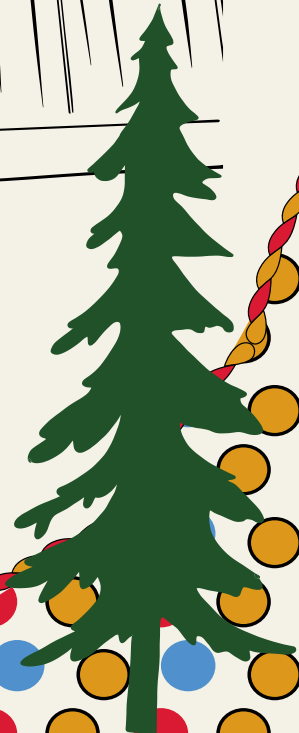
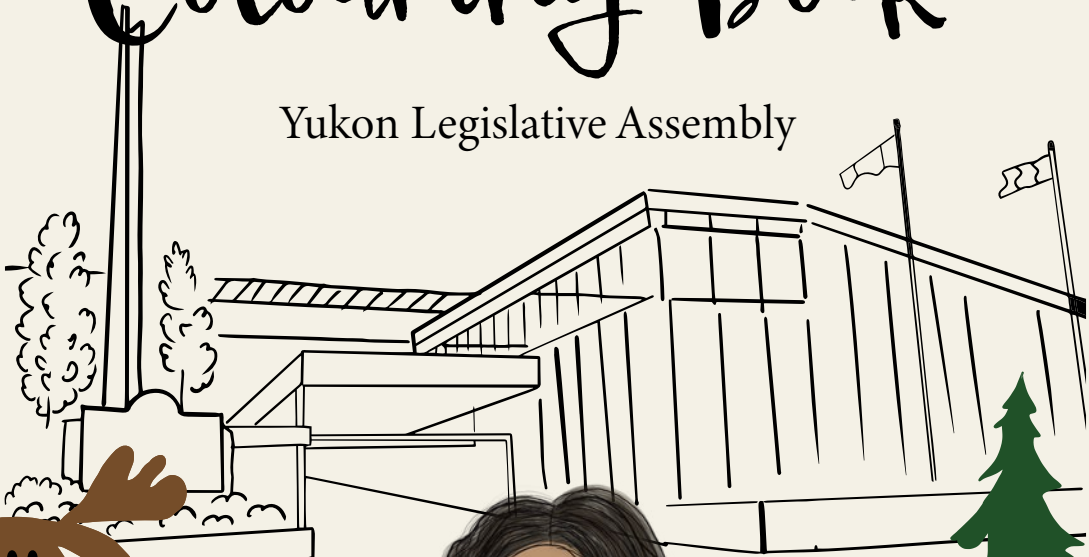




Activity and Colouring Book

Yukon Legislative Assembly



WELCOME



Hello! Welcome to the Yukon Legislative Assembly. I am the Speaker. Come with me and explore the building.



I'm the Yukon Raven. I always fly around the building, today I'll see what it looks like inside.

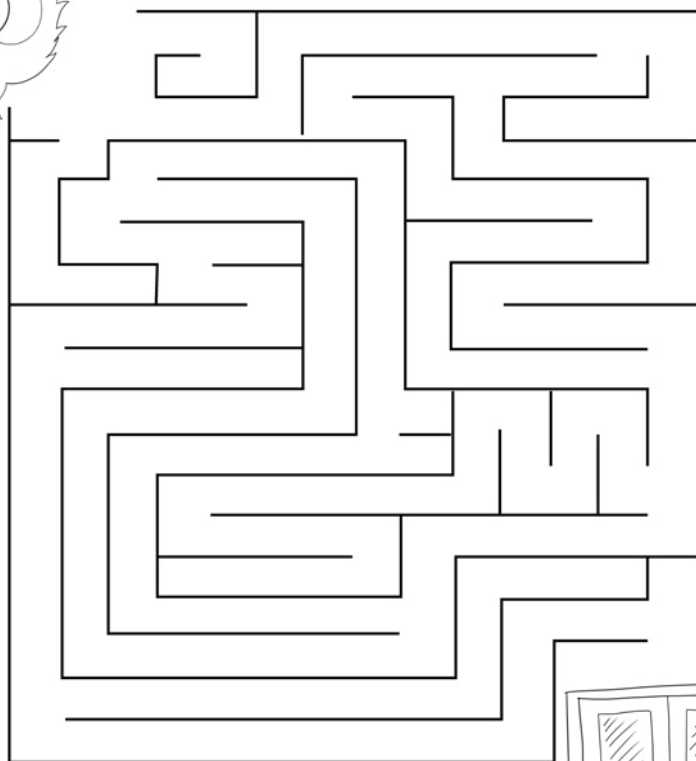
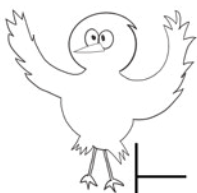


Hi! I'm the Malamute...
Woof woof! I'm happy you're visiting us!





Maze to the Chamber!



Word Search

R	E	K	A	E	P	S	T	Q	M	L	R
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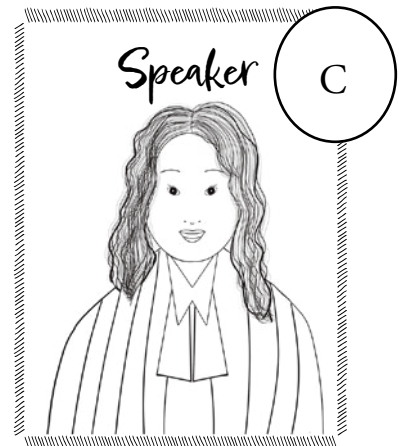
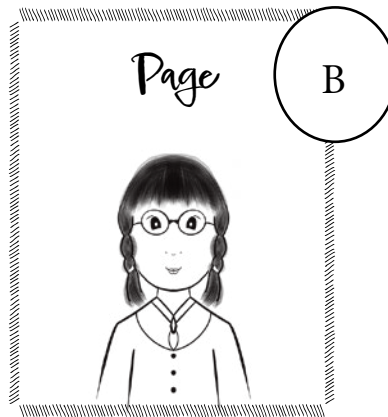
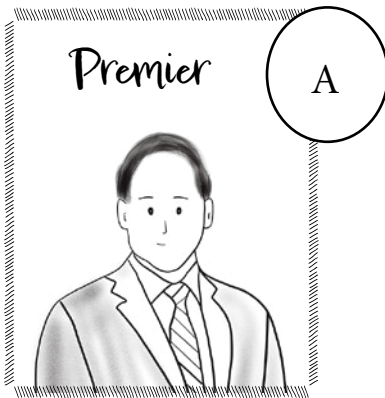
Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle? Look horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. Circle each word when you find it.
Hint: Some words may be backwards!

