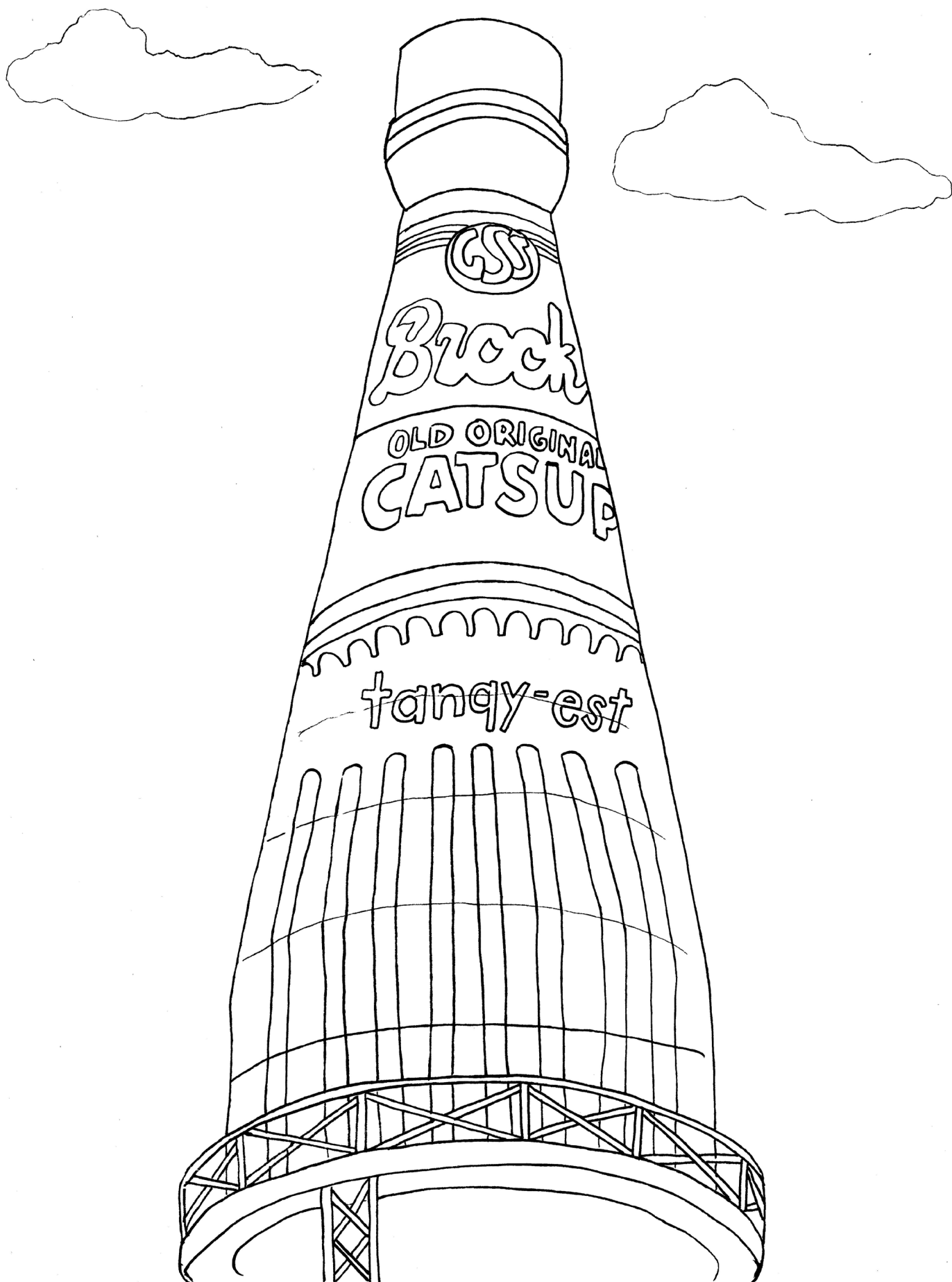


The Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower in Hartford celebrates Lewis and Clark's journey with the Corps of Discovery and the meeting of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. Walk out on an observation deck at 50, 100 and 150 feet above the confluence of these two mighty rivers.

