

Pennsylvania

ACTIVITY BOOK

for kids



Hi kids!

I'm sure you have seen me around.

My name is Flash the Firefly. And I'm going to fly you around this book because it's packed with cool stuff about our state, Pennsylvania.

Just look for me on every page and I'll show you what to do!



PENNSYLVANIA FUN FACTS

Did you know that the firefly is Pennsylvania's state insect?

Find out other state symbols by matching the left column with the right column. I did the first one for you.

Oh... and if you get stumped, the answers are on the bottom of this page!

Firefly

State Beverage

Brook Trout

State Dog

Great Dane

State Insect

Milk

State Bird

Mountain Laurel

State Fish

White Tail Deer

State Tree

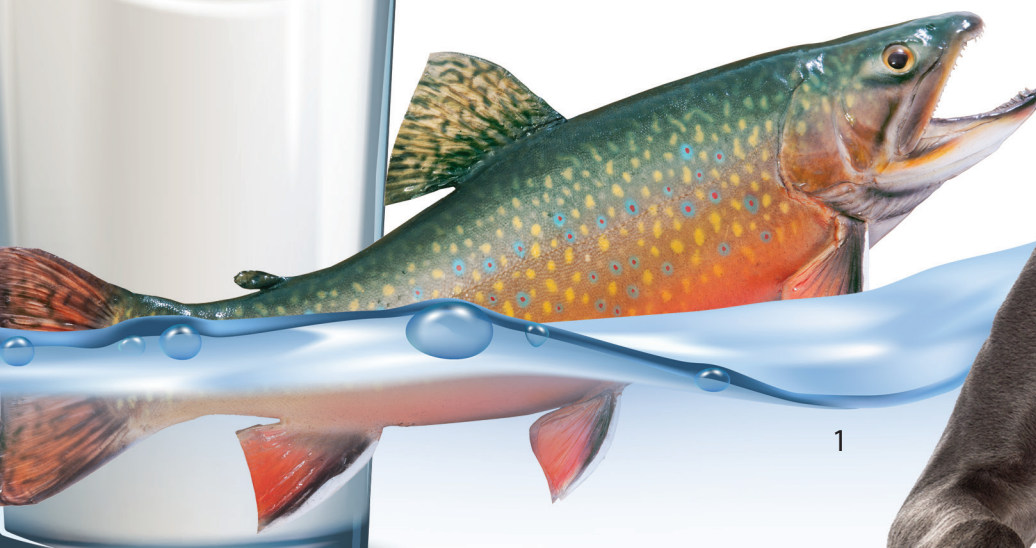
Ruffed Grouse

State Flower

Hemlock

State Animal

Answers:
Firefly ... State Insect,
Brook Trout ... State Fish
Great Dane ... State Dog,
Milk ... State Beverage
Mountain Laurel ... State Flower,
White Tail Deer ... State Animal,
Ruffed Grouse ... State Bird,
Hemlock ... State Tree



Which Word Doesn't Belong?



Flash is having trouble deciding which word in each of the word groups below doesn't belong. Help Flash figure it out by drawing a circle around the word that doesn't fit.

1. County

City

Kitchen

State

2. Engineer

Governor

Mayor

Senator

3. Law

Bill

Amendment

Yield

4. Vote

Story

Ballot

Election

5. Executive

Judicial

Temporal

Legislative

6. Philadelphia

Harrisburg

Orlando

Erie

7. Napoleon

William Penn

James Buchanan

Ben Franklin

8. White Tail Deer

Great Dane

Elephant

Ruffed Grouse

Now, take the first letter of all the words you have circled and help Flash find Pennsylvania's state nickname!

