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KAMALA HARRIS



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Kamala Harris is the vice president of the United States, making her the first female vice president and first Black person and Asian American to hold the position.

BOOK ON VIDEO (TRT 9:19): "SUPER HEROES ARE EVERYWHERE" BY KAMALA HARRIS

Family Activity: Using 2-3 questions from the book, make a list of the heroes you see in your world.

Questions in the book:

Who makes you feel special?

Who can you count on?

Who makes you feel brave?

Who stands up for what's right in your life?

Who are your best friends?

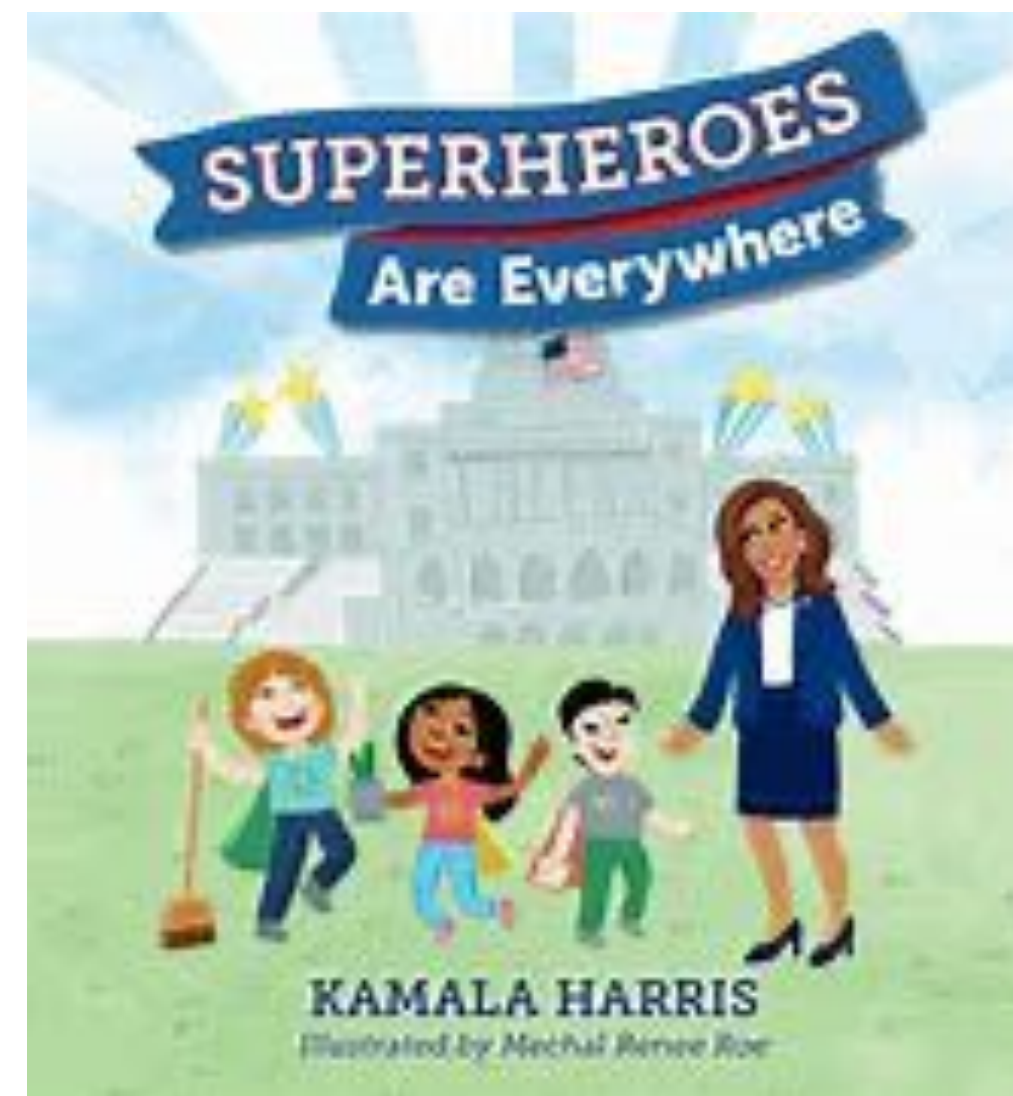
Who are your favorite teachers?