Word Bank:

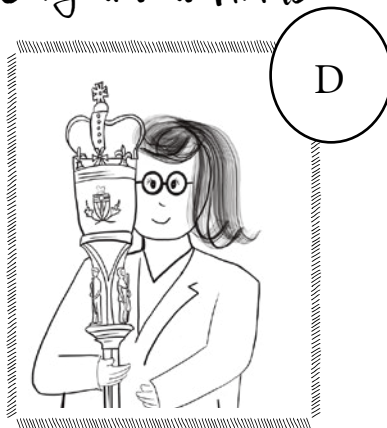
Speaker, Law, Debate,
Bill, Committee,
Mace, Opposition,
Government, Chamber,
Public, Vote, Assembly,
Party, Quorum



Match the Roles



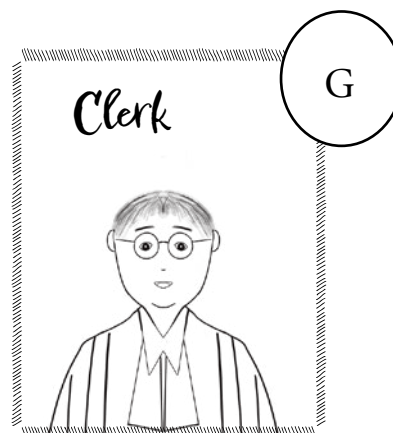
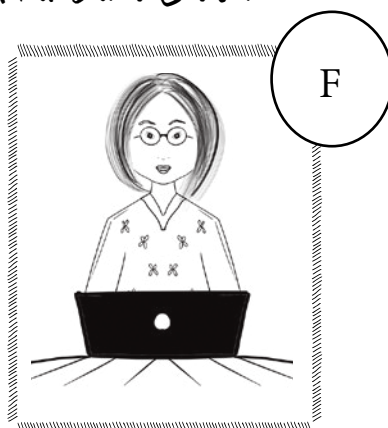
Sergeant-at-Arms



Leader of the Official Opposition

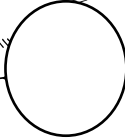


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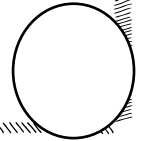


Look at each description and write the letter of the correct role in the circle.

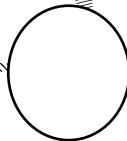
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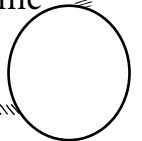
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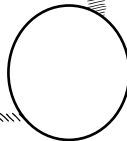
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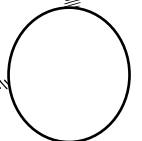
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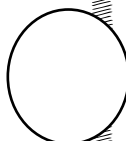
I am the guardian of the Mace!
I lead the Speaker's parade into the Chamber.



I am an expert on the rules!
I am responsible for keeping the official records of the Assembly.



My team ensures that the words spoken in debate are transcribed. We work really fast so people can read what was said in the Chamber soon after it happens.



True or False?

T

F

1. The Speaker votes in every debate.

☐☐

2. MLAs represent their communities.

☐☐

3. A bill becomes law immediately after it is introduced.

☐☐

4. The current Legislative Assembly Chamber was built when Yukon became a territory.

☐☐

5. All the words spoken by MLAs in the Legislative Assembly are written down and published in special books.

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6. The Mace is made of solid gold.

☐☐

7. Students in grades 9 to 12 work in the Legislative Assembly.

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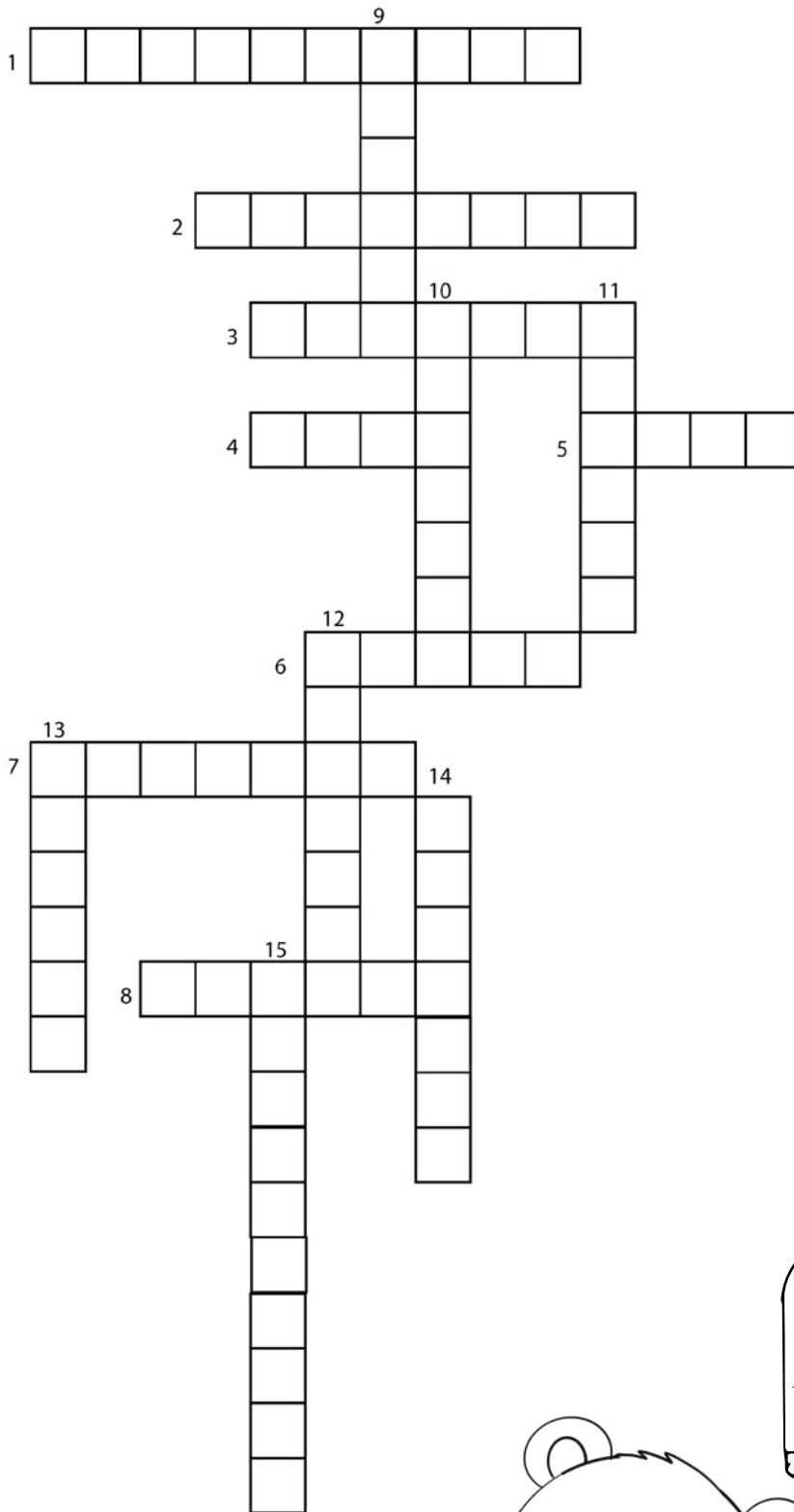
8. A candidate needs to get at least 500 votes to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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Did you know? The decorative banners hanging on either side of the Legislative Assembly Chamber feature elements from the coat of arms.