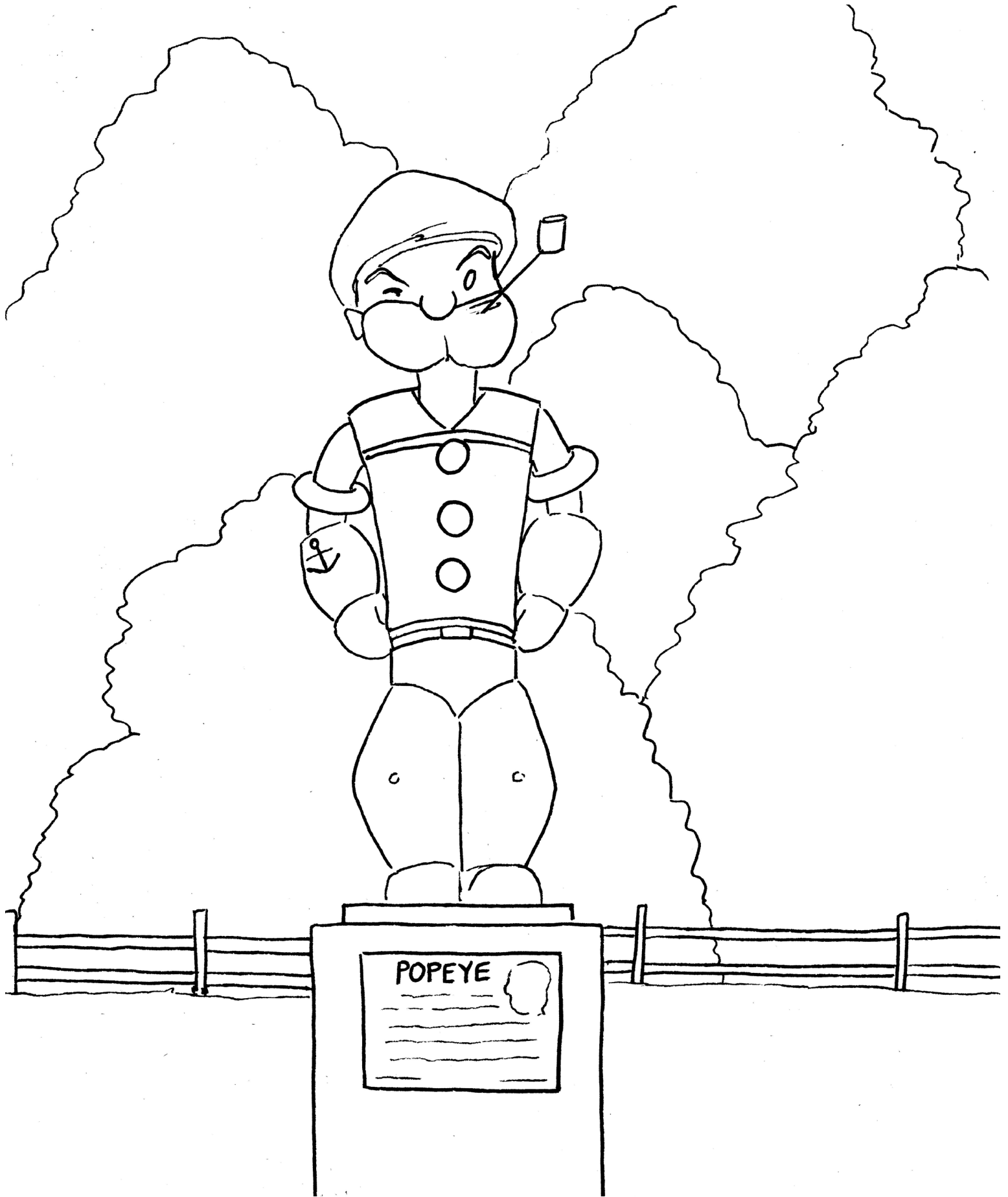


Travel back in time as you explore a partially rebuilt French fort at Fort de Chartres State Historic Site. The stone fort was completed in the 1750's and has many events including Kids' Day, held the first weekend in May.