Pennsylvania is the

_____ State!

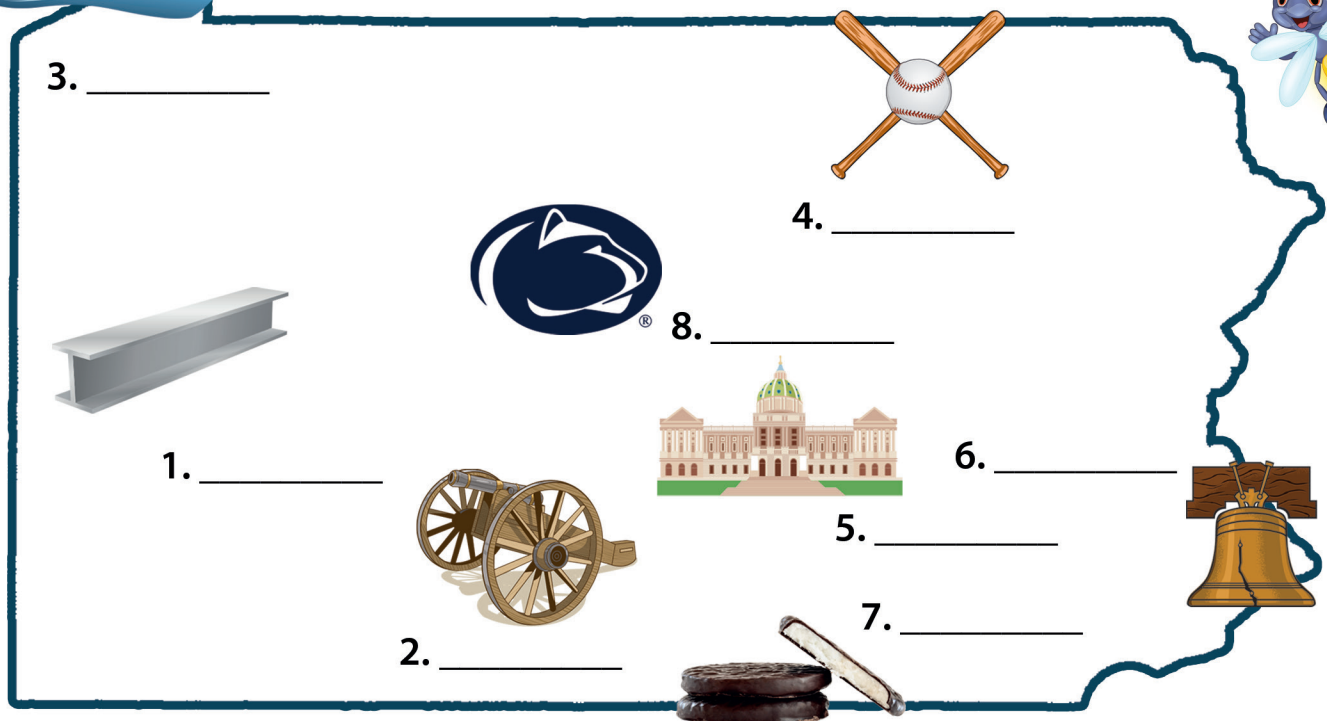
*Bonus: Keystone
Answers: 1. Kitchen, 2. Engineer, 3. Yield, 4. Story, 5. Temporal, 6. Orlando, 7. Napoleon, 8. Elephant*

Cities of Pennsylvania

Flash and his firefly friends are trying to remember all the cities in Pennsylvania they have visited. Help Flash and his buddies put the city names that are in the box onto the map. There are clues at the bottom to help you label the map. Remember, the clue number matches up with the city number.



Philadelphia • York • State College • Erie
Gettysburg • Harrisburg • Williamsport • Pittsburgh



CITY CLUES.....

1. Located where three rivers meet in western Pennsylvania, this city is known around the world for its steel production.
2. This city is the site of one of the most famous battles of the Civil War.
3. This city lies on the coast of one of the Great Lakes.
4. The Little League World Series takes place every year in this city.
5. This city is the capitol of Pennsylvania.
6. The Declaration of Independence was signed in this city in 1776.
7. The famous "Peppermint Patty" candy is from this city.
8. This town is home to the largest public state university in Pennsylvania, the Nittany Lions.



Answers: 1. Pittsburgh, 2. Gettysburg, 3. Erie, 4. Williamsport, 5. Harrisburg, 6. Philadelphia, 7. York, 8. State College



PENNSYLVANIA A STATE OF IMAGINATION

Many cool things have been invented in Pennsylvania. And one of the greatest inventors of all time lived in Pennsylvania over 200 years ago.

Ben Franklin was a writer, politician, and scientist. He lived in Philadelphia most of his life and invented lots of things we use today. He was the first in America to organize a volunteer fire department, set up a public library and he even created the country's first zoo. He also invented bifocals, which are a type of eyeglasses, the lightning rod to stop buildings and ships from being struck by lightning and the odometer, which keeps track of how far you have gone when traveling.

Over the years, many new things came out of Pennsylvania. The first American Flag was sewn by Betsy Ross in Philadelphia and the first commercial radio broadcast was achieved by a radio station out of Pittsburgh.

**Want to find out what other cool things have been invented in Pennsylvania?
Read the clues that I've listed for you
and see if you can figure out the invention!**



1. You can drink me out of a can or put ice cream in me and make a float!

I am _____.