Crossword



Across

1. The party currently in power and responsible for governing.
2. A formal vote where members are counted.
3. The official written record of debates in the Assembly.
4. A symbol of the authority of the Legislative Assembly.
5. A proposed new law.
6. A group of politicians with similar ideas and goals.
7. A group of ministers chosen to help govern.
8. The minimum number of members needed to hold a meeting.

Down

9. A formal proposal discussed or voted on by members.
10. The person who maintains order in the Chamber.
11. A discussion where members share different opinions.
12. The leader of the party in government.
13. Members of the same political party working together.
14. The room where MLAs meet to debate and make decisions.
15. The party or parties that question and challenge the government.

Can you solve the crossword?

Read each clue and write the correct Assembly word in the boxes.



Symbols of the Mace

The crown at the top is the Crown of Queen Elizabeth II, who was Queen of Canada when the Mace was created.

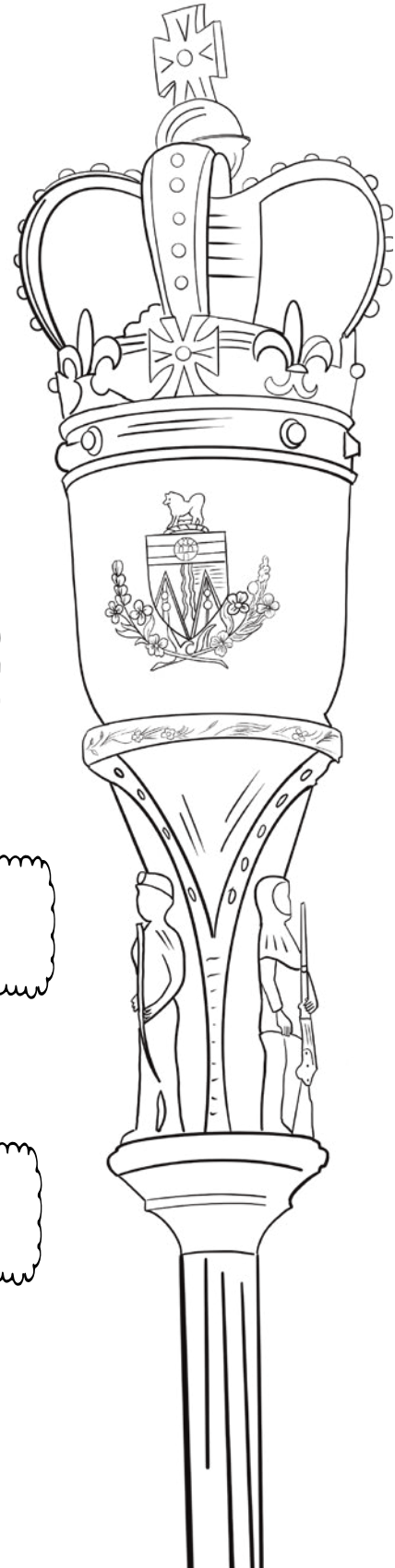
Beneath the Crown is a Yukon mountain range.

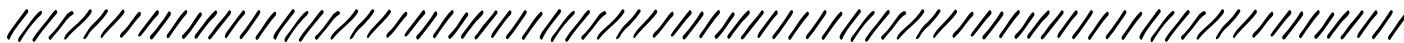
Both the Coat of Arms of Yukon and the Coat of Arms of Canada are on the head of the Mace.

Fireweed, Yukon's floral emblem, is also featured on the Mace.

Three figures represent the people of the territory: a miner, a trapper, and a First Nations person.

Between the figures are engraved scenes of the Yukon wilderness.





The Mace was originally a medieval weapon of war!

In the 12th century, the Sergeants-at-Arms, the King's bodyguards, carried these weapons while performing their duties.
Over time, the Mace came to be recognized as a symbol of the King's authority.



Yukon's Mace

In 1966, RCMP Corporal Jim Ballantyne's design won a contest to create a Mace for the Yukon Territorial Council (now called the Legislative Assembly).

The Mace was made in Montreal out of gold-plated sterling silver. It was presented to the Yukon Territorial Council by the Governor General as a gift from the people of Canada in 1972.

