

LIBERTY'S RIDE FOR FREEDOM





Dear Friends,

America is about to have a really big birthday — 250 years! This milestone will be an exciting time for us to remember our history and celebrate!

Middletown has a proud place in America's story. During the Revolutionary War, when our nation was fighting for independence, families in our town showed great courage. Soldiers marched through our fields and neighbors helped one another. Also, the Battle of Monmouth, one of the most important battles of the war, took place just beyond our borders. The bravery shown here made a difference in America becoming the free country we live in today.

To mark this anniversary, Middletown will have lots of events and activities for everyone. These moments will help us learn about the people who came before us, explore the role our community played, and take pride in what makes both Middletown and America so special.

We invite you to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Together, we will honor the past, enjoy the present, and look forward to a bright future.



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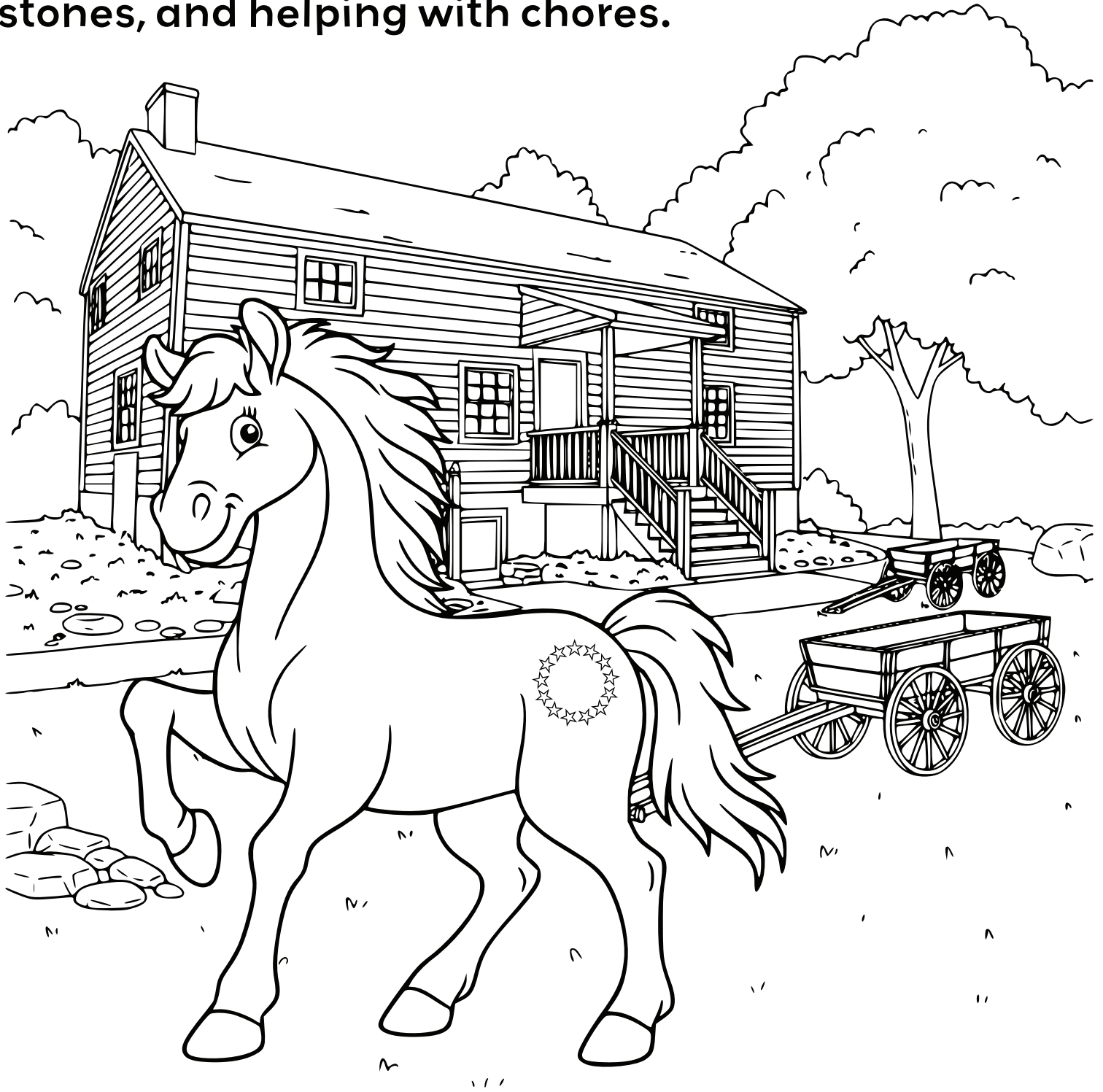
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Meet Liberty! She is a strong horse who lives on Joseph Murray's farm in Middletown, New Jersey. She spends her days hauling wagons, carrying stones, and helping with chores.



FUN FACT: Liberty has 13 stars on her coat — just like the 13 colonies. New Jersey was one of the 13 colonies that wanted freedom from England.

Clip-clop, clip-clop. Liberty wandered down Kings Highway. Suddenly she heard **stomp, stomp, stomp!** She peeked down the road and saw a long line of red-coated British soldiers. They were marching away. She thought to herself, "Was the war ending?"

TRY THIS!

TRACE THE SOLDIER'S PATH ALONG
KINGS HIGHWAY.

