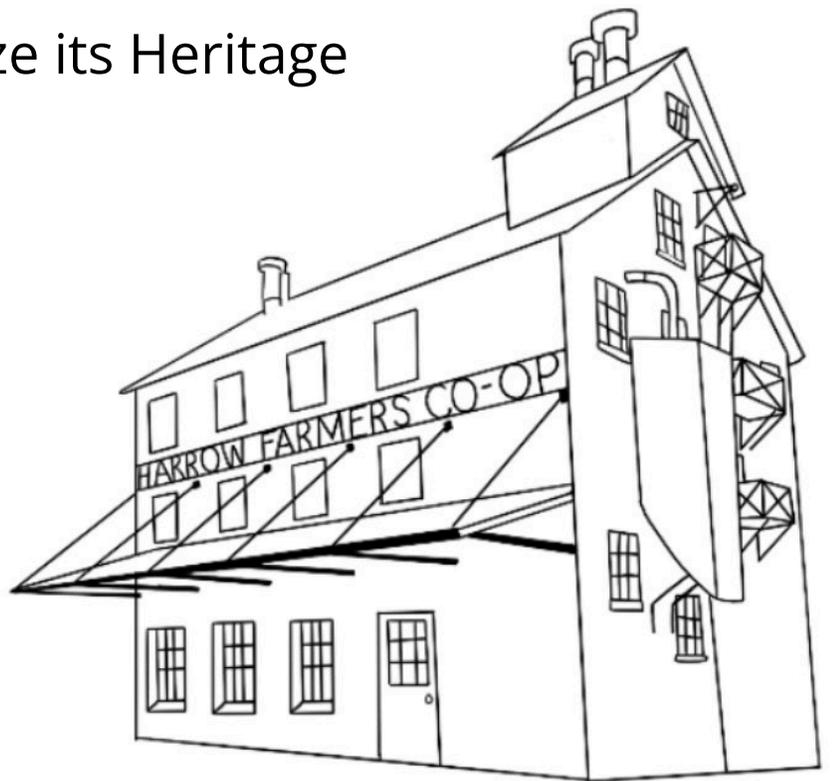
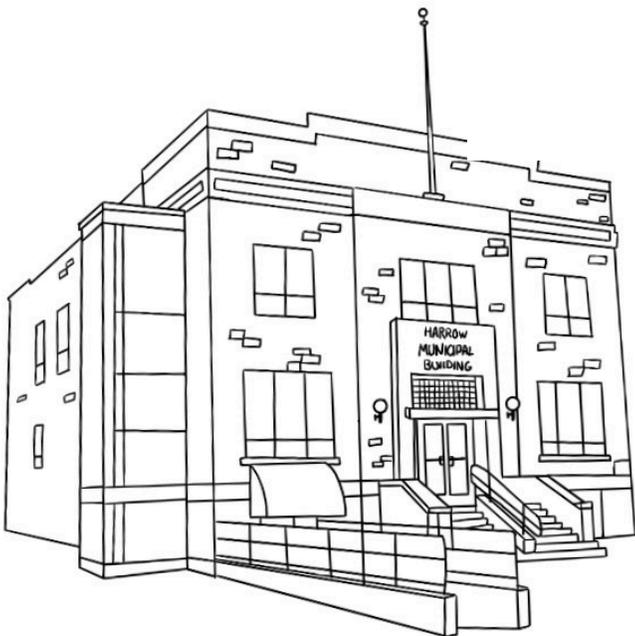


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HERITAGE WEEK 2025

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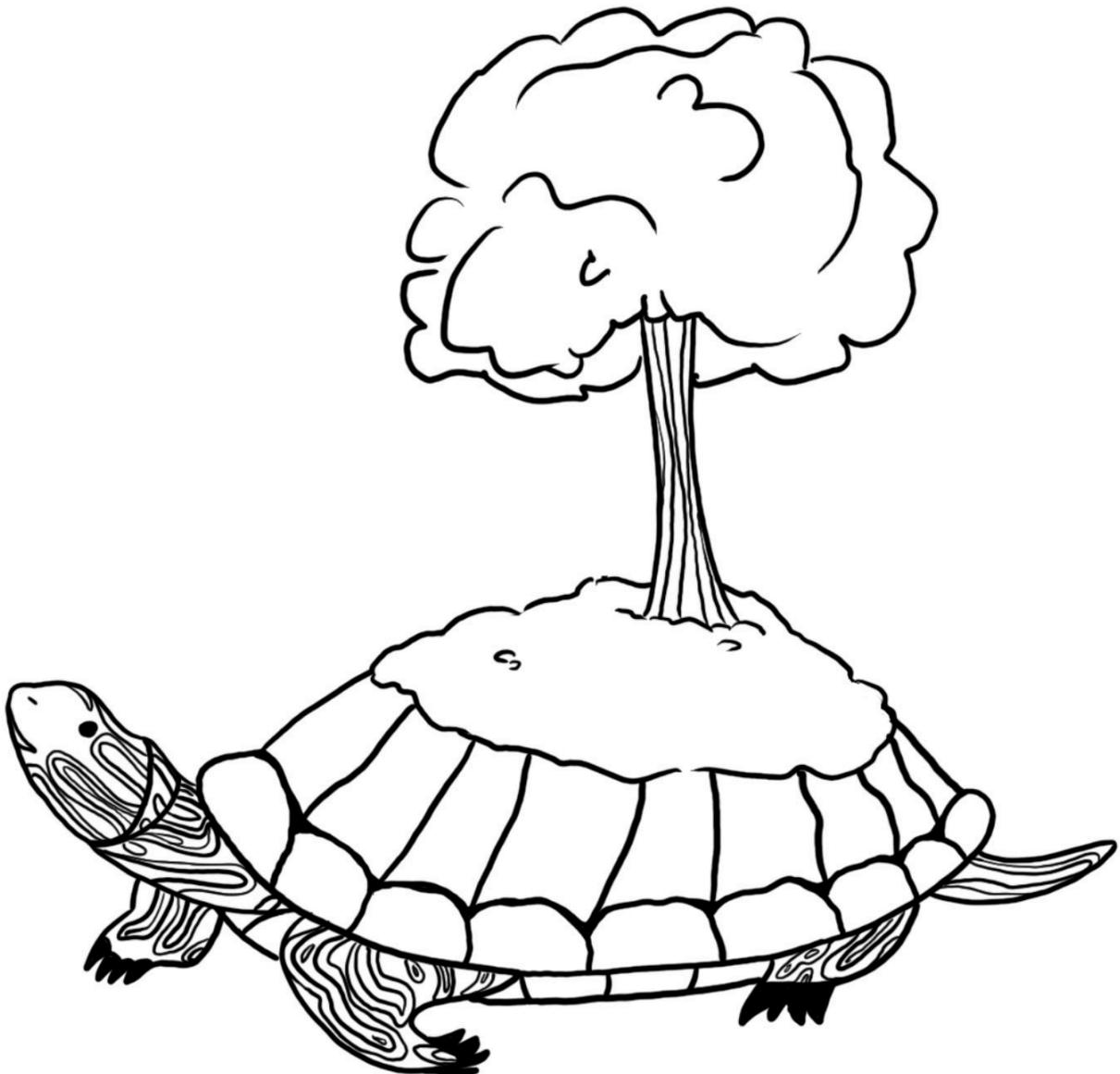
A look at the Town of Essex's Plan to
Recognize its Heritage



Turtle Island

The Town of Essex is located on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples) and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. The turtle is an important symbol in Indigenous storytelling, often representing creation and land. Turtle Island refers to the story of Turtle Island, where it is said that the land we now know as North America was created on the back of a turtle for all life.