Design your own Mace

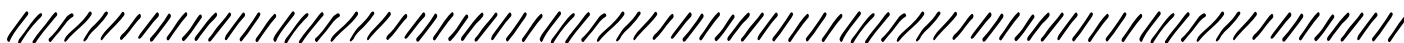
If you made a Mace today for Yukon, what would you include? **Draw** your ideas below:

A symbol of nature

A symbol of people

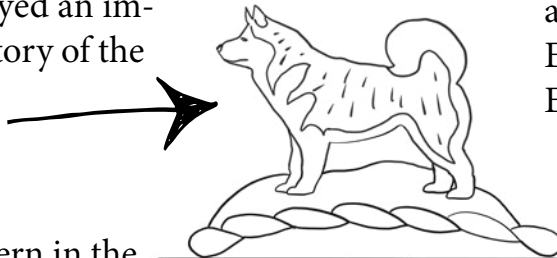
Something Important to you

Explain your design



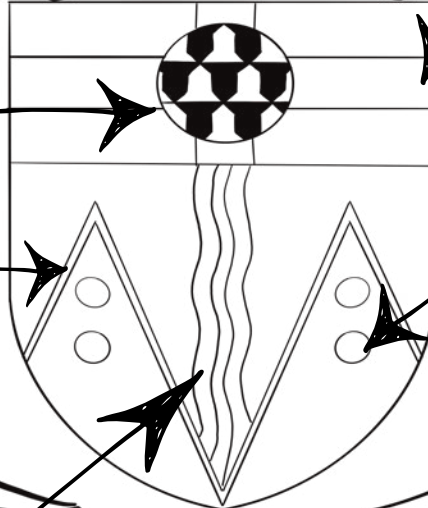
Yukon Coat of Arms

Crest: A malamute or husky stands on a mound of snow. The sled dog was included because dogs are known for their loyalty, stamina, and courage. They played an important role in the history of the territory.



Cross of Saint George: A red cross on a white background is a symbol for England and references early English explorers.

Roundel in vair: The pattern in the circle represents squirrel pelts and the importance of the fur trade.



Gold discs: Rich mineral wealth is represented by the yellow circles. Gold, copper, lead, zinc, silver, and tungsten are all found here.

Red triangular shapes with white edging: The spires allude to the Yukon's snow-clad mountains.



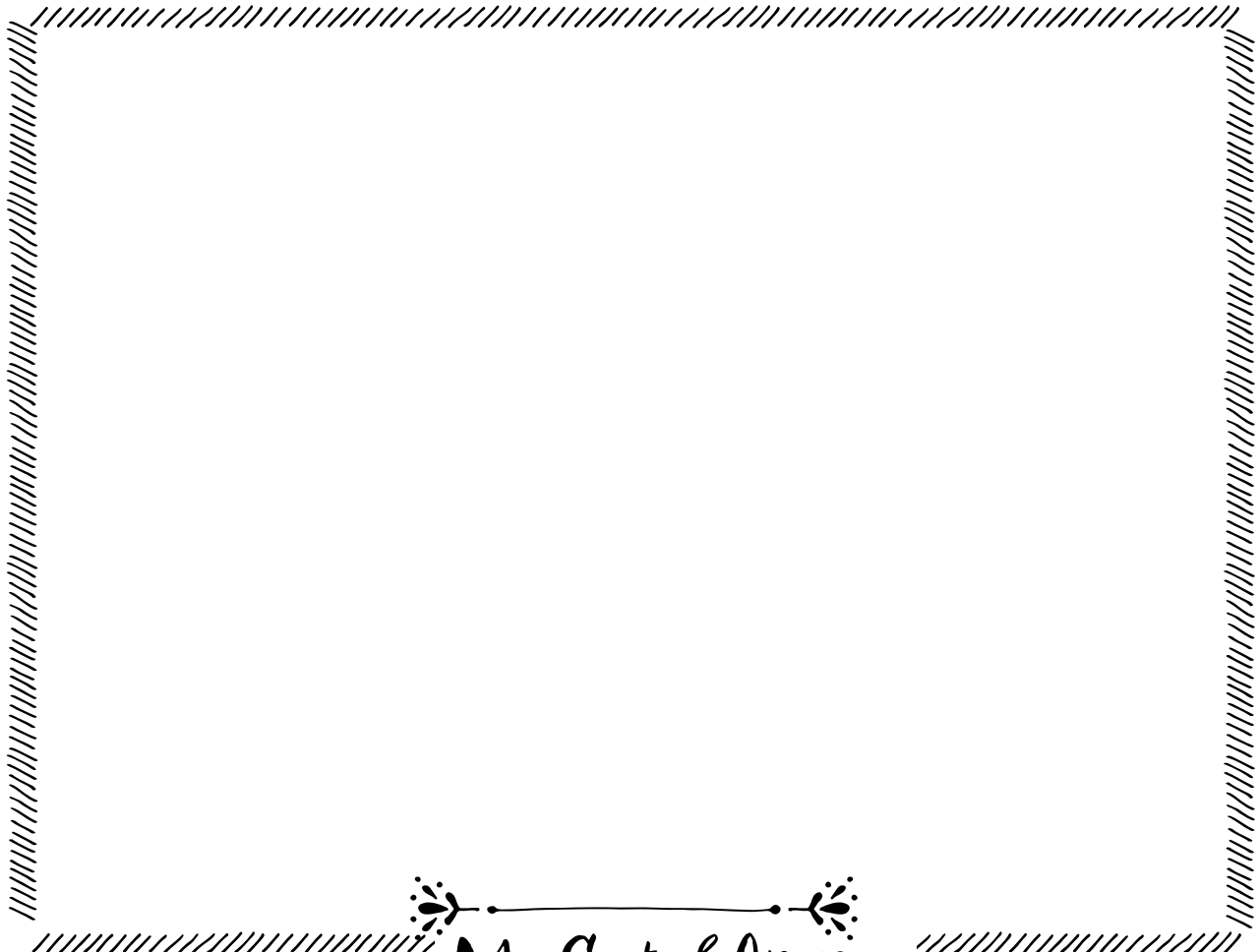
Wavy vertical stripes: The Yukon River and other important waterways are drawn as flowing white lines on a blue background.