2. I am fun to ride and can take you up and down and even upside down!

I am a _____.
_____.

3. You can chew me all the time, but not in class, and you can even make bubbles out of me!

I am _____.

4. You use me on pants, jackets, and open and close your backpacks with me!

I am a _____.

Answers: 1. Root Beer, 2. Roller Coaster, 3. Bubble Gum, 4. Zipper



LAWS OF THE LAND

Without any laws, the towns that we all live in would be a mess! That's why people in the House of Representatives and the Senate are always making new laws to help keep everyone safe and happy. I bet you can think of lots of laws that we need to follow in order to have a safe neighborhood. But that's only a part of the story. After laws are made, they need to be enforced. That's where the police come in. They make sure that everyone is following the laws that our government has passed.

Here is a list of some laws that affect us every day:

Public Nuisance Laws: Do not disturb the peace of others in public.

Litter Laws: People must place all trash in proper containers.

Traffic Laws: All drivers and pedestrians must obey the speed limits, traffic lights, and street signs.

Leash Law: Everyone must keep their pets on a leash when they're in public places.

Graffiti Laws: No one may deface or damage other people's property.

Assembly Laws: You cannot block public entrances while demonstrating.

Zoning Laws: Businesses serving "adults only" must not be placed near school buildings.

Shoplifting Laws: All customers must pay for any merchandise they take from a store.

These pictures show people that are NOT following a law.
From the list above, write below each picture which law needs to be enforced so that everyone in the town can be safe and have fun.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

Answers: 1. Graffiti 2. Public Nuisance 3. Traffic 4. Shoplifting 5. Zoning 6. Leash 7. Litter 8. Assembly

PENNSYLVANIA

FAST FLAG FACTS



If you visit the State Capitol, you will see the Pennsylvania state flag flying on top of the building. It also flies on top of our schools, courthouses, libraries and other buildings. State flags are important because they are symbols of what citizens and leaders feel are important characteristics of their state.

Below is Pennsylvania's state flag. All of the objects on the flag, even the colors, symbolize an important part of Pennsylvania and its people. See if you can match the object on the flag to what it represents below. Write the letter on the line next to the arrow. I did the first one for you!

1. _____

2. _____

3. **A** _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

- A.** This object contains the state motto that lists three qualities that our founders thought the government should possess.
- B.** This animal symbolizes our state's right to have its own government.
- C.** This object is still an essential mode of transportation for our state and represents business and trading.
- D.** This color was put on the flag because the same color is used on the American flag.
- E.** These animals represent strength and guard the state seal.
- F.** This object was used by farmers before there were tractors and it represents Pennsylvania's rich natural resources.
- G.** These three objects are one of the state's most important crops and they symbolize Pennsylvania's fertile fields.