For more information on the story of Turtle Island please visit <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/turtle-island>

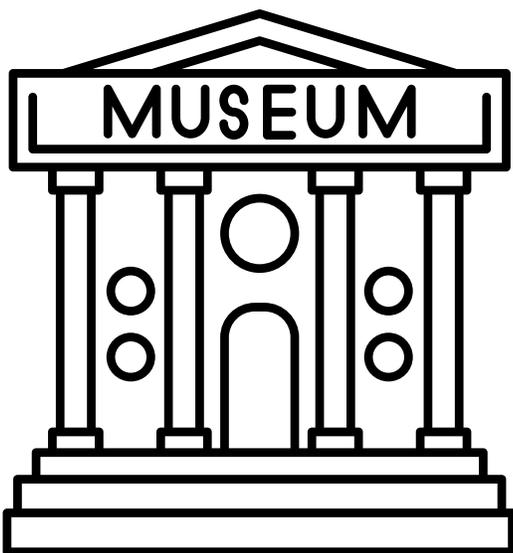


Museum Activity



Visit a local museum and draw your favourite thing

Why was it your favourite?



Word Scramble

Unscramble all of the words below

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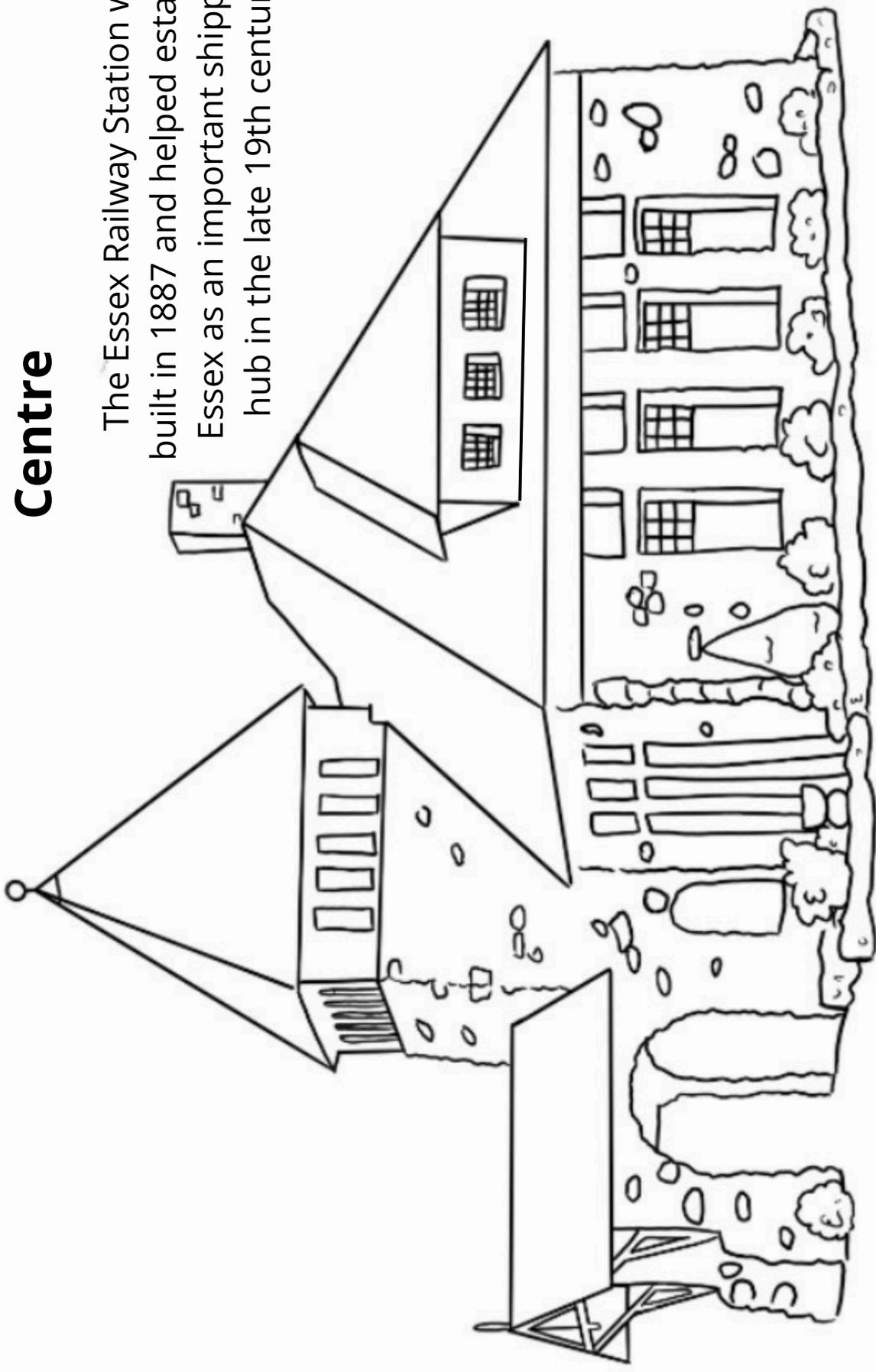
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The Essex Railway Station, Essex Centre

The Essex Railway Station was built in 1887 and helped establish Essex as an important shipping hub in the late 19th century!



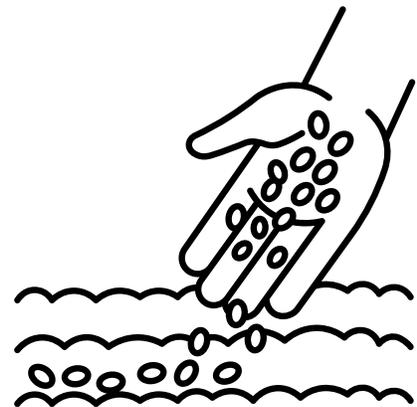
The station helped bring settlers to the area and created many jobs for the community