Fun Fact: The flag of Yukon includes the coat of arms framed by fireweed on a central white panel, flanked by green and blue. It was officially adopted as the territorial flag in 1968.



Draw your own Coat of Arms!

Will you include a Yukon animal? What other symbols would you like to use?



My Coat of Arms

Fun Fact! Yukon's coat of arms was officially approved by Queen Elizabeth II in 1956.



Explore the Yukon Legislative Assembly Chamber

Look at the Chamber and put the correct number next to the words.

Mace cradle

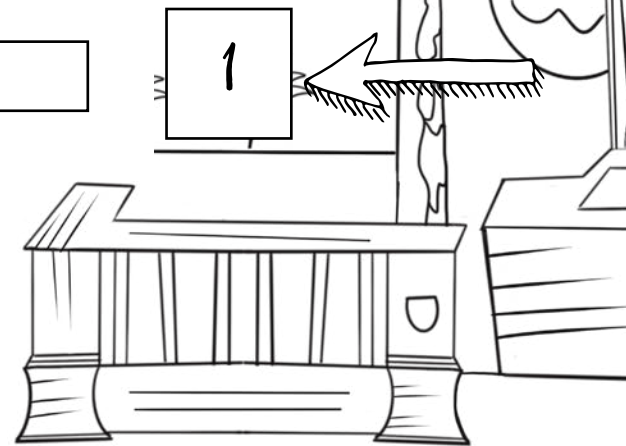
Visitors

“Fireweed” tapestry

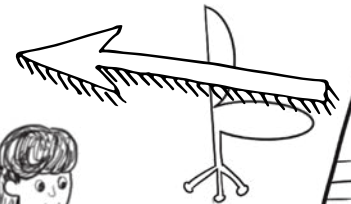
Government Side

Speaker’s Chair

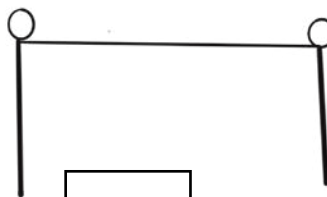
Opposition Side



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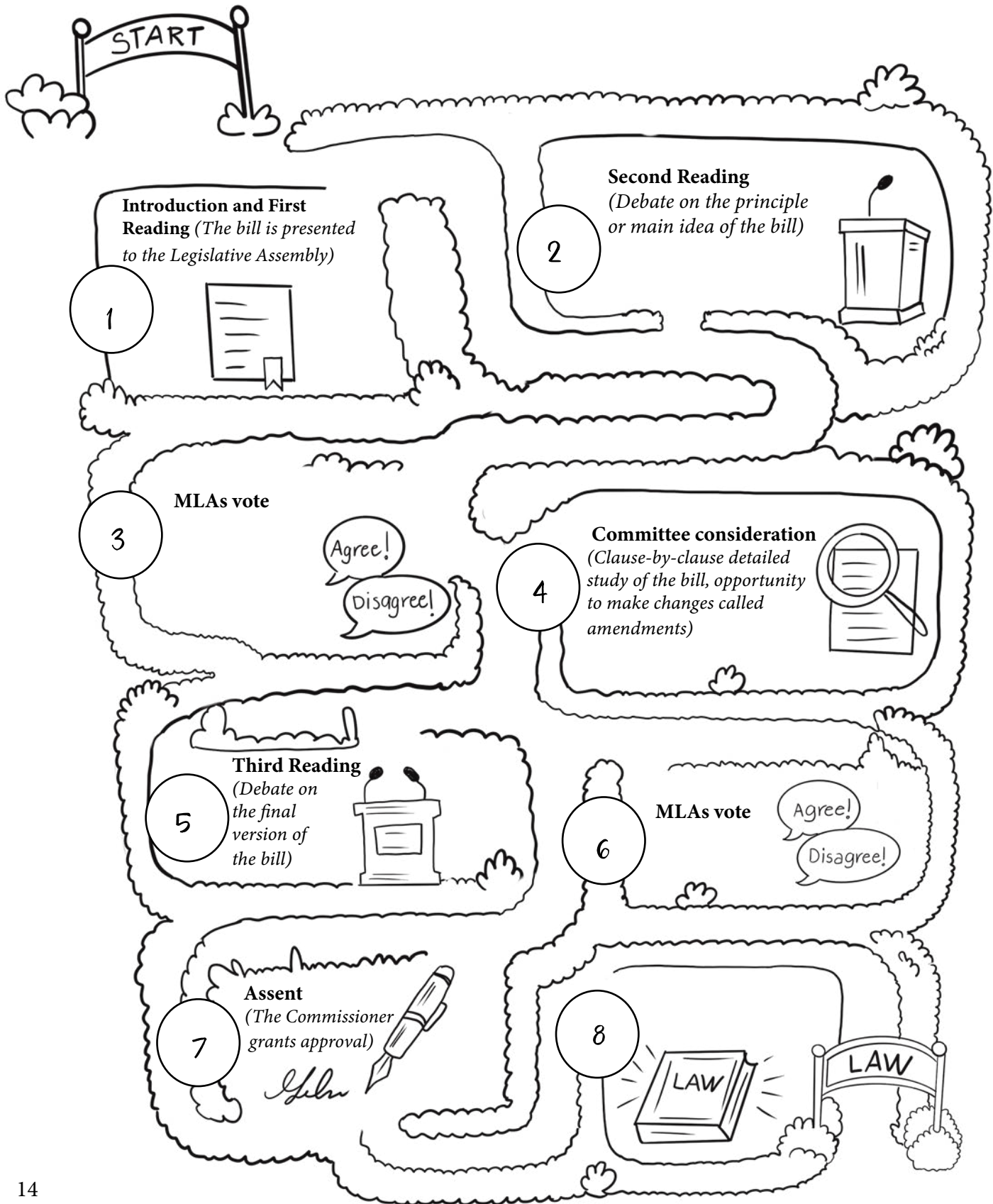
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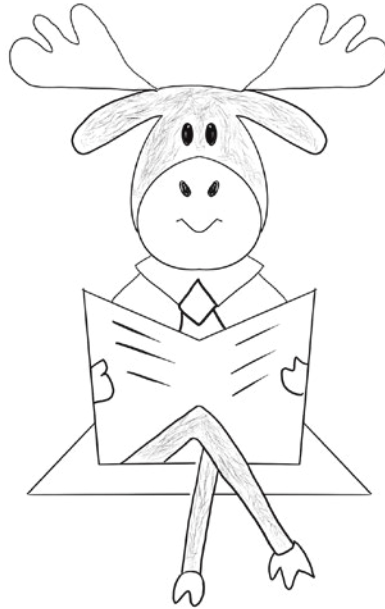


Journey of a Bill!