Answers: A-3, B-4, C-5, D-7, E-1, F-2, G-6

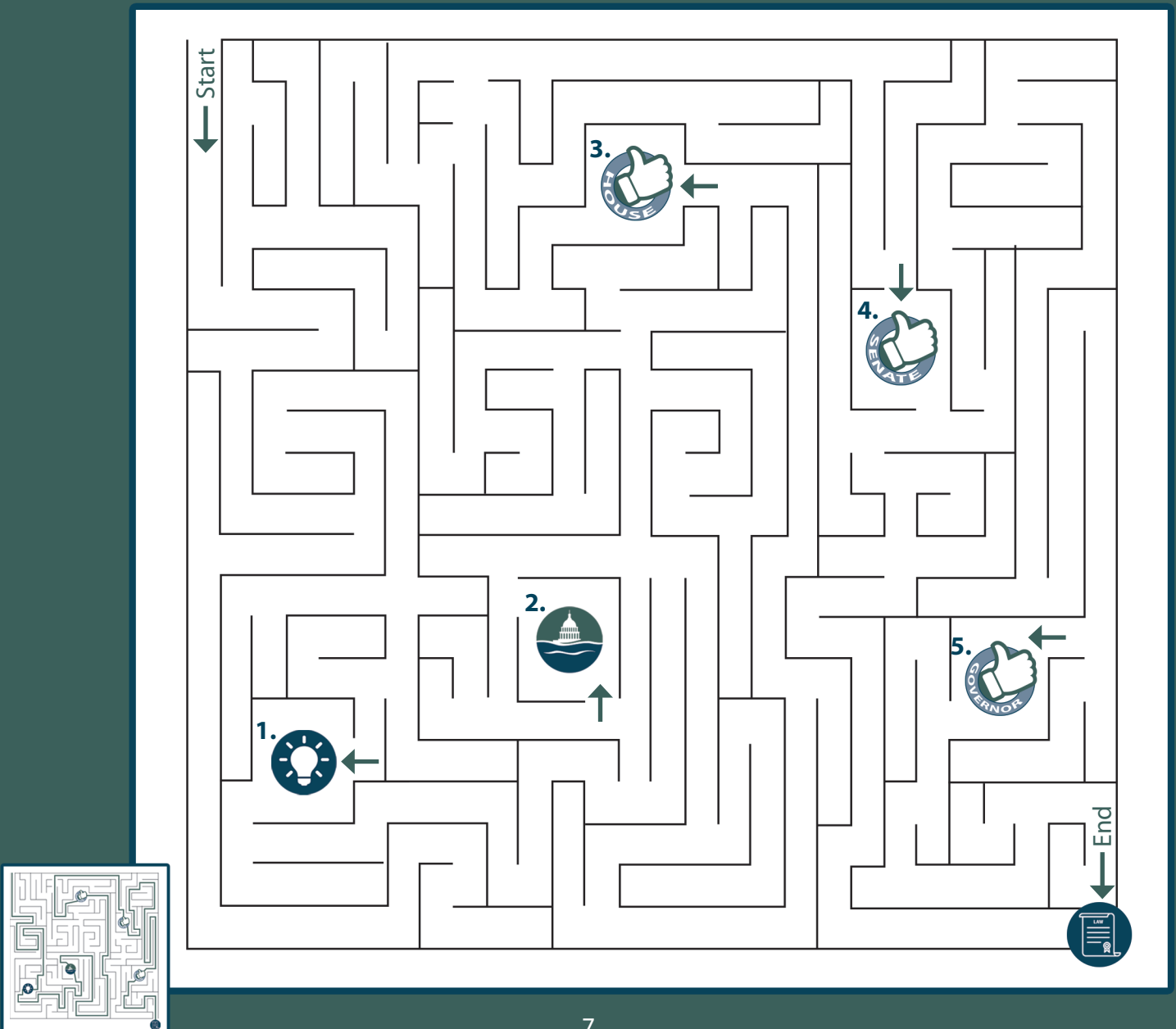
MAKING LAWS IS A-MAZING



I've just come up with a great idea for a law in Pennsylvania!
How about all schools have to serve pizza in the cafeterias every day?
But, I'm going to need your help getting my idea passed.

1. First, make sure you have your idea for a bill ready to go.
2. Next, help me take the idea to the State Capitol in Harrisburg.
3. Then we need to get the idea approved by the House of Representatives.
4. Then we need to get the approval of the Senate.
5. After that, we need to see the Governor for the final approval.
6. Finally, our idea can become a law!

Let's eat!!!



WORD SEARCH



Hey kids, see if you can find all the words in orange from the story in this Word Search Puzzle.
Remember, words can go up & down, across the page, or diagonally.

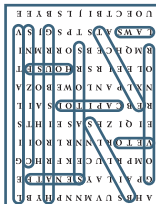
A few days ago, I took a tour of the **CAPITOL** Building in **HARRISBURG** and learned a ton of stuff about our state government! First, I flew over to the House of Representatives, which is on the right side of the Capitol Building. The tour guide told us that this was where our state representatives worked.

My friend, Blinky, asked the tour guide, "What does a representative do here in the **HOUSE** of Representatives?" The tour guide said that people all across Pennsylvania **ELECT** men and women to come here and make **LAWS** for all the state's **CITIZENS**.

"But representatives have to share the job of making laws with the **SENATE**. And the Senate is over on the other side of the Capitol Building," the tour guide explained. We learned that people who work in the Senate are called **SENATORS**. The Senate and the House of Representatives make up the General Assembly. Together, they make all the laws for Pennsylvania. The General Assembly is also called the **LEGISLATIVE** branch of our government.

Blinky and I were able to watch the representatives discuss **BILLS**, which are ideas for new laws. "If the representatives and the senators vote 'yes' for the bill, then it's taken to the **GOVERNOR**. If the Governor says 'yes' to the bill then it becomes a new law! But if the Governor says 'no' to the bill, it doesn't become a law. When the Governor says 'no', it is called a **VETO**," the tour guide said.

Blinky and I hope that one day the senators and representatives would make a law that would let fireflies work in the General Assembly!