Who is kind to you?

Who helps you explore?

Who do you know who works hard?

Who protects you?



MAKING HISTORY

WHEN FOLKS DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S A BIG DEAL THAT HARRIS IS THE VP (NO MATTER YOUR POLITICAL AFFILIATION), IT'S HELPFUL TO USE A SIMPLE VISUAL AID.

WE'RE A YOUNG COUNTRY WITH GROWING PAINS.

SEE THE **RED** BOX? UNTIL THEN, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENSLAVED.

SEE THE **BLUE** BOX? UNTIL THEN, SHE COULDN'T VOTE.

THE **YELLOW** BOX? UNTIL THEN, SHE HAD TO ATTEND A SEGREGATED SCHOOL.

AND THE **GREEN** ONE? UNTIL THEN SHE COULDN'T HAVE HER OWN BANK ACCOUNT.

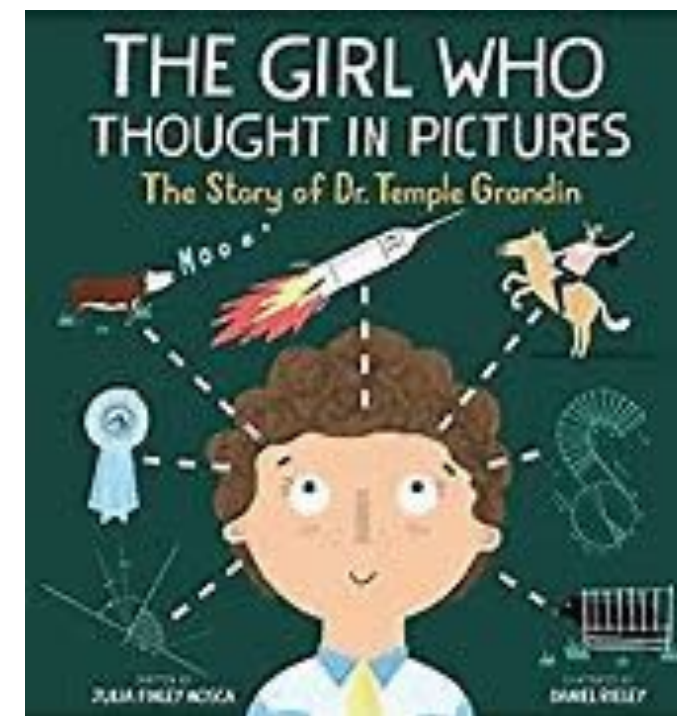
THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT.



TEMPLE GRANDIN

Temple Grandin was diagnosed with autism as a child and went on to pursue work in psychology and animal science. She has become a leading advocate for autistic communities and has also written books and provided consultation on the humane treatment of animals. In 2010, HBO released an Emmy Award-winning film on Grandin's life.

BOOK ON VIDEO (TRT 9:31): "THE GIRL WHO
THOUGHT IN PICTURES" BY JULIA FINLEY
SCOTT



Family Discussion & Activity:

What are the differences that make YOU unique and Special?

Give each family member a compliment about something you find special in them, including yourself!



MALALA YOUSAFZAI



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Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani education advocate who, at the age of 17 in 2014, became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize after surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban. Yousafzai became an advocate for girls' education when she herself was still a child, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her.

On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Yousafzai when she was traveling home from school. She survived and has continued to speak out on the importance of education.

In 2013, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book, *I Am Malala*.