Fun Facts



To make the large tapestry in the Chamber, entitled “Fireweed”, the artist, Joanna Staniszki, hand dyed wool in over 100 different shades of colour.



The Chamber is located in the Jim Smith Building, which was constructed between 1973 and 1976 to house all the departments of the Government of Yukon.



Green is a traditional colour for legislative assemblies. The House of Commons Chamber in the Canadian Parliament Buildings in Ottawa has green carpet and the House of Commons in the Palace of Westminster in the United Kingdom is also known for its green furnishings.



The Mace cost \$8,300.00 in 1971.



Guess the Yukon Symbols



Yukon has special symbols that represent its nature and culture. Can you complete the names of these symbols? **Fill** in the missing letters to discover each one.

1. Su__- alpi__ f__r



This tall evergreen tree grows in the cold mountains of Yukon. It has soft, flat needles and skinny cones that sit upright on its branches.

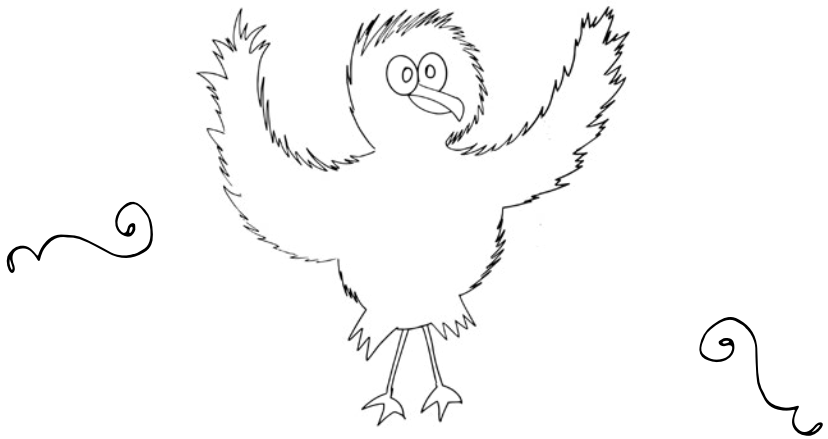
2. L__z ul__te



This blue semi-precious gemstone is a beautiful and rare mineral found in only a few places in the world, including the Yukon.

3. R__v__n

This bird is the subject of many stories told by Yukon First Nations.

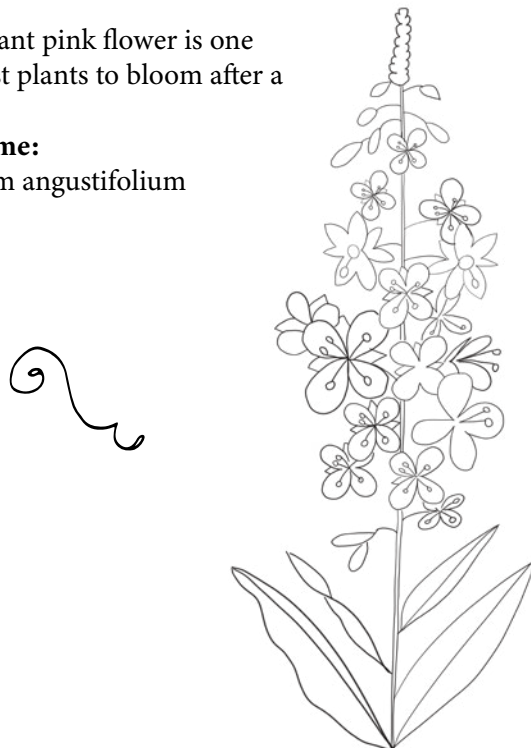


4. F__re w__d

This vibrant pink flower is one of the first plants to bloom after a wild fire.

