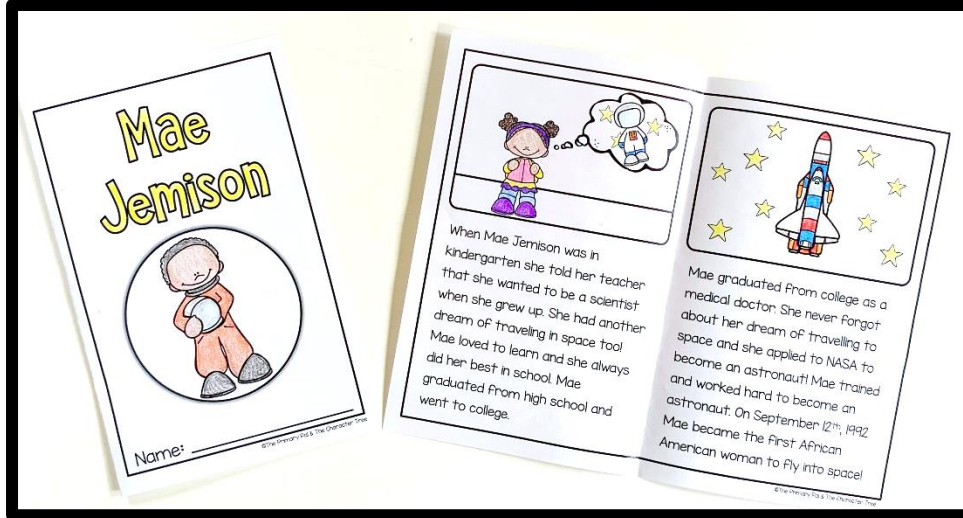


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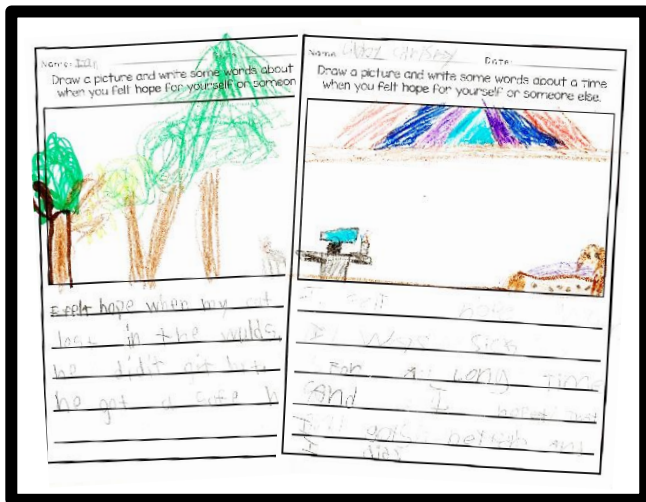
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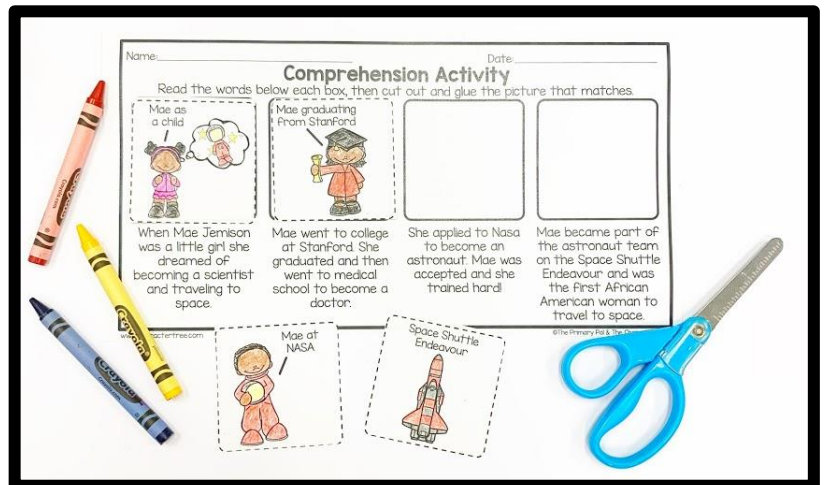
Printable Booklet: Simply print double-sided and fold. Use this to further student learning of each trait and prominent figure.