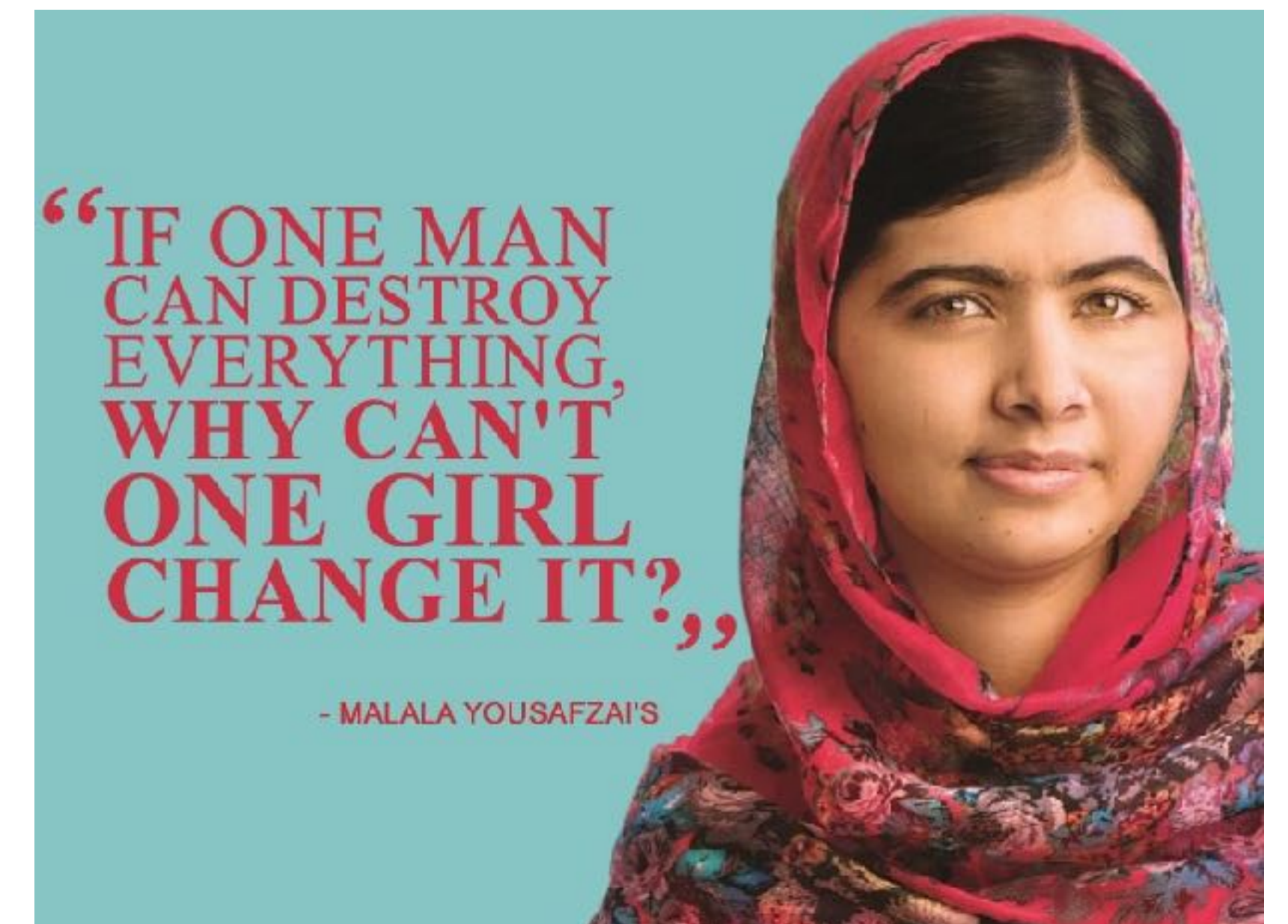
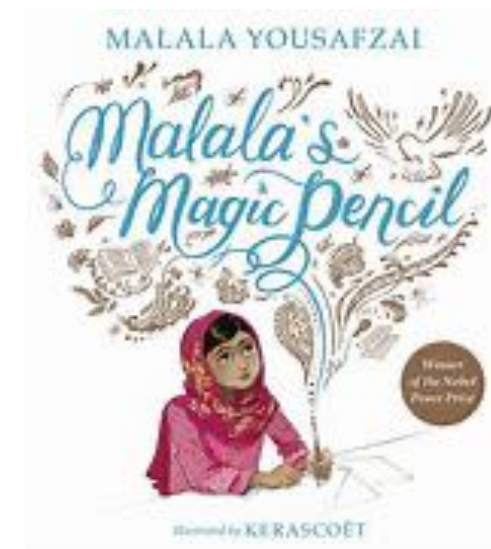
BOOK ON VIDEO (TRT 5:55): [“MALALA’S MAGIC PENCIL” BY MALALA YOUSAFZAI](#)

Family Discussion & Activity:

What would you draw with your magic pencil?

Draw your picture and share it with each other.

How can you make your magic come true?