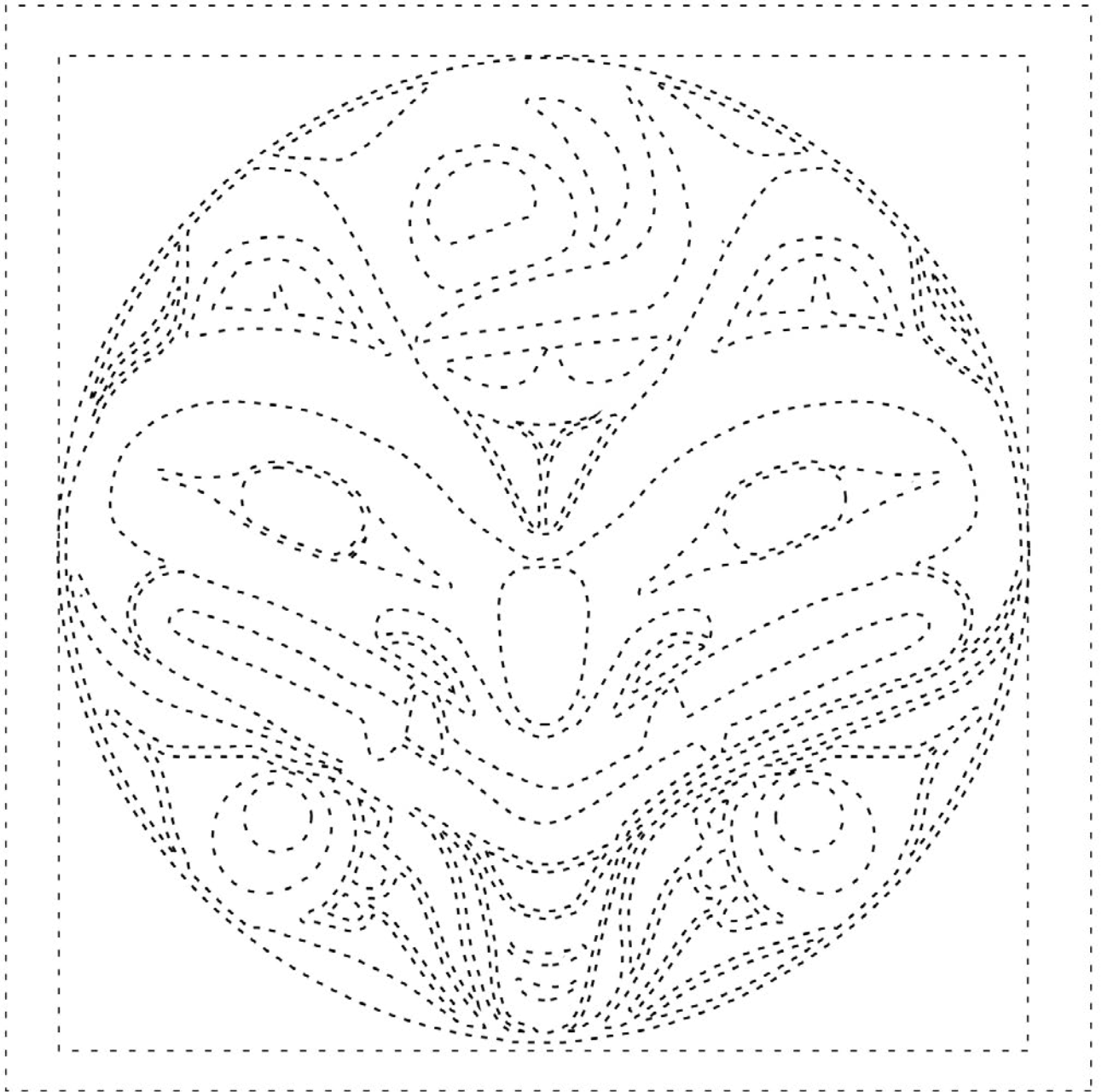
Latin name:

Epilobium angustifolium



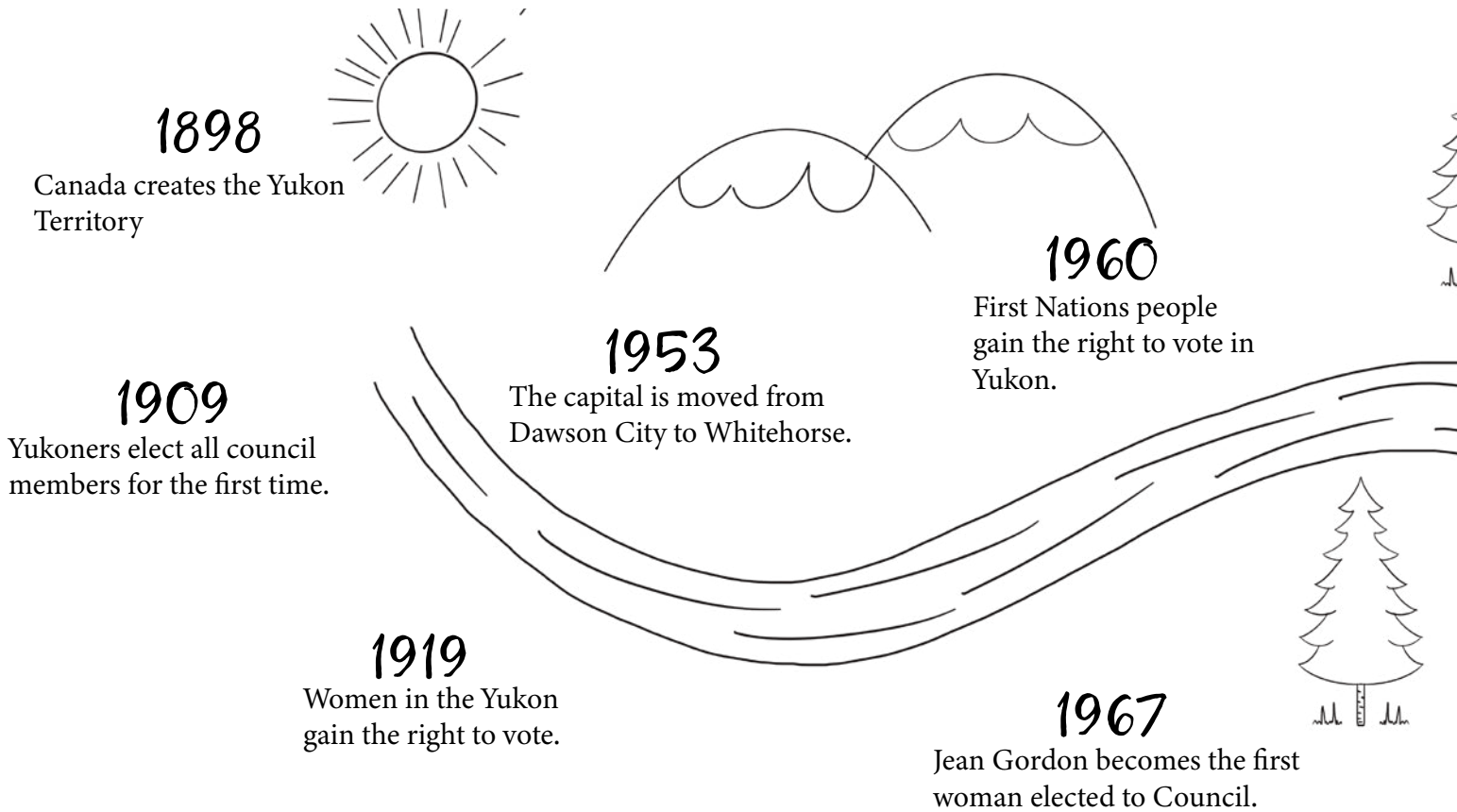
Connect the Dots!