Word Search

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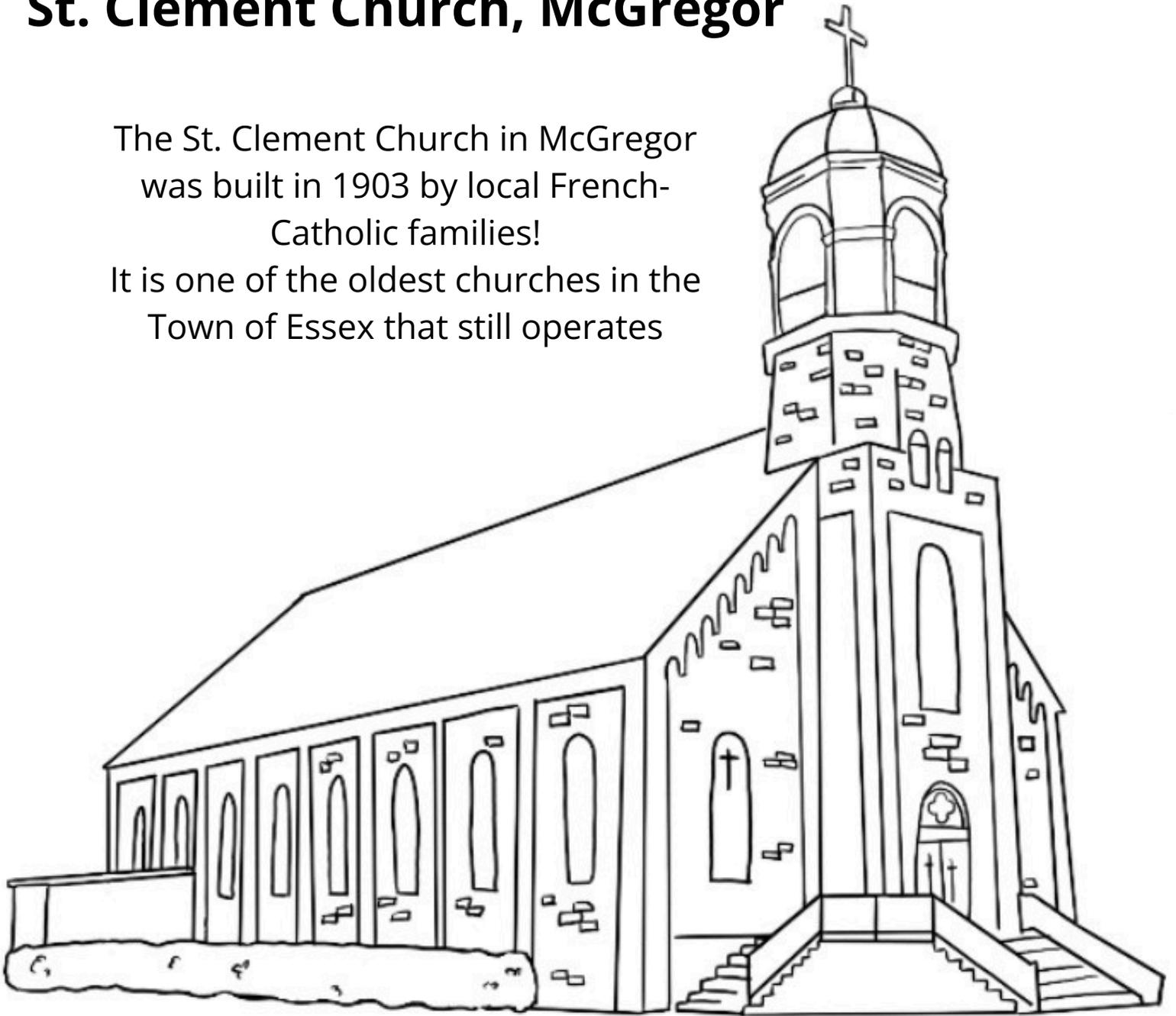
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St. Clement Church, McGregor

The St. Clement Church in McGregor was built in 1903 by local French-Catholic families!

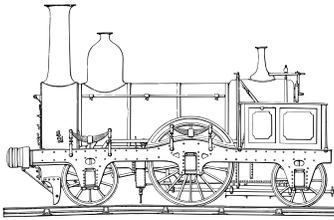
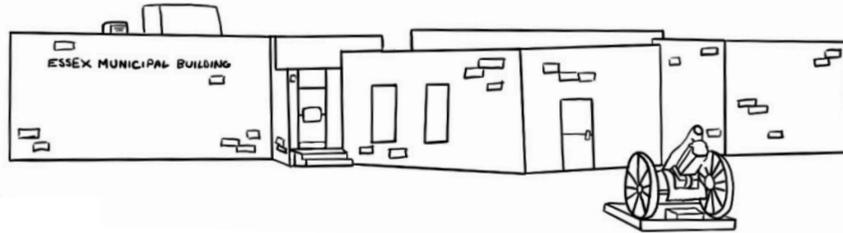
It is one of the oldest churches in the Town of Essex that still operates



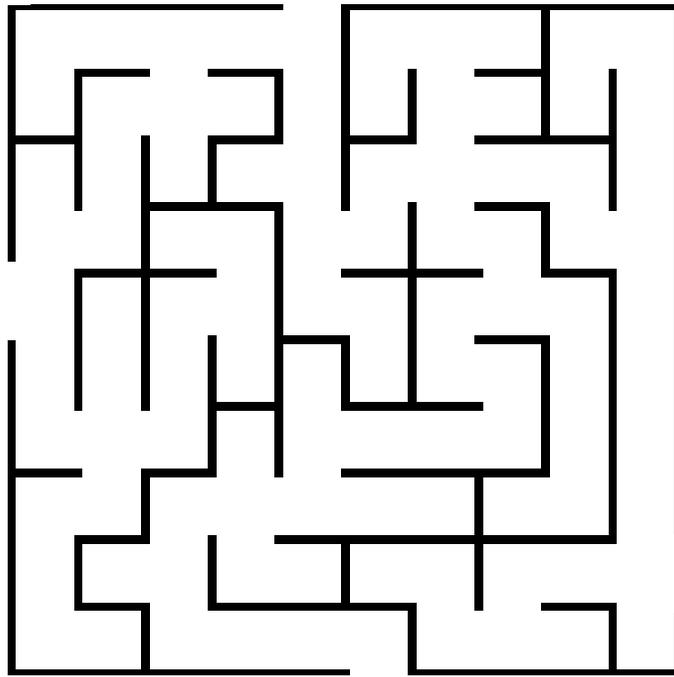
The bell that's in the top of the tower is named the Ava Maria and was made in 1883

Maze

Take the Train to the Essex Railway Station



Start Here



The Carnegie Library, Essex Centre

The Carnegie Library was built in 1914 by Andrew Carnegie and was the first public library to open in Essex Centre! It is now a research centre focused on remembering the history of Essex.