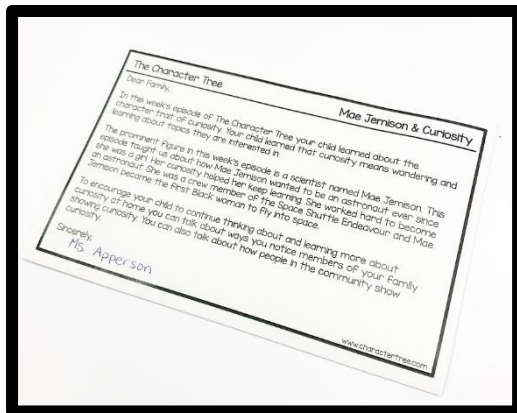
Word Work Activities: An engaging way to practice phonics skills and to continue learning vocabulary.



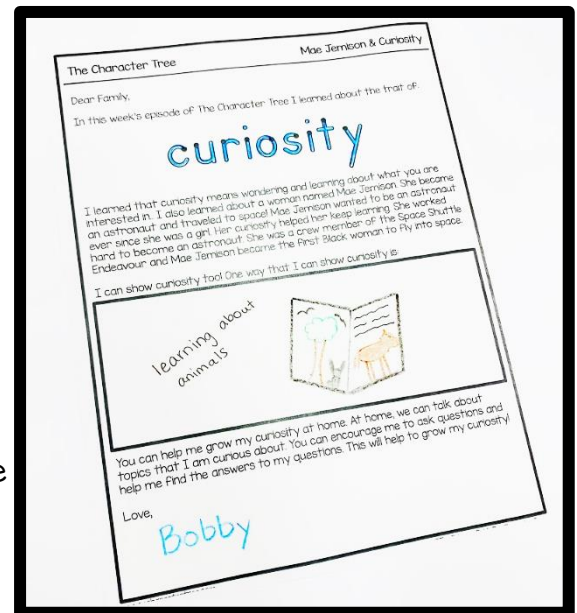
Class Book Pages: Provide each student with an opportunity to share about their experience with the trait. Bind the pages into a class book! A pre-made cover is included.



Comprehension Activities: These can be used as follow up activities to check for understanding throughout the week.



Parent Letters: Keep parents in the loop with regular parent communication. Parent letters for each episode include an option written from the teacher and an option written in the voice of the student.



TEACHER'S GUIDE

Learning Objective: Students will be able to define the character trait of perseverance, give an example and communicate observations of peers exhibiting the trait.

Common Core Standards:

- SL.1.2 Discuss key details in a video
- RI.1.2 Identify the main topic
- RI.1.3 Describe the connection between a person and concept
- RI.1.4 Determine the meaning of vocabulary

We've included the following suggested weekly lesson sequence for your convenience.

Monday	<p>Start your week by watching The Character Tree video.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Before watching:</i> If you have time for a quick discussion, you could ask your students what they think they already know about the character trait of perseverance and have them share with a partner or call on a couple students to share with the whole class.• <i>After watching:</i> If you have time after the video, have students share examples of perseverance from the video. To extend their concept of perseverance you could ask them to think of a specific way that they could show this trait in the coming day or week.
Tuesday	<p>Follow up the video with the foldable book. Read as a whole class, or have students read independently. These books would make a nice home-school connection, or add them to student's book boxes or bags and keep them at school. Depending on how much time you have, the cut and paste comprehension page would be a good fit as a subsequent activity.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Introduce students to the perseverance awards! We recommend printing these on colored paper and cutting them down before handing them out to students. Let students know that since they are becoming experts on perseverance, they will get to be on the lookout for students who are showing this trait. When they notice someone showing perseverance, they can write their peers name on an award and the reason for receiving it. Students can give the award directly to their peer or follow a different system set that fits your management.</p>
Thursday	<p>After spending time learning and talking about perseverance and Jim Thorpe during the first half of the week, today would be a good day for checking student understanding with our comprehension questions.</p>
Friday	<p>If there is anything that you didn't get to earlier in the week, finish that up today. Otherwise, today would be a good day for the making words activity and the word search.</p>

Picture Book Recommendations: These picture books would be great to read to your class during this week, as well as throughout the year! Use them to open up further discussions with your class about this week's character trait.

- [Max and Marla](#) by Alexandra Boiger
- [The Undeclared](#) by Kwame Alexander

Dear Family,

In this week's episode of The Character Tree I learned about the trait of:

perseverance

I learned that perseverance means working hard to overcome obstacles and never giving up. I also learned about a man named Jim Thorpe. He was an Olympic athlete. Jim Thorpe used perseverance to become a gold medal winning Olympian. He used athletics to help him get through some difficult times in his life.