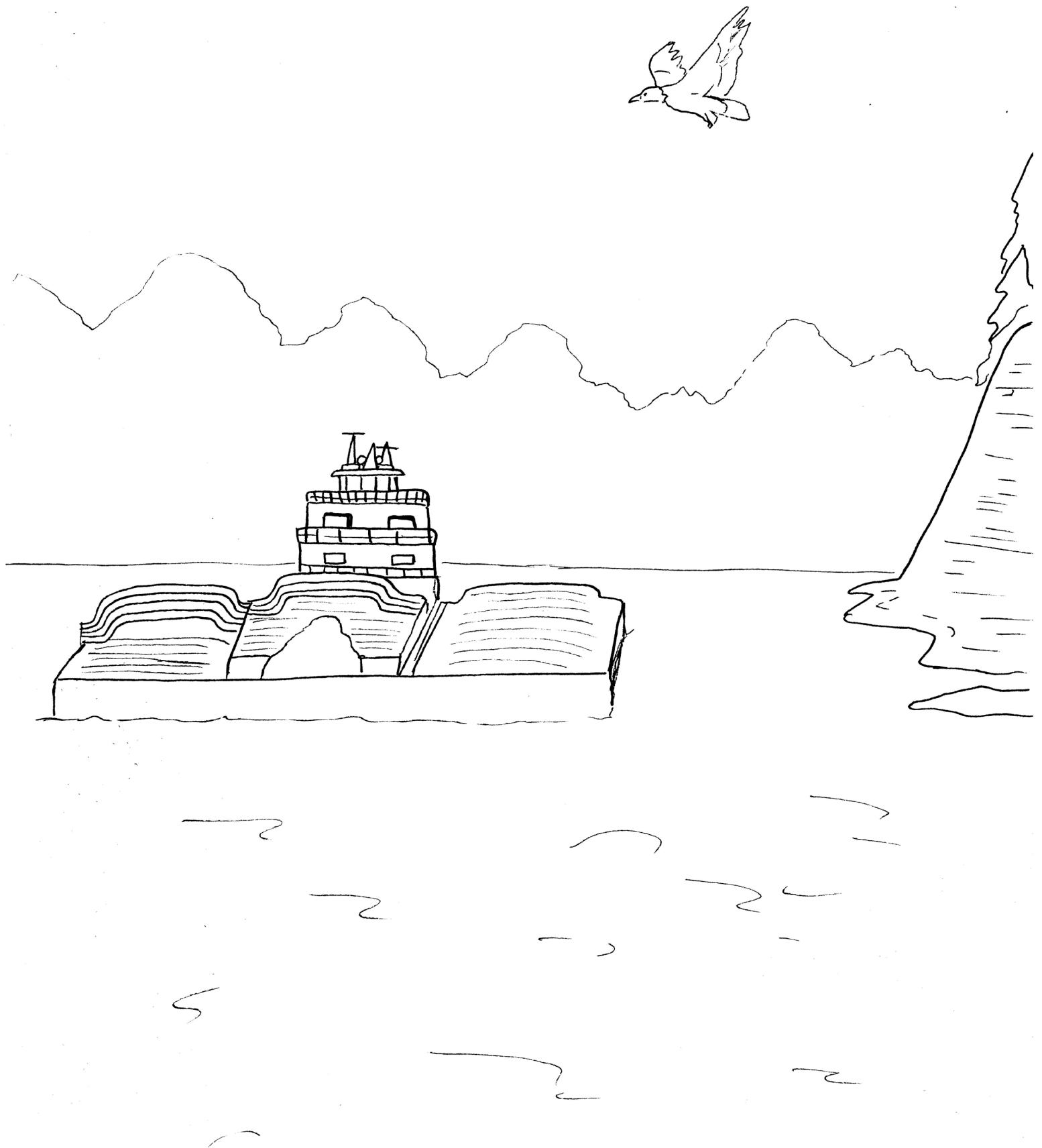




Don't miss the biggest catsup bottle you'll ever see! It's a water tower, built in 1949, and it sits south of downtown Collinsville off of Route 159.



Head to Chester and visit the hometown of Popeye creator Elzie Segar. The town holds an annual Popeye Picnic and is home to many statues of Popeye characters, including the 6 foot statue of Popeye.



Tower Rock, on the right, is located in the Mississippi River next to the city of Grand Tower. The rock is 90 feet tall. The rock and the currents that form around it create a dangerous path for boat travel. Many boats have crashed at Devil's Backbone.



Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area has a 2,400-acre shallow lake. The area has swamp cottonwood, bald cypress, and tupelo gum trees. There are picnic areas and a playground.