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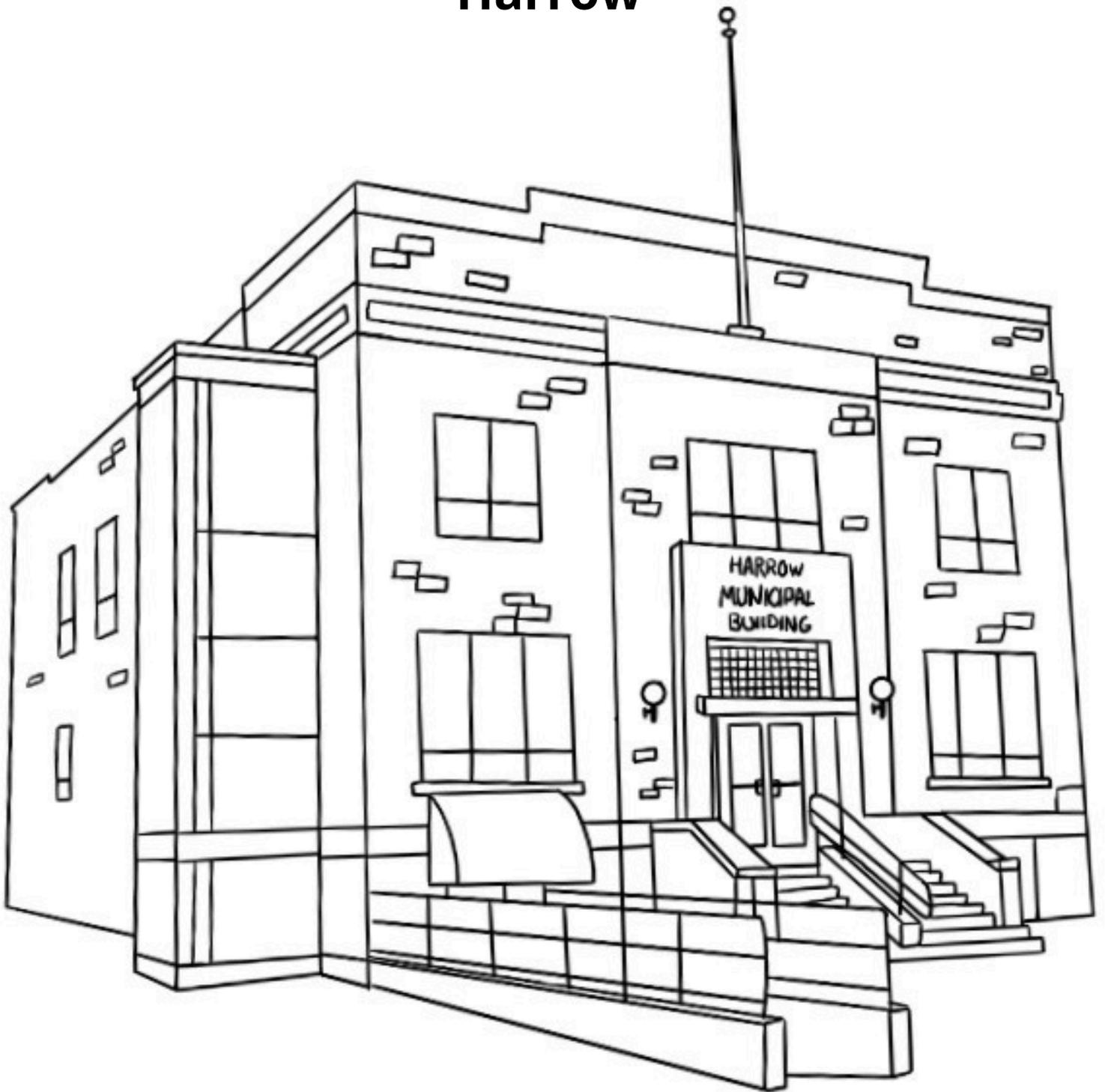
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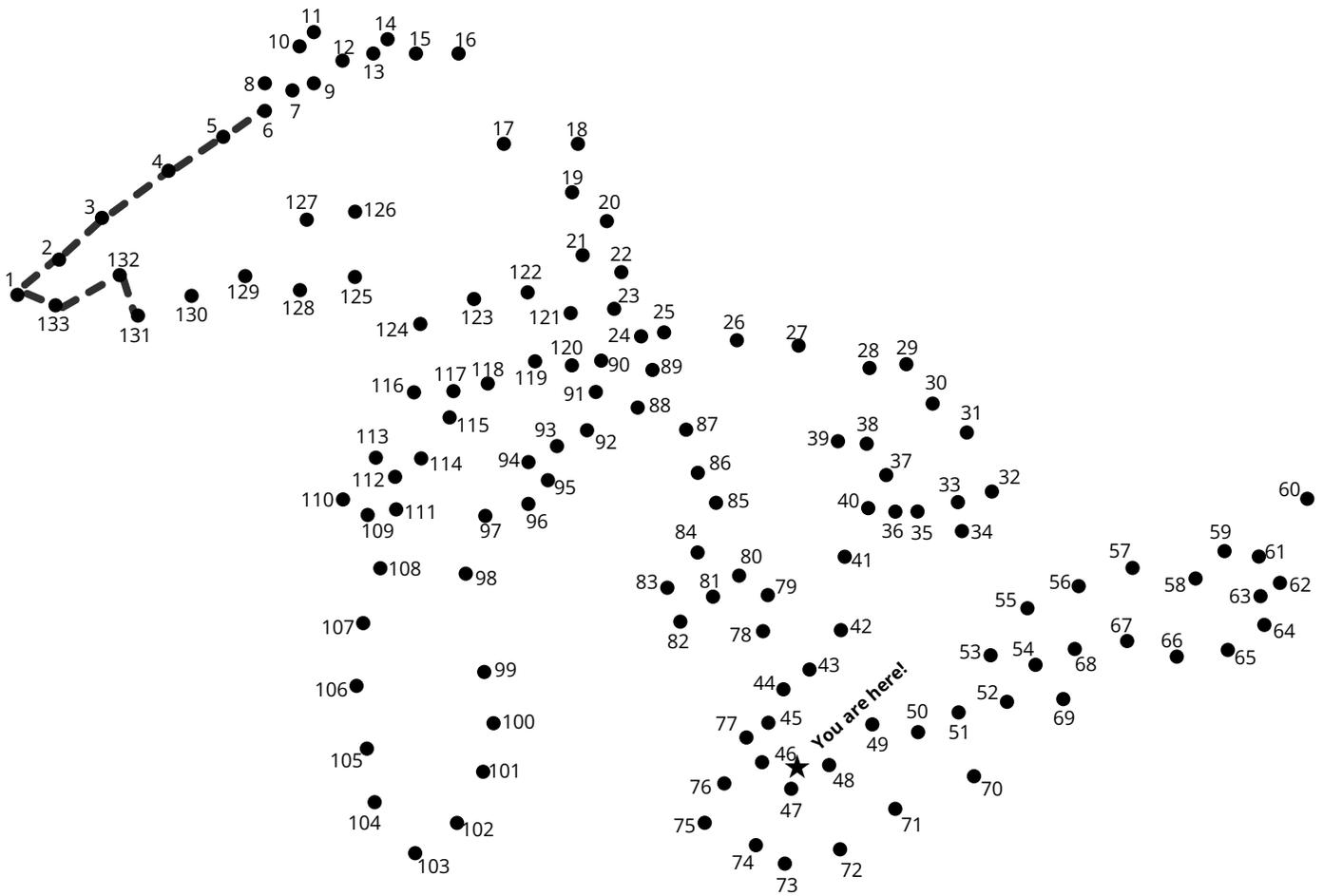
The Harrow Municipal Building, Harrow



The former Harrow Municipal Building was built in 1939 and was served as the Town of Harrow's Town Hall from 1939 until 1999 with the amalgamation of the Town of Essex!