I can show perseverance too! One way that I can show perseverance is:

You can also help me learn more about perseverance at home. At home, we can talk about ways we notice members of our family showing perseverance. We can also talk about how we notice people in our community showing perseverance

Love,

Dear Family,

In this week's episode of The Character Tree your child learned about the character trait of perseverance. Your child learned that perseverance means working hard to overcome obstacles and never giving up.

The prominent figure in this week's episode was an Olympic athlete named Jim Thorpe. This episode taught us about how Jim Thorpe used perseverance to become a gold medal winning Olympian. He used athletics to help him get through some difficult times in his life.

To encourage your child to continue thinking about and learning more about perseverance at home you can talk about ways you notice members of your family using perseverance. You can also talk about how people in the community use perseverance.

Sincerely,

Dear Family,

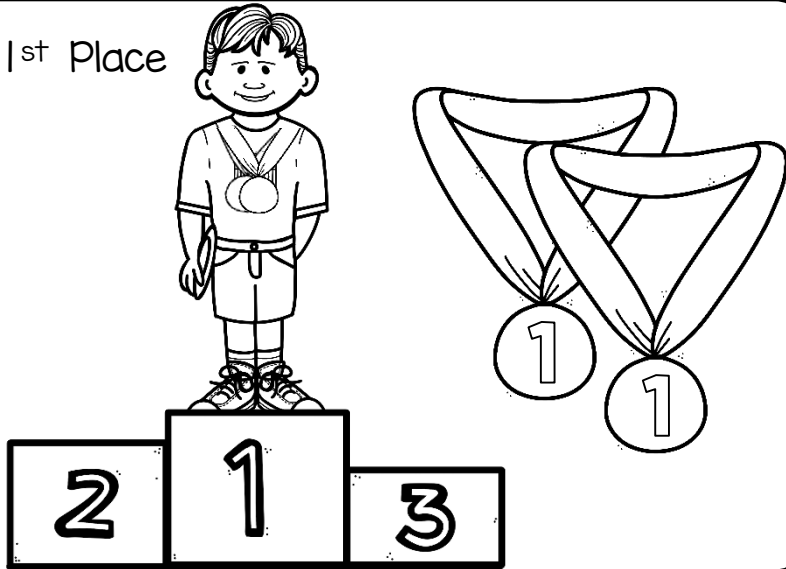
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1st Place

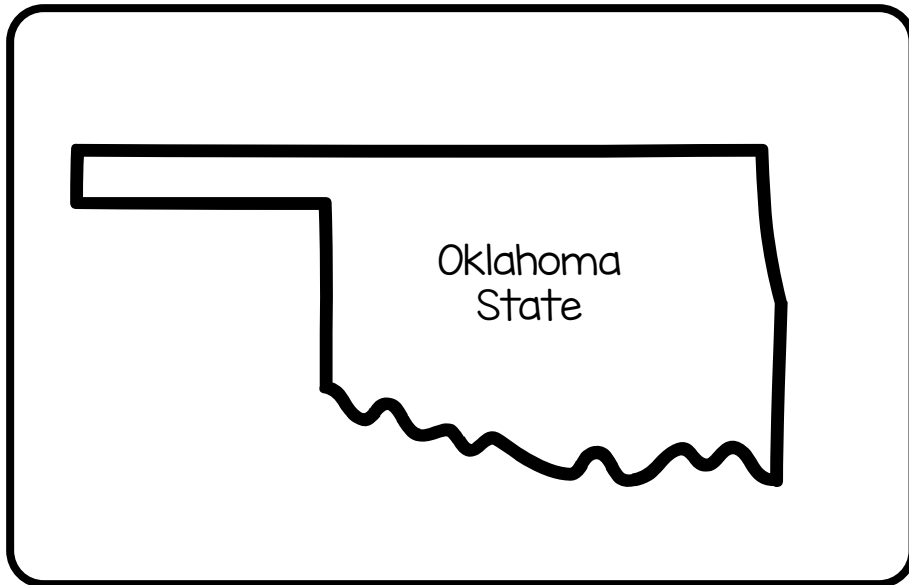


When Jim was 24 years old he went to the Olympic Games! He competed in the pentathlon and the decathlon. Jim's shoes were stolen before an event, but he didn't let that stop him. He found new shoes, including one he found in the trash! They were probably uncomfortable, but Jim persevered and won. Jim won both the pentathlon and the decathlon, he became the first Native American to ever win an Olympic gold medal, and he won two!