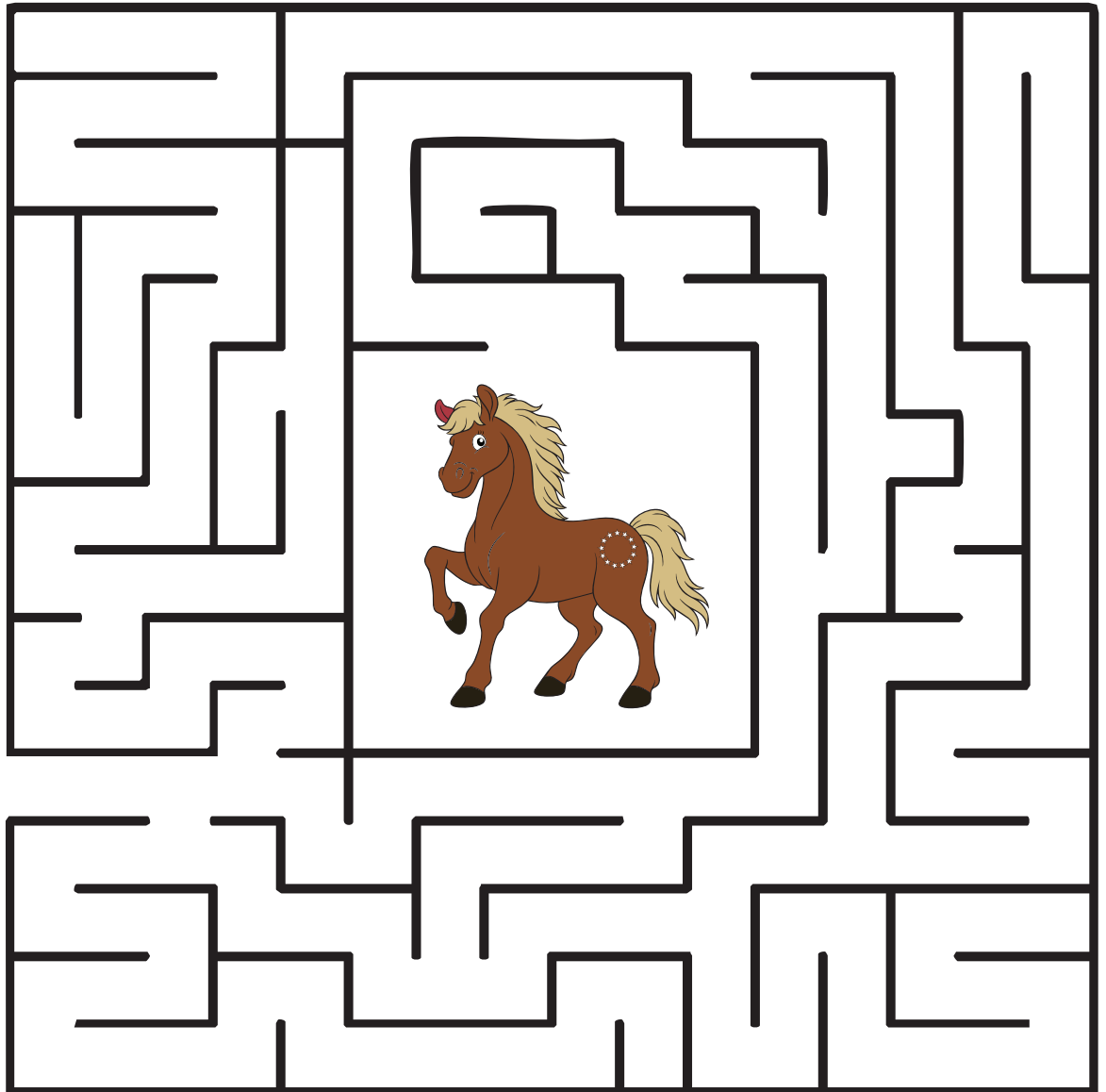
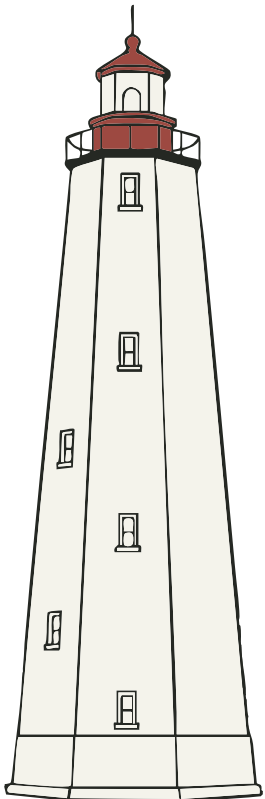


FUN FACT: Kings Highway is one of the oldest roads in New Jersey. It is still used today.

Just then a rider appeared! He had on a blue coat, which was the uniform worn by General George Washington's army. He carried a letter in his pouch. "This is very important," he said. "The British are retreating to their ships at Sandy Hook. This message must reach the coast quickly!"

TRY THIS!

FOLLOW THE MAZE TO HELP LIBERTY GET
HER MESSAGE TO SANDY HOOK.



FUN FACT: George Washington led the Continental Army and later became the first U.S. president.

At last, Liberty reached a house by the bay, known as the Seabrook-Wilson House. **Tap-tap!** She knocked on the door with her hoof.

TRY THIS!

CAN YOU TRACE WHAT THE MESSAGE SAYS?

THE

REDCOATS

ARE

RETREATING

A kind woman opened the door, read the letter, and smiled. "This is the news we've been waiting for!"

There was one more stop. Liberty trotted over to the top of a hill. From there, she saw the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Bay where the British ships with tall sails were leaving.

She didn't carry a musket or a sword, but she carried a letter that helped deliver freedom!



FUN FACT: Sandy Hook was a key spot for the British Navy in the 1700s.



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