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots from 1 to 133 and tell us what the picture is

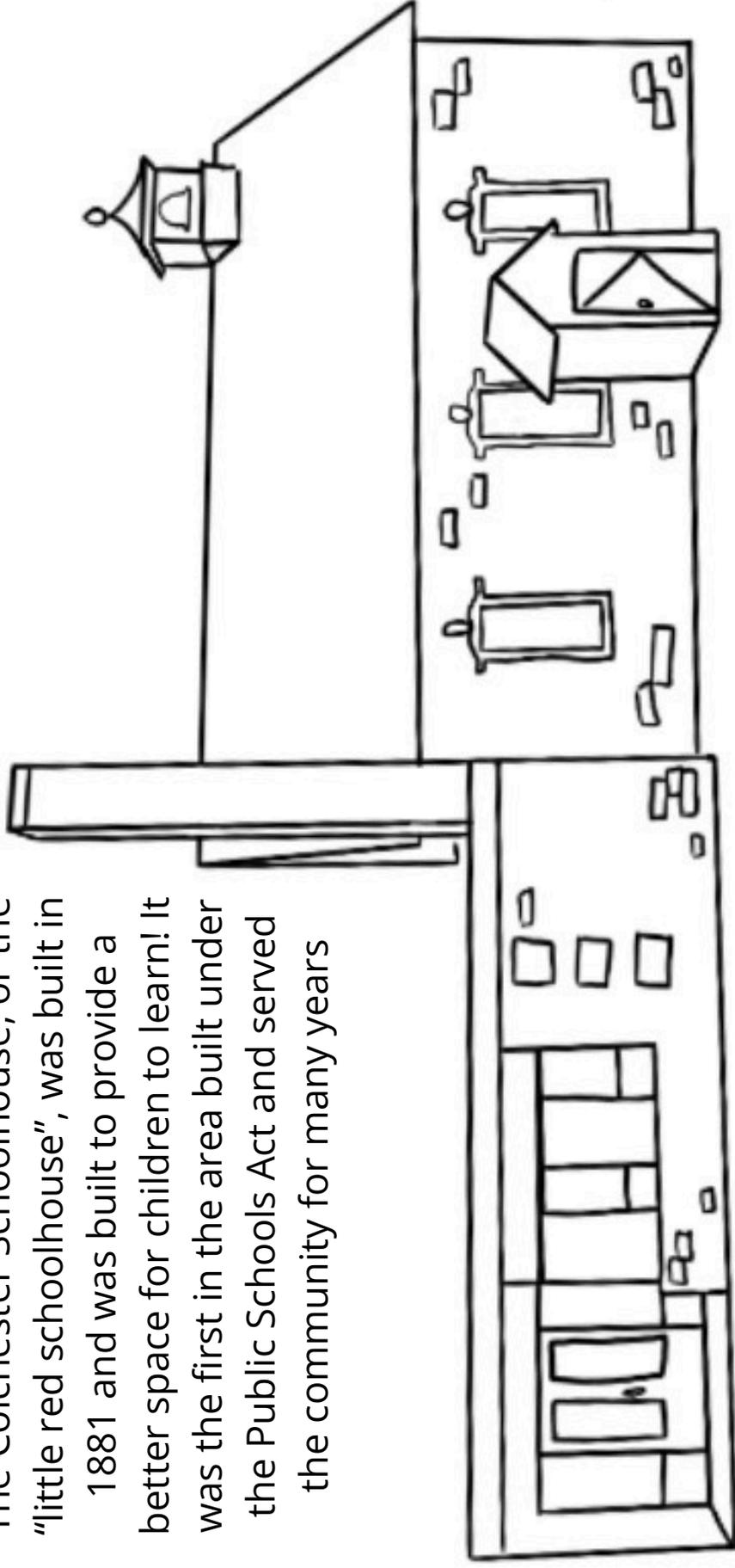


What do you see?

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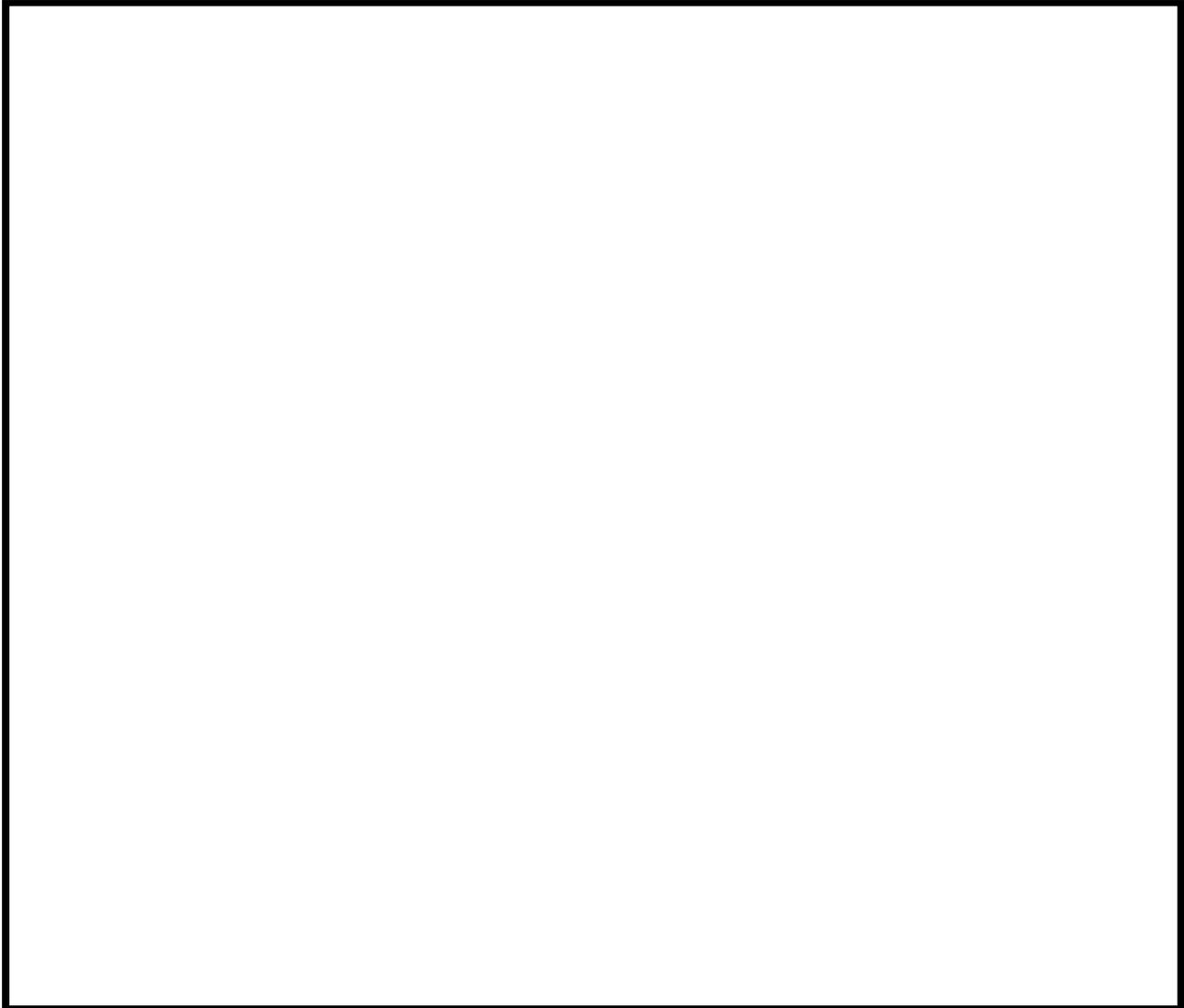
The Colchester Schoolhouse, Colchester