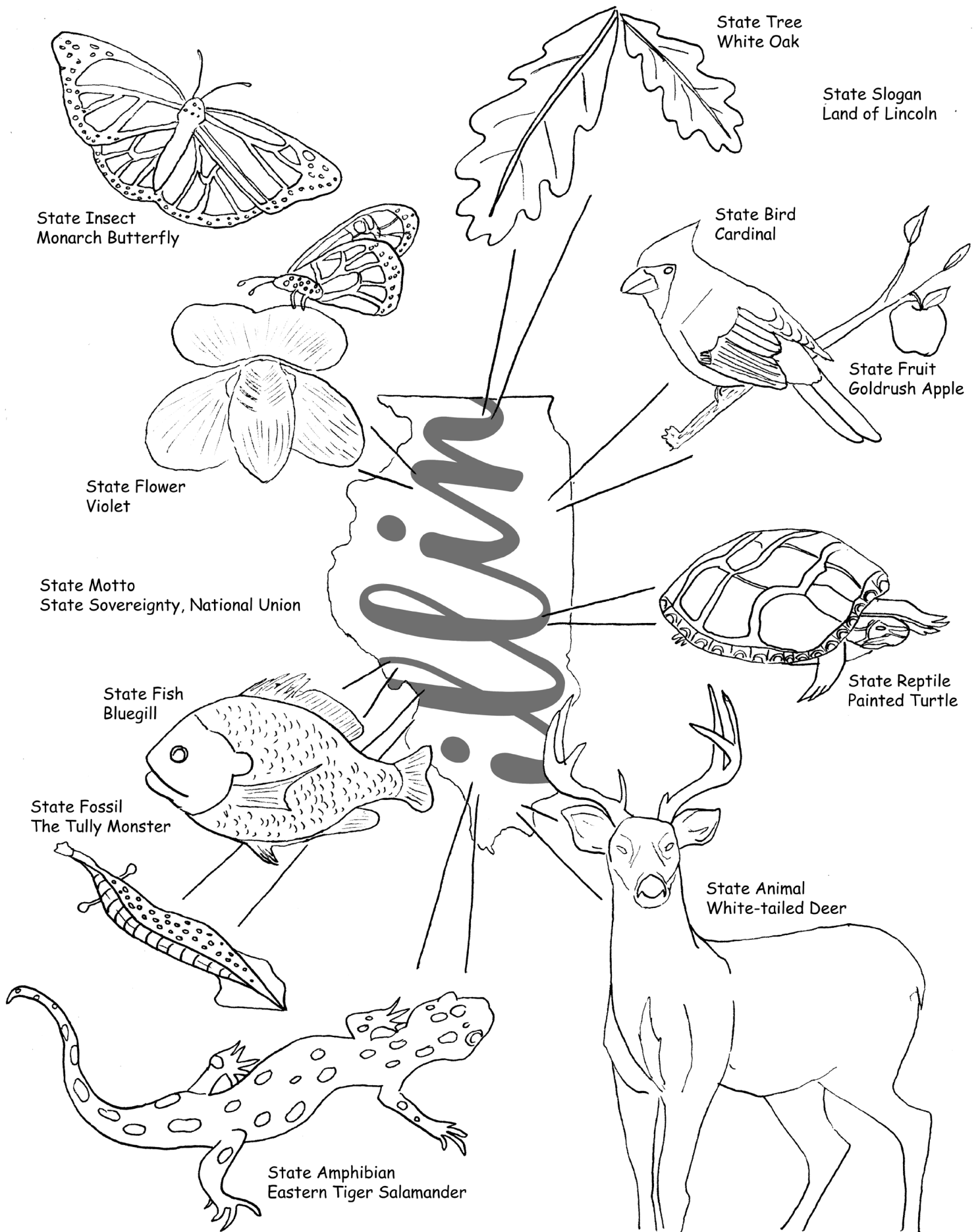




Magnolia Manor, located in Cairo, is four stories tall and was completed in 1872. President Ulysses S. Grant once stayed overnight at this home. The home is open to the public and offers tours.



With so many things to see and do along the *Great River Road* in Illinois National Scenic Byway, chances are you had a favorite that wasn't included in this book. Draw and color your favorite attraction here.



State Tree  
White Oak

State Slogan  
Land of Lincoln

State Bird  
Cardinal

State Fruit  
Goldrush Apple

State Reptile  
Painted Turtle

State Animal  
White-tailed Deer

State Amphibian  
Eastern Tiger Salamander

State Insect  
Monarch Butterfly

State Flower  
Violet

State Motto  
State Sovereignty, National Union

State Fish  
Bluegill

State Fossil  
The Tully Monster

## Illinois State Symbols



**For more information on the Great River Road or the attractions in this book  
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