RUTH BADER GINSBURG



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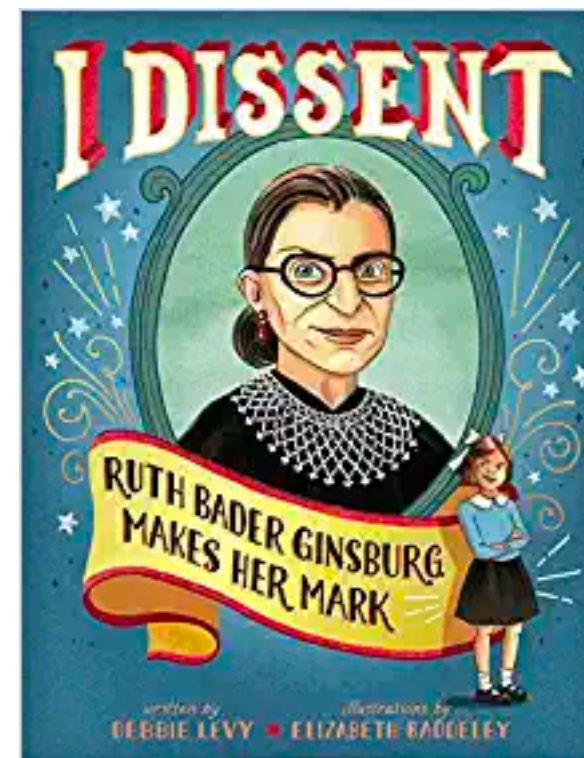
Joan Ruth Bader Ginsburg (3/15/33-9/18/20) was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in September 2020. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton, replacing retiring justice Byron White, and at the time was generally viewed as a moderate consensus-builder.

BOOK ON VIDEO (TRT 13:44): "I DISSENT: RUTH BADER GINSBURG MAKES HER MARK" BY DEBBIE LEVY, ILLUSTRATED BY ELIZABETH BADDELEY

Family Discussion & Activity:

How many different words did the book use for "dissent"?

Are there things that you want to say "I dissent" to? What are they?



MARY GOLDA ROSS



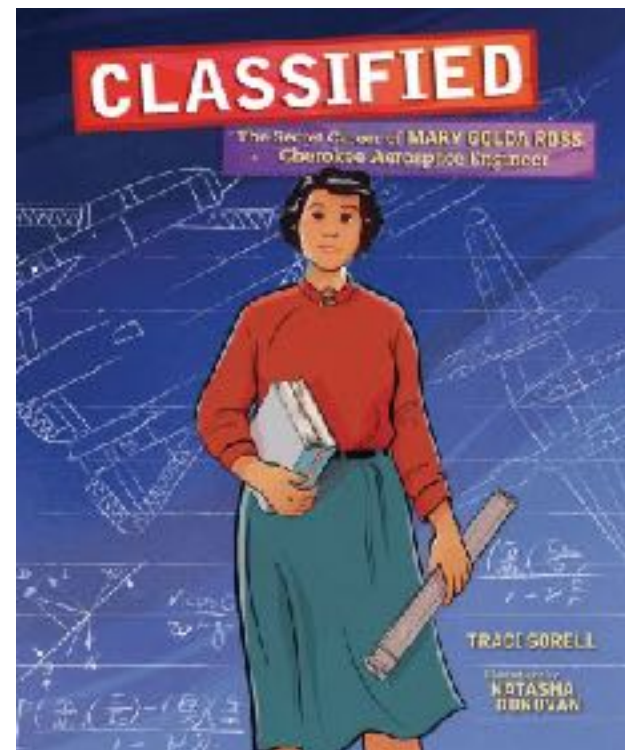
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Mary Golda Ross: The First Native American Aerospace Engineer and Space Race Pioneer

Born on August 9, 1908 in Park Hill, Oklahoma, a small town often called the 'center of Cherokee culture,' Ross was the great-granddaughter of renowned Cherokee Nation Chief John Ross. A talented child, Ross was sent to live with her grandparents in the Cherokee Nation capital of Tahlequah, Oklahoma to attend school. She loved math from an early age, and said that she "didn't mind being the only girl in math class [because] math, chemistry and physics were more fun to study than any other subject."