The Colchester Schoolhouse, or the "little red schoolhouse", was built in 1881 and was built to provide a better space for children to learn! It was the first in the area built under the Public Schools Act and served the community for many years



It is a one room schoolhouse that
taught children of all ages

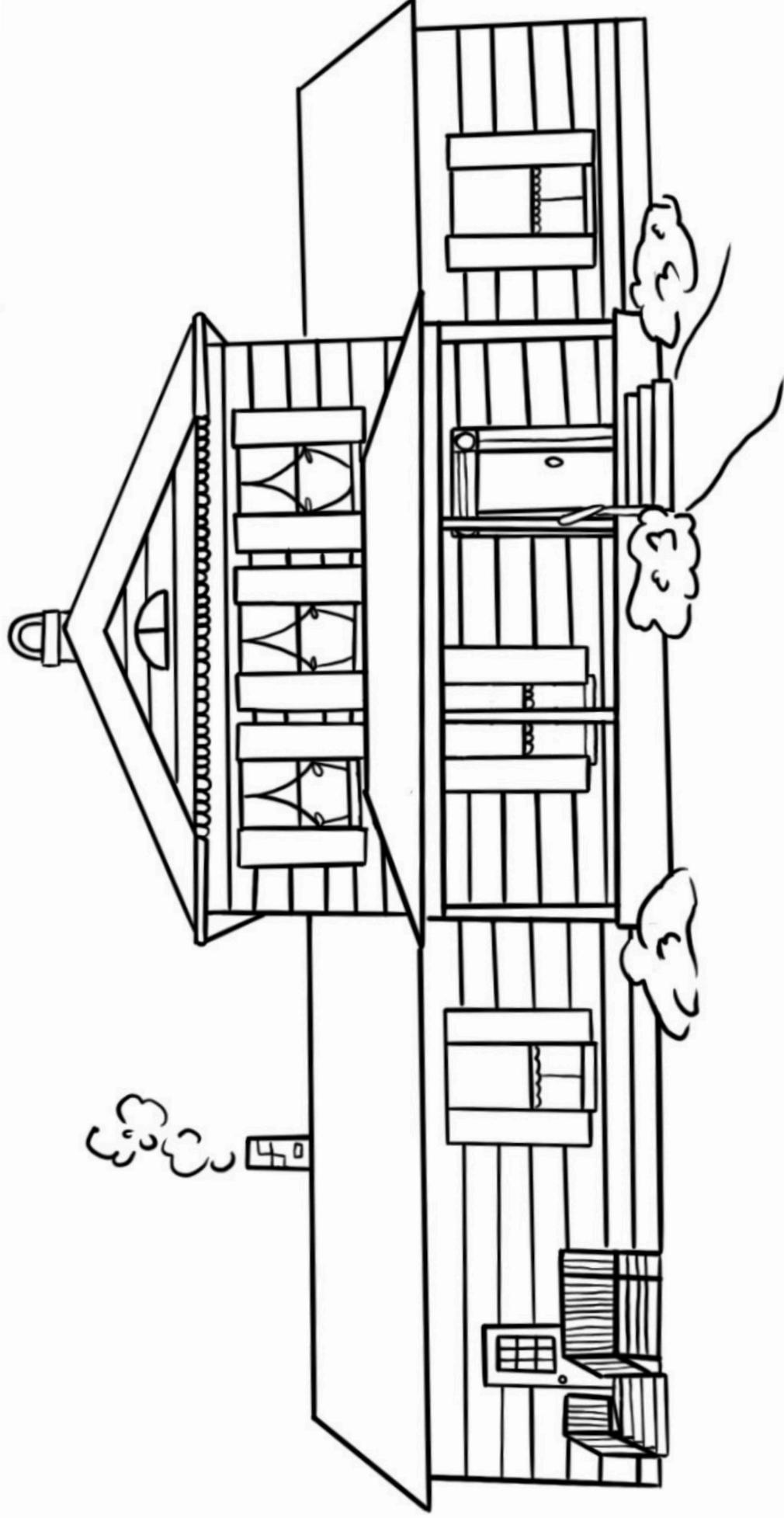
Create a Mural



Murals are large pictures used to tell a story about the past.
What story does your mural tell?

There are many murals in Essex! Take a walk around your
community to see if you can spot them all

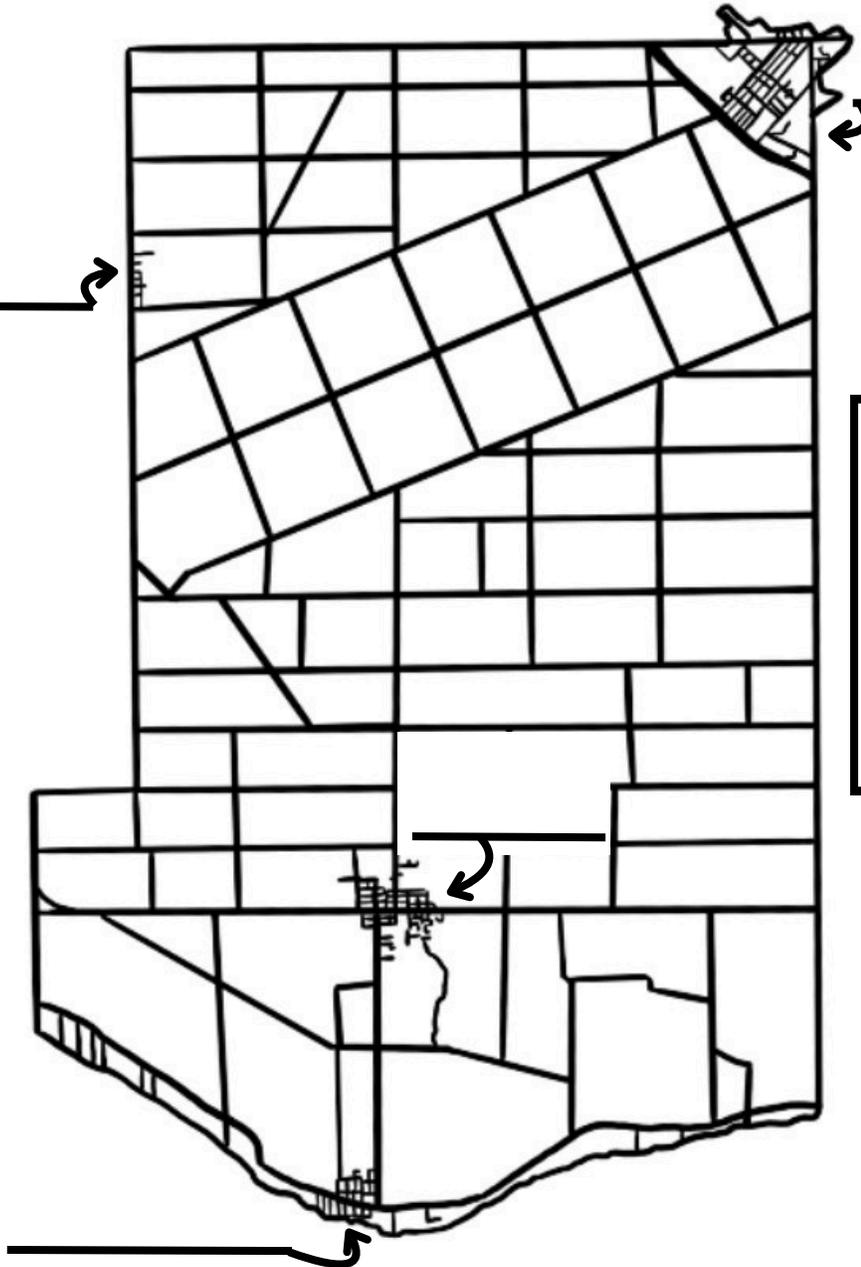
John R. Park Homestead



The John R. Park Homestead and Conservation Area was built in 1842, by the Park family. It is now a local living history museum that you can visit and learn how early settlers lived on the 19th century.