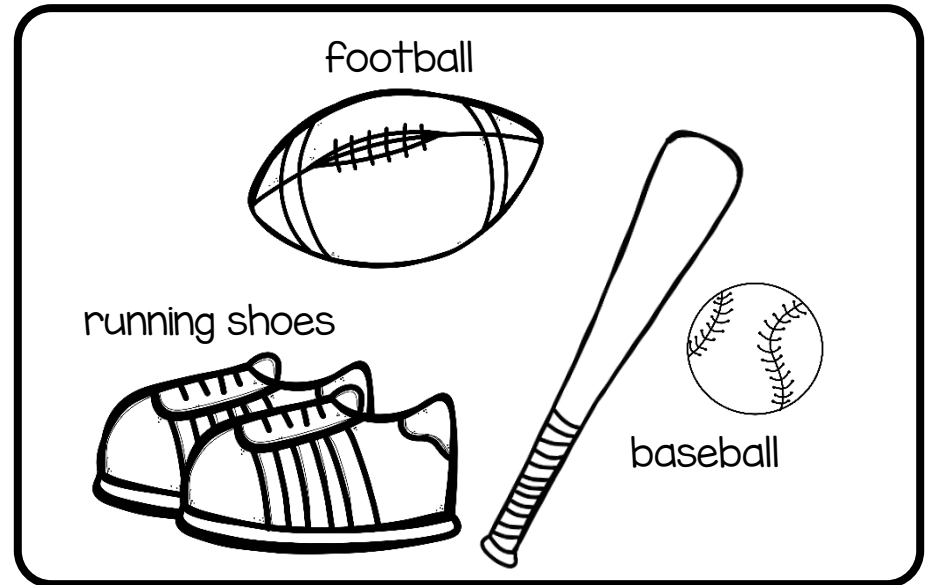
Jim Thorpe



Name: _____



Jim Thorpe grew up in the state of Oklahoma. He was a native American from the Sac and Fox nation. Jim's brother and parents passed away when he was young, it was very hard on him. Jim had trouble staying in school. He stopped going to school a few times, but he went back and didn't give up even when it was very hard to go. That shows a lot of perseverance.



As Jim grew older, he discovered the joy of sports. At school he played football, baseball, track and even ballroom dancing. With practice and perseverance, Jim excelled at every sport he tried! Competing in so many different sports was hard work, but Jim believed in himself and said things like, "I can do this!" Believing in yourself is an important part of perseverance.

PERSEVERANCE AWARD

Your perseverance has been noticed!

To: _____

You are receiving this award because:

From: _____

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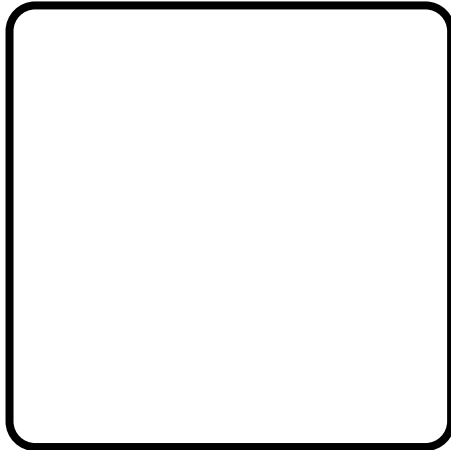
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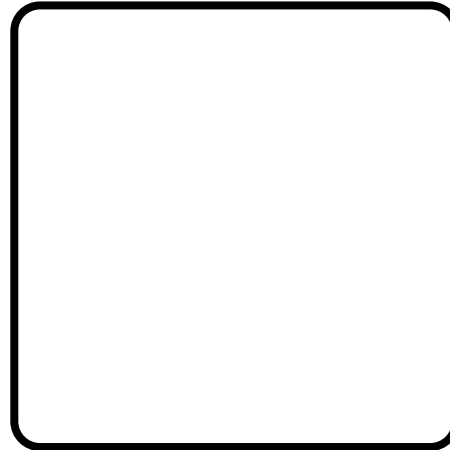
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Comprehension Activity

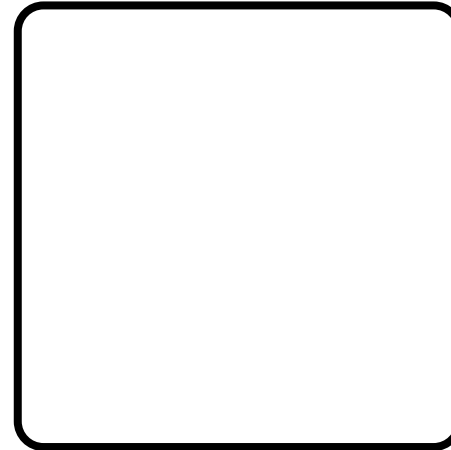
Read the words below each box, then cut out and glue the picture that matches the words.