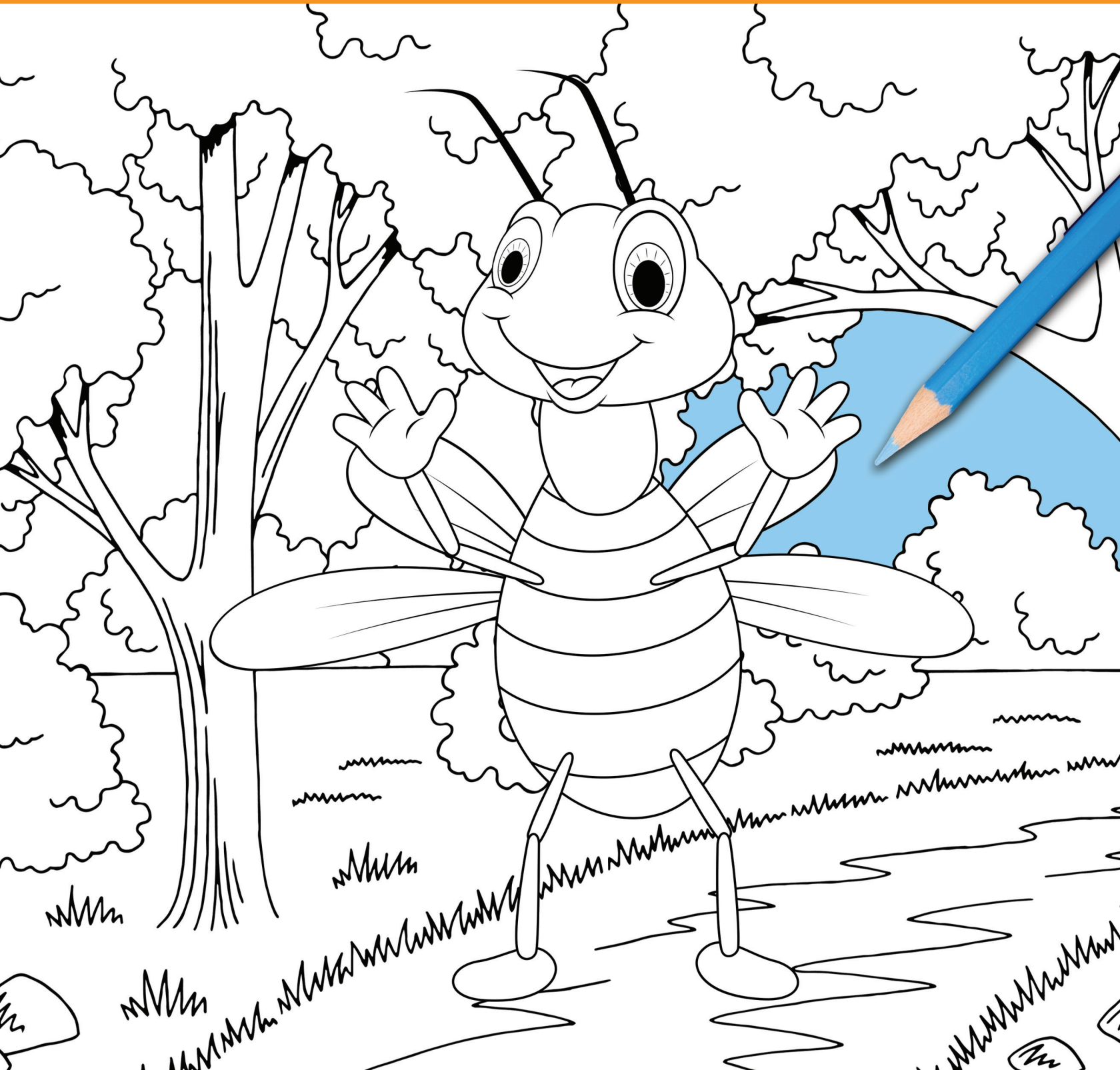


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G	P	A	I	L	A	Y	S	E	N	A	T	E	E
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R	E	B	C	A	P	I	T	O	L	S	A	I	L
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Flying COLORS

Wow, you guys really flew through this book! You're almost done! We've learned lots of cool things about Pennsylvania and its laws, cities and history. There is a lot to be proud of in Pennsylvania; I know I'm proud of our state.

We've had a lot of fun together, but now I've got to fly out of here. But before I go, I have one more activity for you. Just grab your crayons and bring my picture to life!





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