The Town of Essex

Colour and label the map below



Word Bank
Essex
Harrow
Colchester
McGregor
Lake Erie



Answer Key

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Unscramble all of the words below

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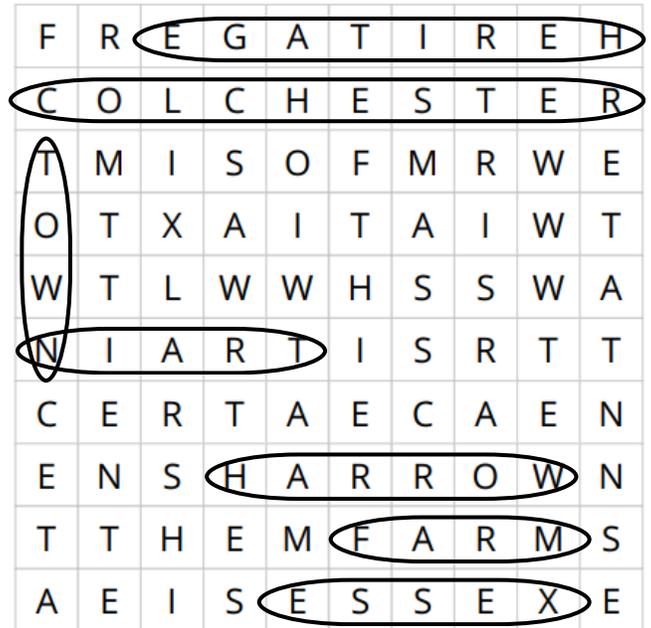
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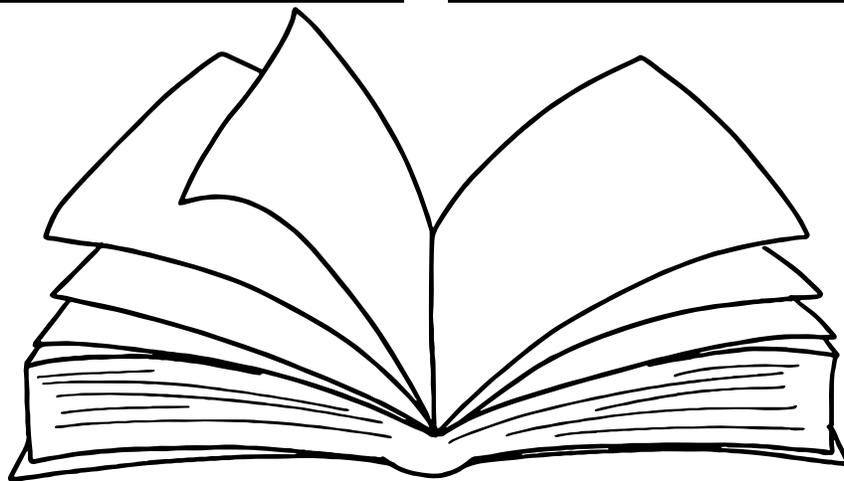
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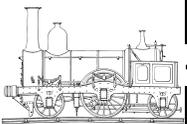
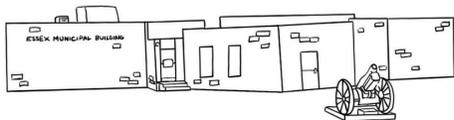
For more on the history of the Town of Essex, please visit our website at