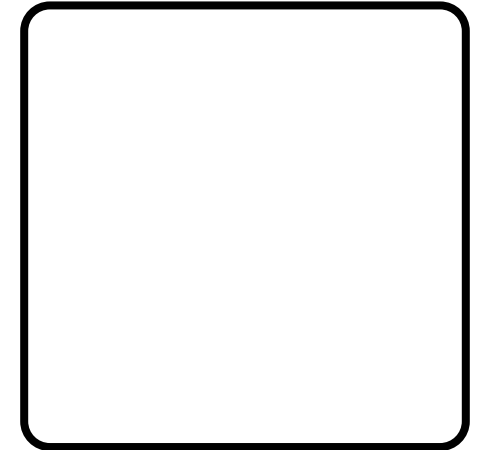
Jim Thorpe was born in the state of Oklahoma.



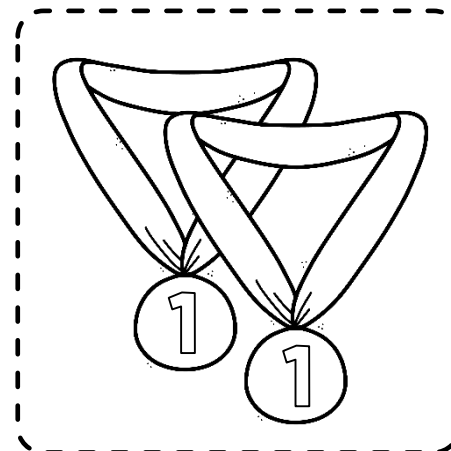
Jim had a hard childhood. His brother and parents passed away and he was very sad. He used perseverance to get through the hard times.



Jim found joy in sports. He was good at every sport he tried!



Jim went to the Olympics and competed in two events. He won both and became the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal!



Name: _____

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Comprehension Questions

Use what you learned about Jim Thorpe and perseverance to help you answer the questions below.

1. Jim Thorpe had a happy childhood with a lot of laughter and fun.

True

False

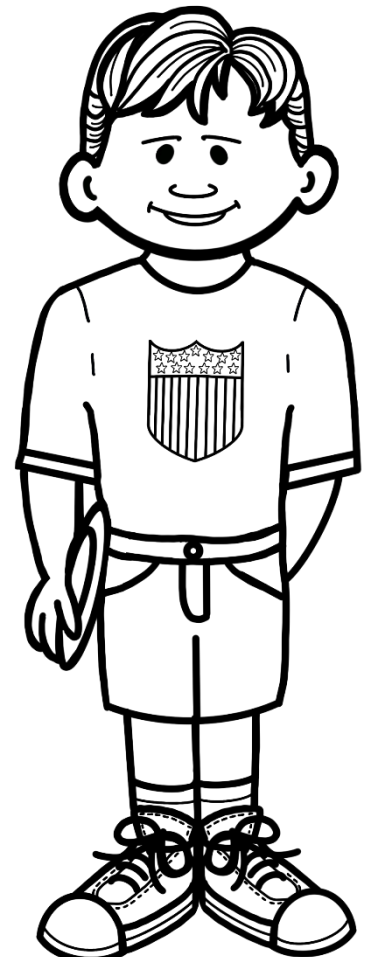
2. What is the name of one of the sports Jim Thorpe played?

3. What are the two Olympic events that Jim Thorpe competed in?

- a. swimming and the pentathlon
- b. the pentathlon and the decathlon
- c. rowing and the decathlon

3. How many gold medals did Jim Thorpe win in the Olympics?

- a. none
- b. one
- c. two



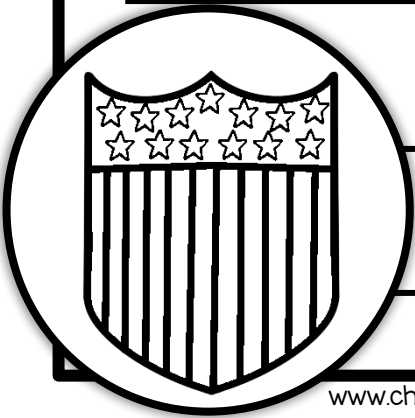
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JIM THORPE

Making Words Spelling Practice

Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Use the letters to make as many words as you can. Write the words that you make on the lines below.