This beautiful artwork is featured on one of the gates in the Chamber. It represents the wolf moiety of Yukon First Nations people and was carved by Calvin Morberg.



Evolution of the Legislative Assembly

Look at the timeline. Find and circle the events that changed people's rights or government power.



Checklist

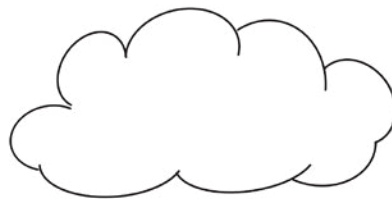
- ☐ People gain the right to vote
- ☐ Government structure changes
- ☐ Important leaders are elected
- ☐ Yukon gains more control

Which event do you think is the most important? Why?



1974

The territorial council becomes the Yukon Legislative Assembly.



1976

Construction of the Chamber in Whitehorse is completed.

1978

Yukon elects its first First Nations MLAs and political parties can officially run in elections.

1979

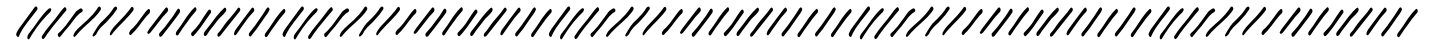
Yukon gains responsible government.



2003

The *Yukon Act* gives Yukon more control over its resources and laws.





Debate Time!

Should schools start one hour later in the morning?

Do you agree or disagree? Write your ideas in the speech bubbles.



How would this change your daily routine?



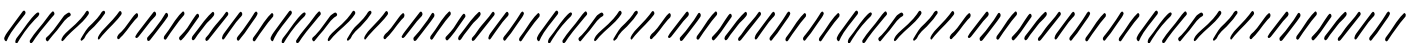
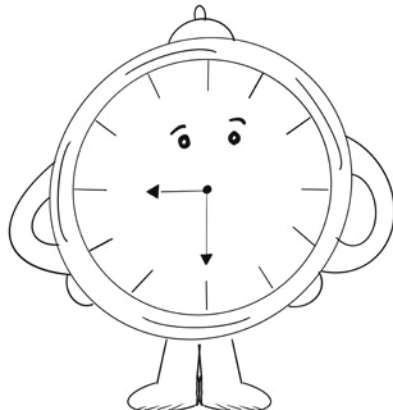
How might this affect families or teachers?



Are there any problems this could cause?



Would students feel more rested or learn better?



Let's think!

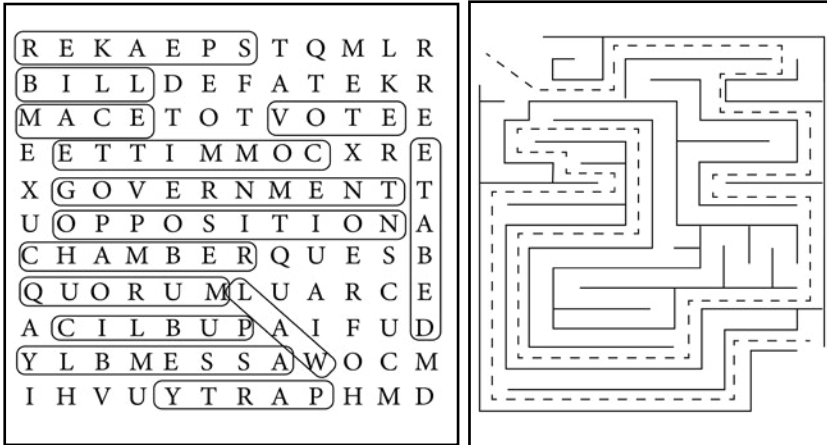
What surprised you the most from this visit?

If you worked at the Assembly, what role would you choose and why?

What would you love to visit again?

Answers

Page 3: Maze to the Chamber and Word Search



Pages 4–5: Match the Roles

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Page 6: True or False

1. FALSE - The Speaker only votes to break a tie. 2. TRUE - The Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected from 21 electoral districts. 3. FALSE - Bills must pass four stages (Introduction and First Reading, Second Reading, Committee consideration, and Third Reading) and receive Assent before becoming law. 4. FALSE - The Chamber in the Jim Smith Building was constructed between 1973 and 1976. When Yukon first became a territory in 1898 Dawson City was the capital. 5. TRUE - Hansard records and transcribes all the debate of the Legislative Assembly. 6. FALSE - The Mace is gold-plated sterling silver, so only a thin outer layer is actually gold. 7. TRUE - Pages are high school students who have an important job delivering documents and serving MLAs in the Chamber. 8. FALSE - To be elected a candidate only needs one more vote than the other candidates. Sometimes there is a tie and the winner is selected with a random draw.

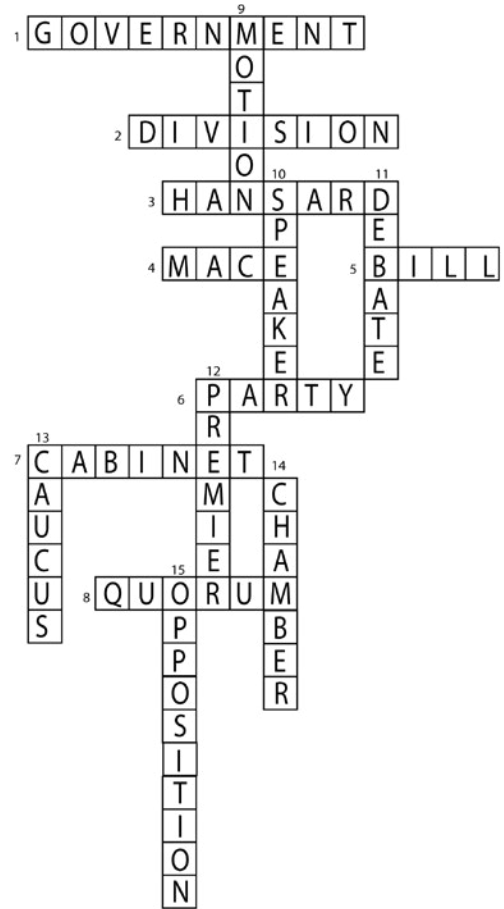
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