<https://www.essex.ca/en/build/heritageplanning.aspx>

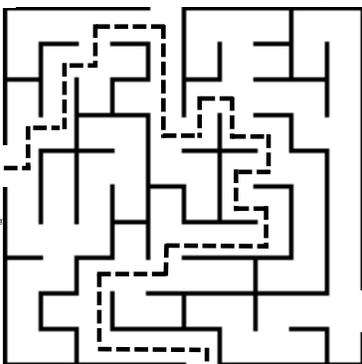
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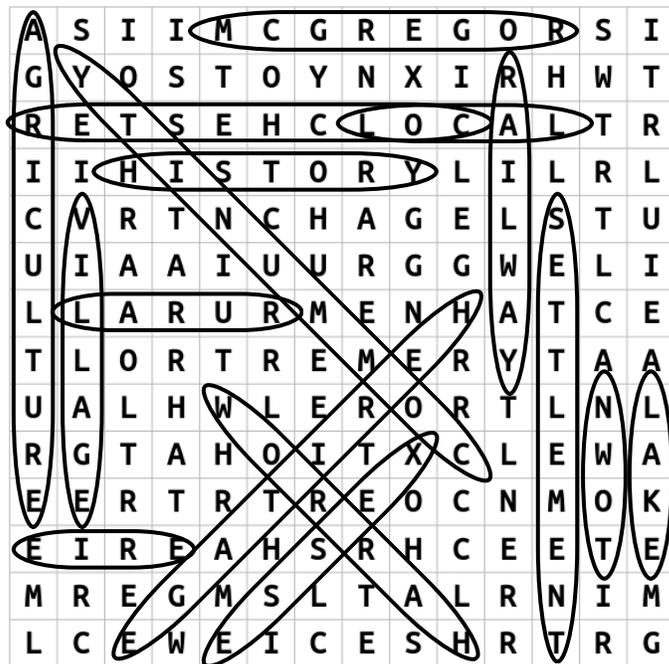
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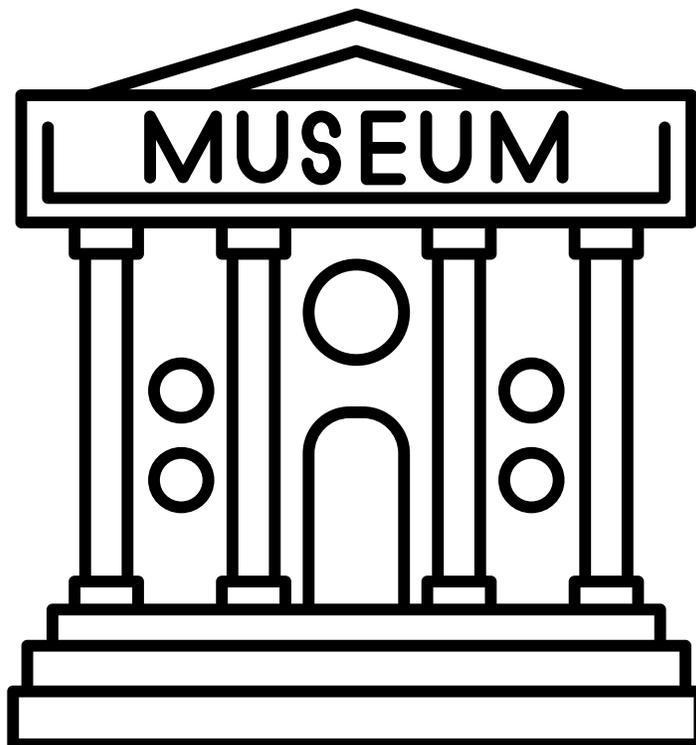
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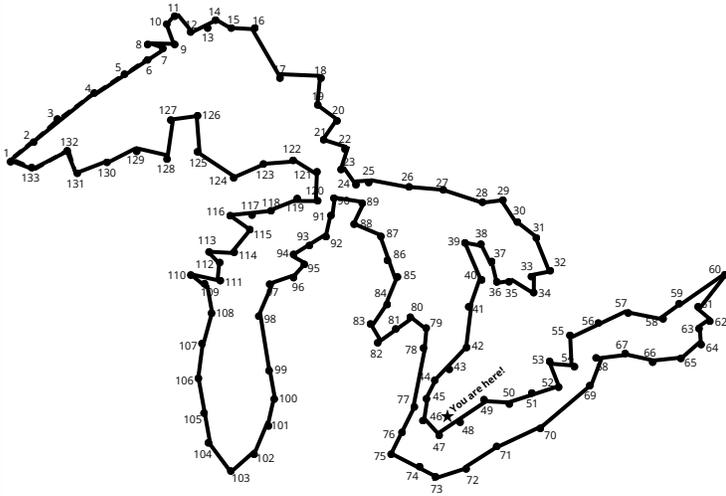
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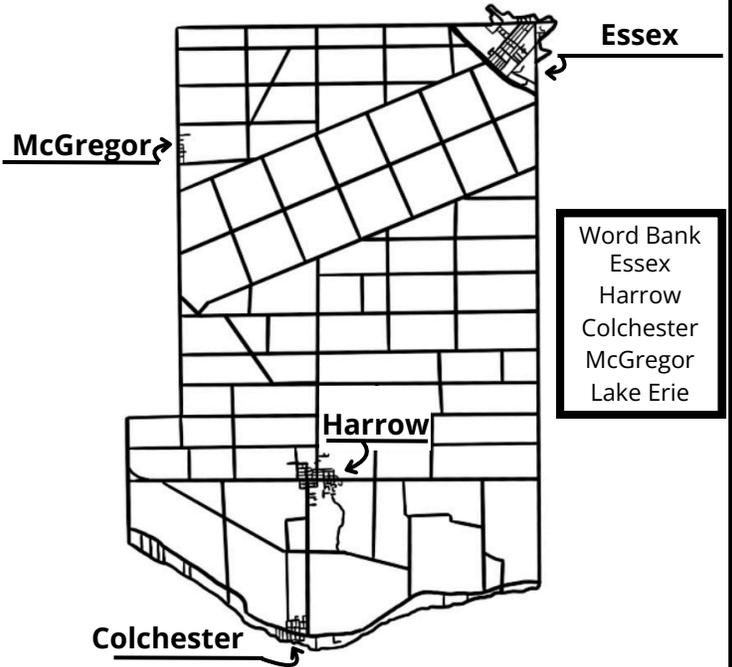
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The Great Lakes

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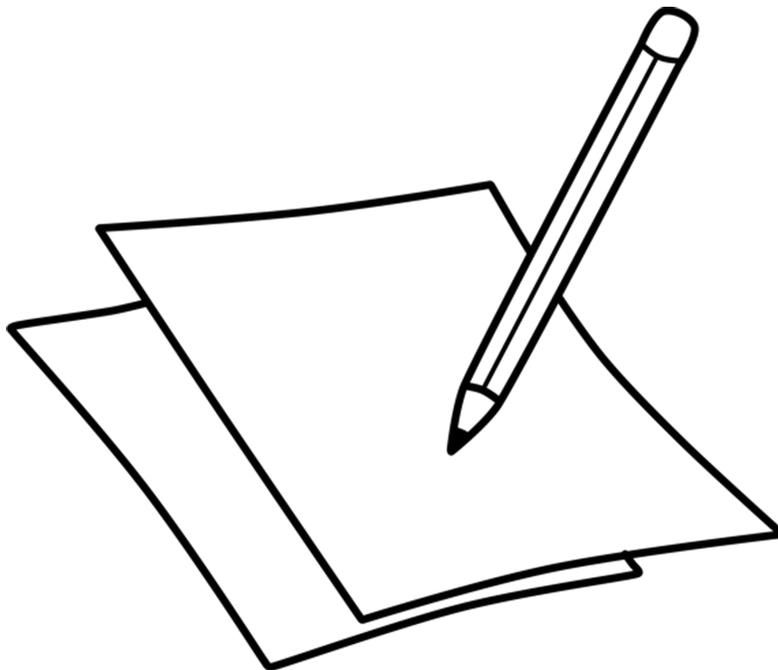
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For Teachers, Parents, and Guardians

The Essex Municipal Heritage Committee has developed this colouring book in recognition of Heritage Week and to give local students a chance to learn more about our community's heritage sites and diverse history. The EMHC would like to thank administrative staff for doing the artwork included in this colouring book.

We encourage you to explore these local sites with your class, family, and loved ones.

The Essex Train Station, 87 Station Street, in Essex Centre:

The Train Station is a heritage designated site. In 1907, a box car loaded with 5000 pounds of dynamite exploded just yards from the building. Visit the Station to learn more about how it shaped the community of Essex.

Carnegie Building, 18 Gordon Avenue, in Essex Centre:

The Carnegie building is a designated site. It opened in 1914 and served as the local library for over 100 years.

John R. Park Homestead, 915 County Road 50 East, in Colchester:

The John R. Park Homestead is a designated site. A visit to this living history museum will take you back in time to the 1850s.

Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village (CTMHV), 6155 Arner Townline:

The CTMHV contains one of the finest collections of classic, antique and vintage vehicles in southern Canada. Its heritage village contains a collection of over 20 buildings from the early 1800s, up to the 1930s. For more information visit their website www.ctmhv.com or call (519) 776-6909.

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society (HEIRS), 243 McAfee Street, Harrow Ontario:

Incorporated in 1971, HEIRS specializes in the local history of Harrow and Colchester. Its volunteers are available to assist with research and genealogy projects. For more information visit their website at www.heirs.ca or call (519) 738-3700.

Essex Community Historical Research Society (ECHRS), 18 Gordon Avenue, Essex Centre:

Incorporated in 2006, ECHRS specializes in the local history of Essex Centre. Its volunteers are available to assist with research and genealogy projects. For more information visit their website at www.echrs.org or call (519) 962-9597

For more information regarding our local history please visit our website at www.essex.ca/heritageweek

We would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped make this colouring book possible, by helping with the illustrations and French translations.

The logo for the Town of Essex, featuring the word "essex" in a lowercase, white, sans-serif font with a stylized dot above the 'x'.

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