When Mary Golda Ross, the first Native American aerospace engineer, began her career at the aerospace company Lockheed during World War II, women engineers were rare and most companies expected them to leave after the war was over to make room for returning men. Ross was such a phenomenal talent, however, that she not only stayed at Lockheed for over 30 years, she became an integral member of the top-secret Skunk Works program involved in cutting edge research during the early years of the space race. As one of 40 engineers in Lockheed's Advanced Development Projects division, Ross was the only female engineer on the team and the only Native American. Her research was so secret that, even in 1994, she had to be coy with an interviewer about her work: "I was the pencil pusher, doing a lot of research," she said. "My state of the art tools were a slide rule and a Friden computer."

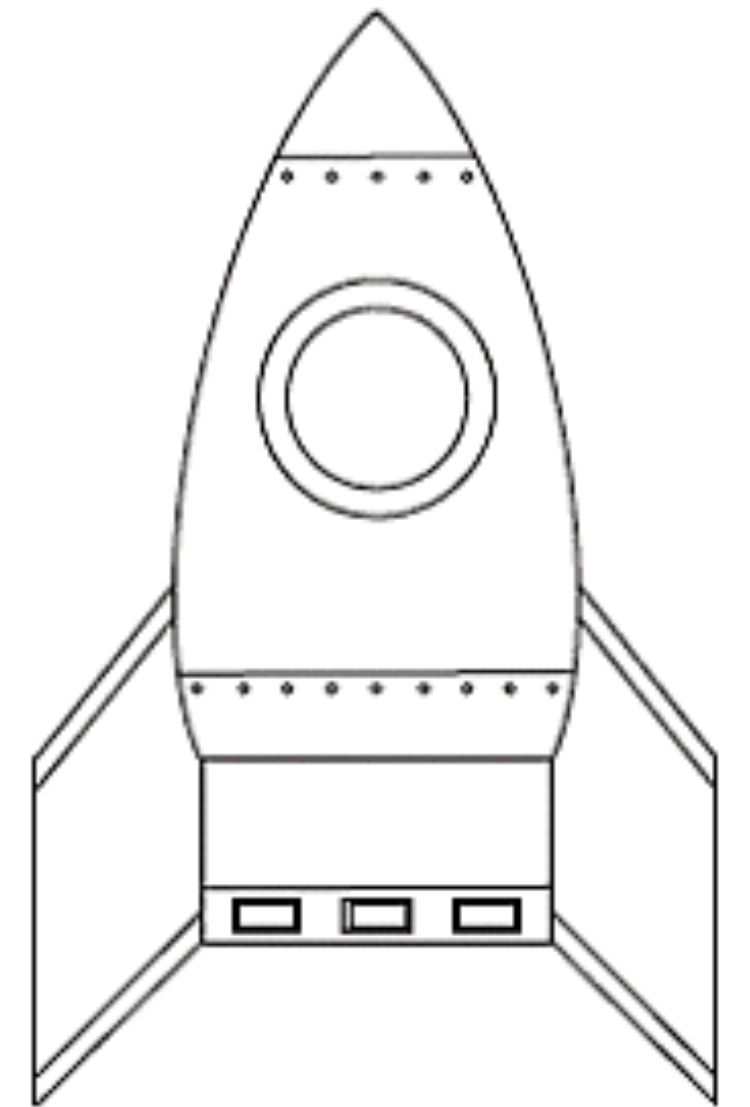
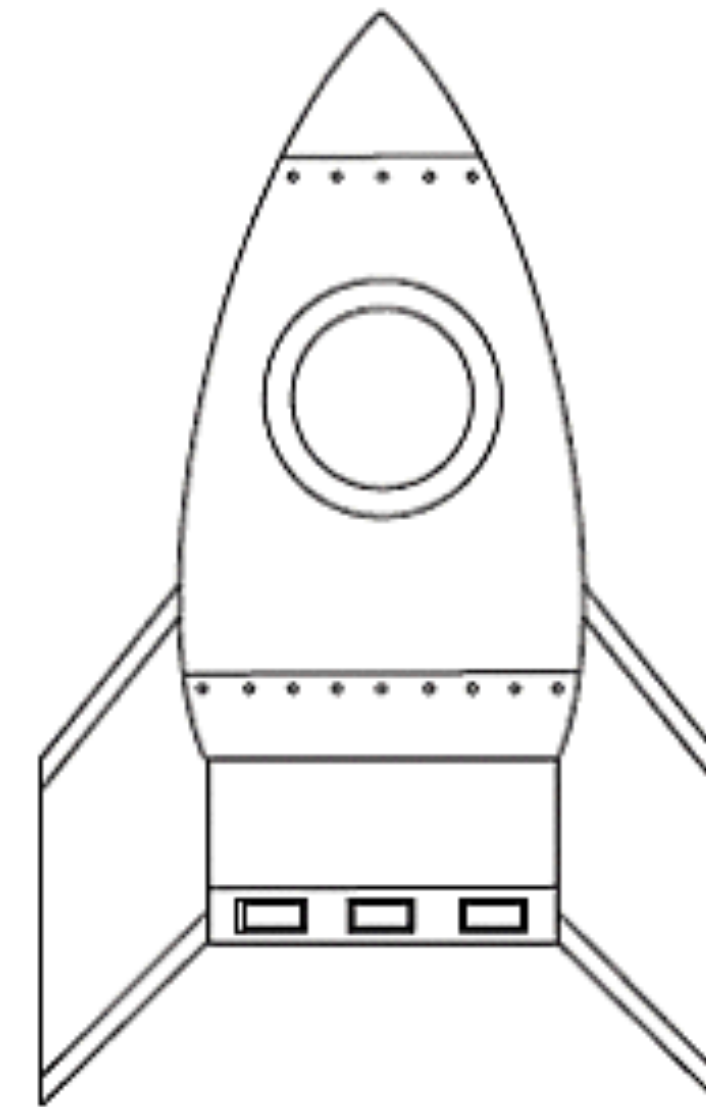
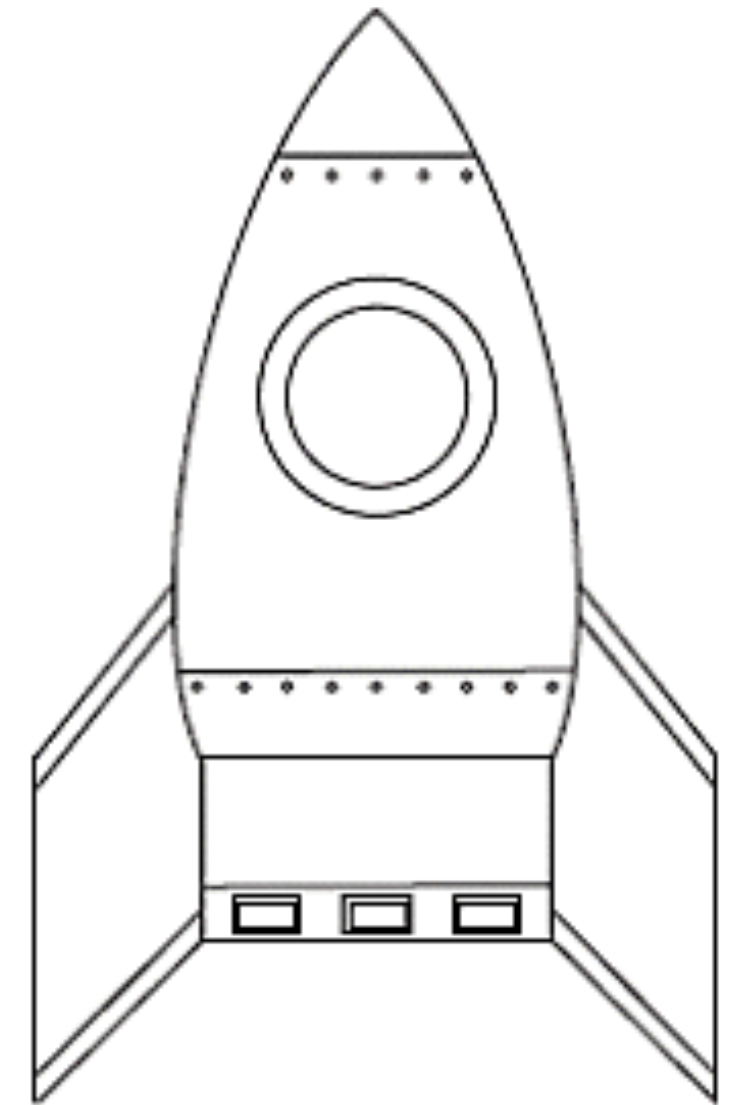
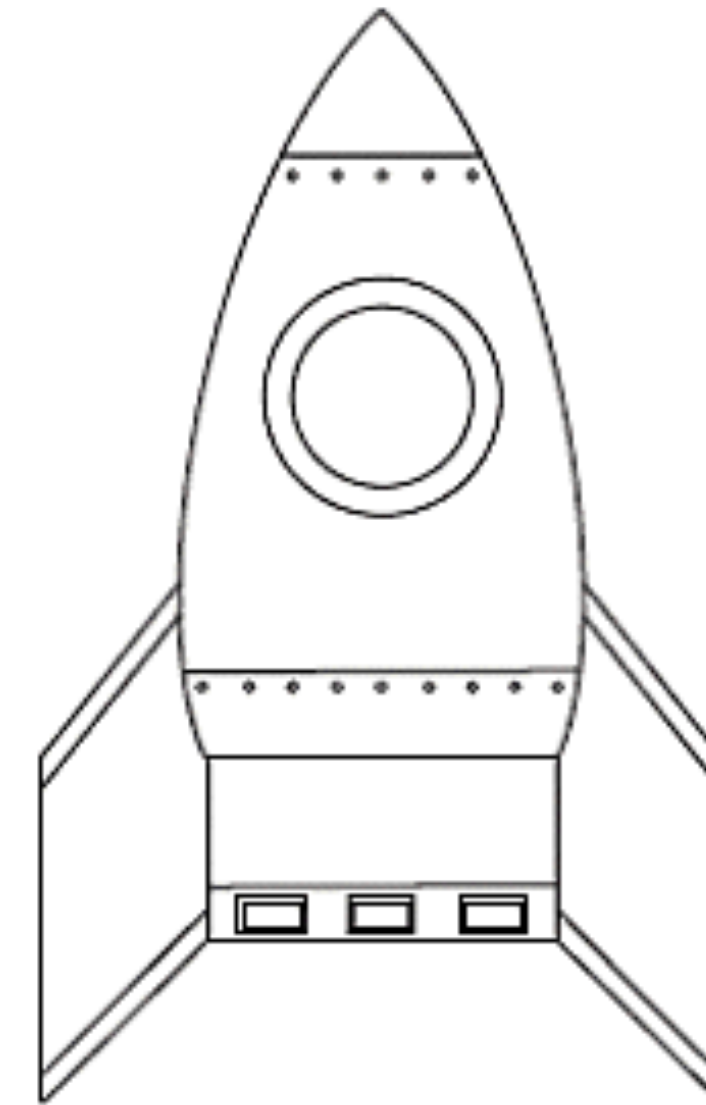
VIDEO (TRT 2:47): [HIDDEN FIGURAS](#)