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Name: _____

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JIM THORPE

Word Search

Search for the words from the word list. Then, circle each word in the puzzle once you find it.

JIM

THORPE

ATHLETE

SPORTS

PERSEVERANCE

OLYMPICS

OVERCOME

CHAMPION

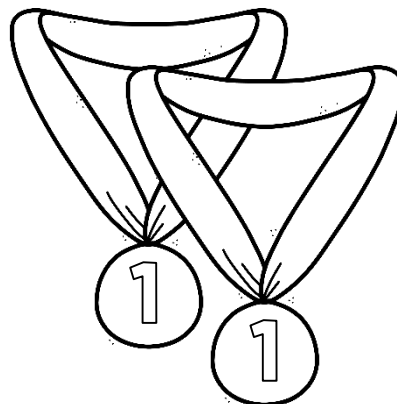
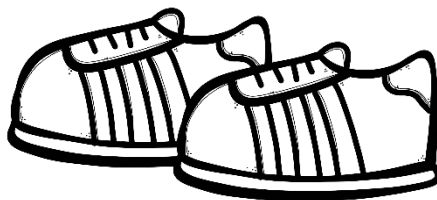
GOLD

MEDAL

NATIVE

AMERICAN

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Name: KEY

Date: _____

Comprehension Questions

Use what you learned about Jim Thorpe and perseverance to help you answer the questions below.

1. Jim Thorpe had a happy childhood with a lot of laughter and fun.

True

False

2. What is the name of one of the sports Jim Thorpe played?

Football, baseball, track or ballroom dancing

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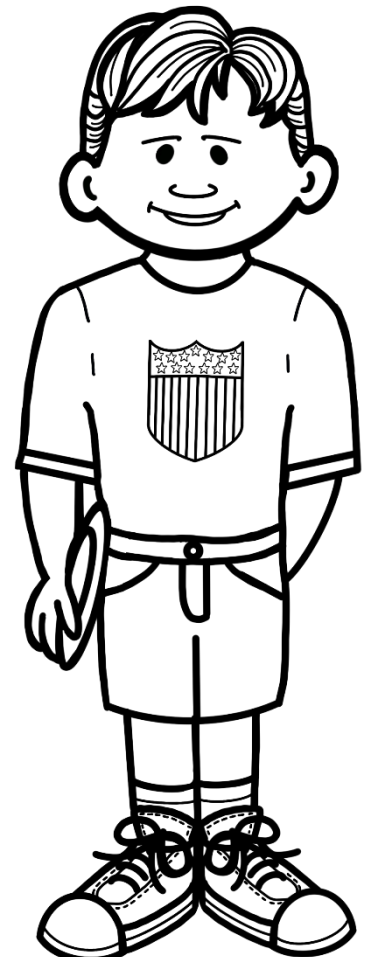
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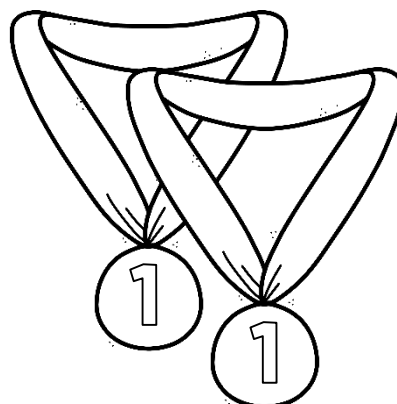
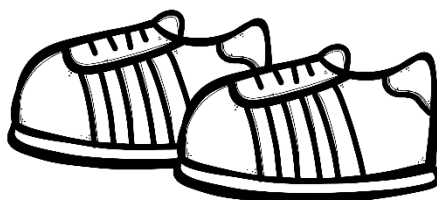
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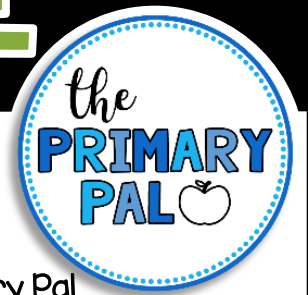
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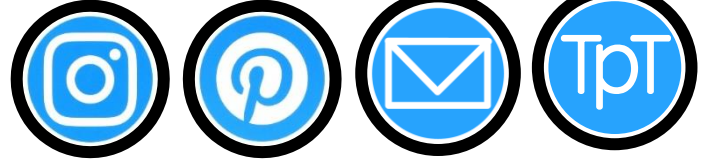
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