STRAW ROCKETS

Materials: Straw, tape, rocket print out (or drawn copy), crayons or markers, small post-it sized paper, scissors.

1. Print out the rocket template. Color the rockets and cut them out. Can also draw your own to color using the picture as a guide.
2. Roll a post-it sized piece of paper around a pencil, keeping the shape of a short tube. Make sure that the straw you are using will fit inside the tube (i.e. you don't want a skinny tube). Tape your tube together. Fold over one end and tape it down.
3. Tape your tube to the back of your rocket with the folded side at the top of the rocket.
4. Insert your straw into the tube on the back of your rocket.
5. Take a deep breath and launch your rocket by blowing out the straw!



AMANDA GORMAN



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Amanda S. C. Gorman (born 1998) is an American poet and activist. Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora. Gorman was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate. She delivered her poem “The Hill We Climb” at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden. In February 2021, she was highlighted in the Times 100 Next List under the category of *Phenoms*.

VIDEO (TRT 3:26): ["THE HILL WE CLIMB"](#)

Family Activity: Create an Acrostic poem for your name and/or a word (e.g. LOVE, FAMILY, SCHOOL, HEROES, WOMAN, GIRL, etc.).

Acrostic Poem: An acrostic poem is a poem where the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase vertically that acts as the theme or message of the poem. Sometimes a word or phrase can also be found down the middle or end of the poem, but the most common is at the beginning.



MISTY COPELAND

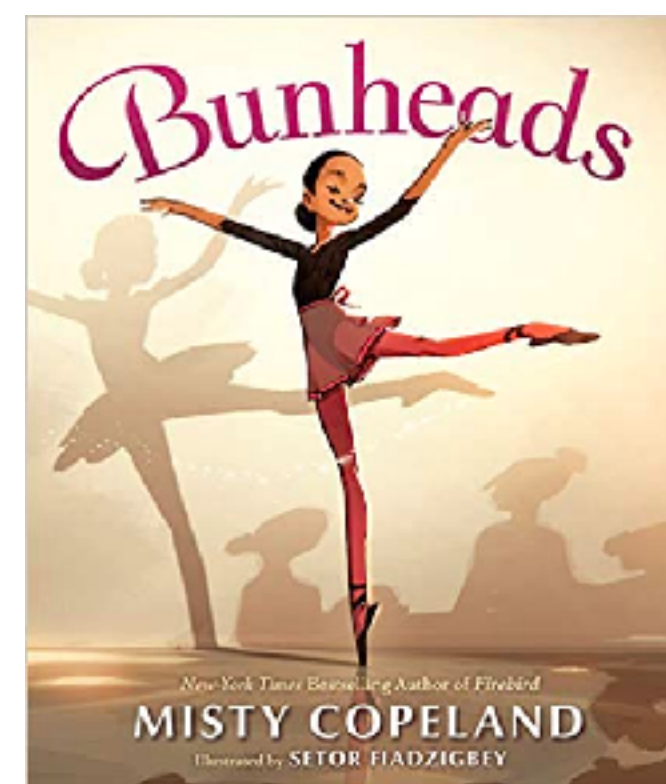
VIDEO : MISTY COPELAND (TRT 1:58): [DANCING IN ROMEO & JULIET](#)

Misty Copeland is an American ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre (ABT), one of the three leading classical ballet companies in the United States. On June 30, 2015, Copeland became the first African American woman to be promoted to principal dance in ABT's 75-year history. She was considered a prodigy who rose to stardom despite not starting ballet until the age of 13. In addition to her dance career, Copeland has become a public speaker, celebrity spokesperson and stage performer. She has written two autobiographical books and narrated a documentary about her career challenges. In 2015, she was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine, appearing on its cover.

BOOK ON VIDEO (TRT 10:10): ["BUNHEADS" BY MISTY COPELAND](#)

Family Activity: Using the image below, try out completing the ballet positions.

What was easy? What was hard? Can you see any of the positions below in the video of Ms. Copeland dancing?



HOWARDENA PIN DELL

VIDEO : HOWARDENA PIN DELL (TRT 4:26) [A CLOSER LOOK](#)

This American painter and mixed-media artist addresses feminism, racism, slavery, and exploitation through her abstract paintings, intricate collages, video drawings, and process art, which focuses on the creative process itself over the end result. She uses a variety of techniques and materials in her varied works.

EXAMPLES OF ART



YAYOI KUSAMA

VIDEO : YAYOI KUSAMA (TRT 4:38) [KIDS ART HISTORY LAB 1](#)

Considered a major influence on modern artists, including Andy Warhol, Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese avant-garde artist best known for her use of polka dots and electric colors. Her works span sculpture, installation, and paintings as well as film, fashion, and literature. A conceptual artist, she infiltrates feminism, pop art, and abstract impressionism into her work.

EXAMPLE OF ART



ALANA THOMAS

VIDEO : (TRT 6:36) [ALMA THOMAS INSPIRED ART PROJECT FOR KIDS](#)

During the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, the artwork of Alma Thomas stood out as a beacon of hope and optimism. This African American artist dedicated her life to her art after retiring from teaching for 36 years. Her rise to fame skyrocketed when her colorful Expressionist paintings were exhibited at the Whitney Museum of Art and she became the first female African American to hold a solo exhibit there. Her works have hung in the White House and today can be seen at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Family Activity: Using one or more of the artists featured above for inspiration, create a piece of art using a variety of different materials that you have in your house.

- One idea: Cut scraps of paper into similar shapes using a variety of different types (e.g. newspaper, magazines, construction paper, etc.). Glue them into a shape or design. Then add details, like dots, lines, etc. using a dark marker.

EXAMPLE OF ART

