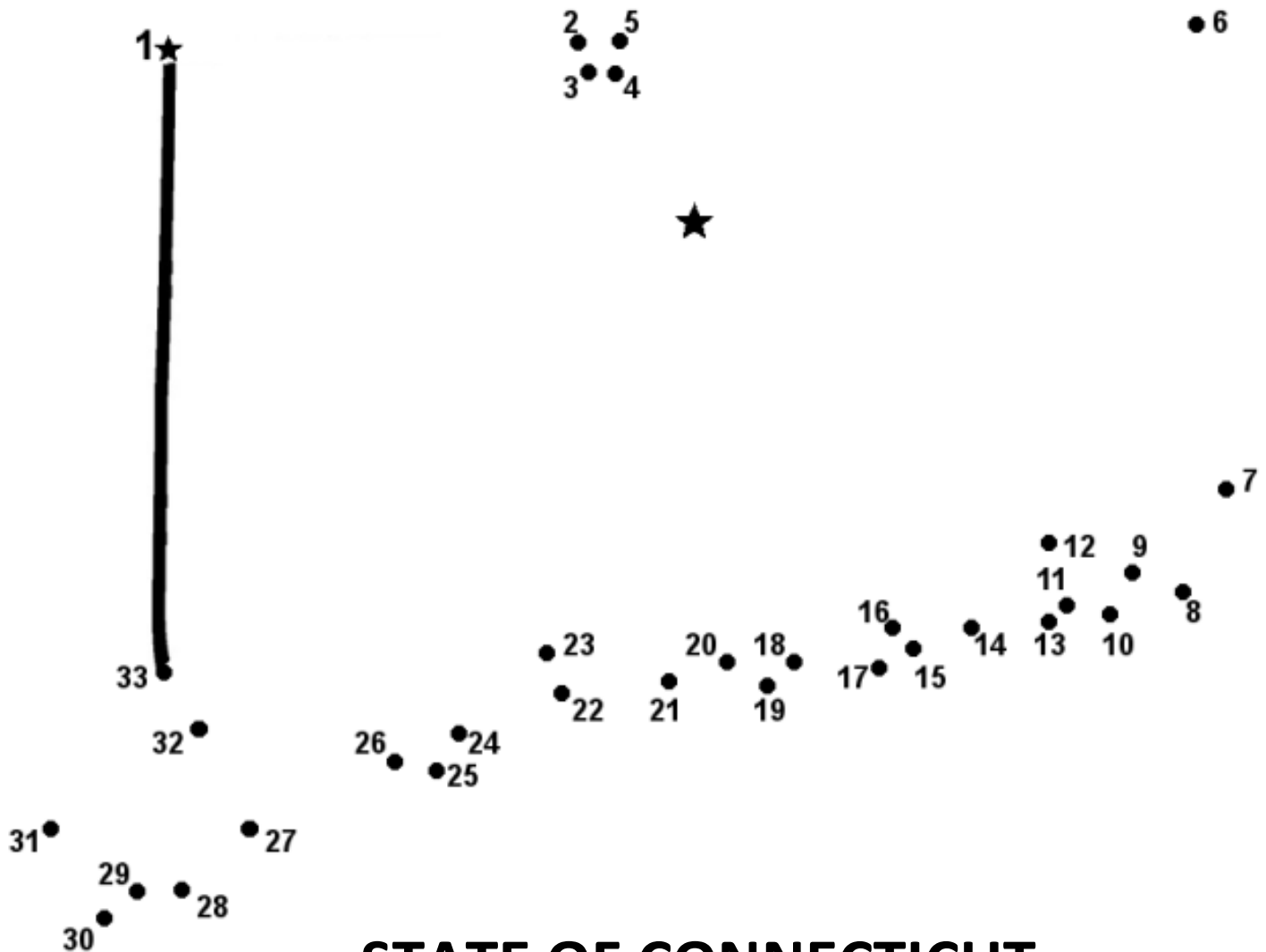


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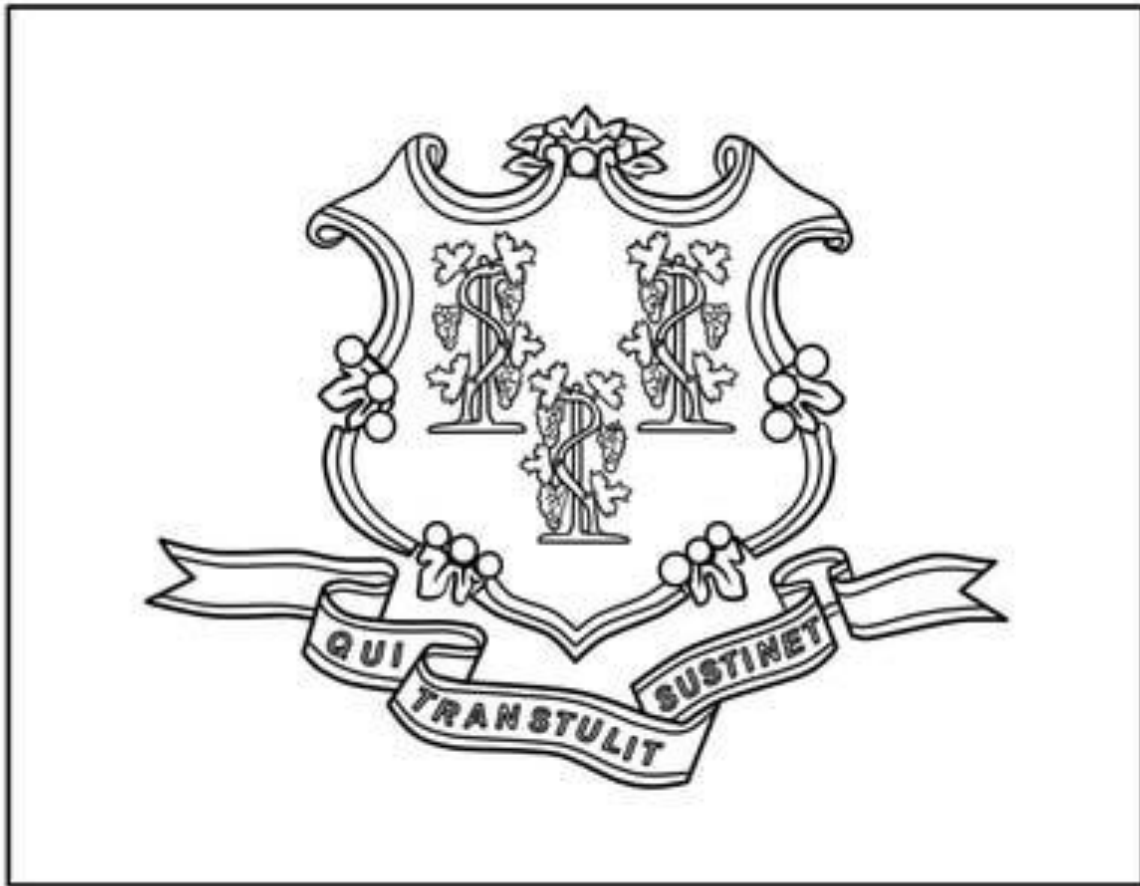


ACTIVITY COLORING BOOK



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Dot-to-dot

CONNECTICUT STATE FLAG



CONNECTICUT STATE MOTO

“Qui transtulit sustinet”

Decode the letters to reveal the meaning of Connecticut’s State Moto.

8 5 23 8 15 20 18 1 14 19 16 12 1 14 20 5 4
 19 20 9 12 12 19 21 19 20 1 9 14 19

What do you think the State Moto means? _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

CONNECTICUT STATE BIRD & STATE FLOWER

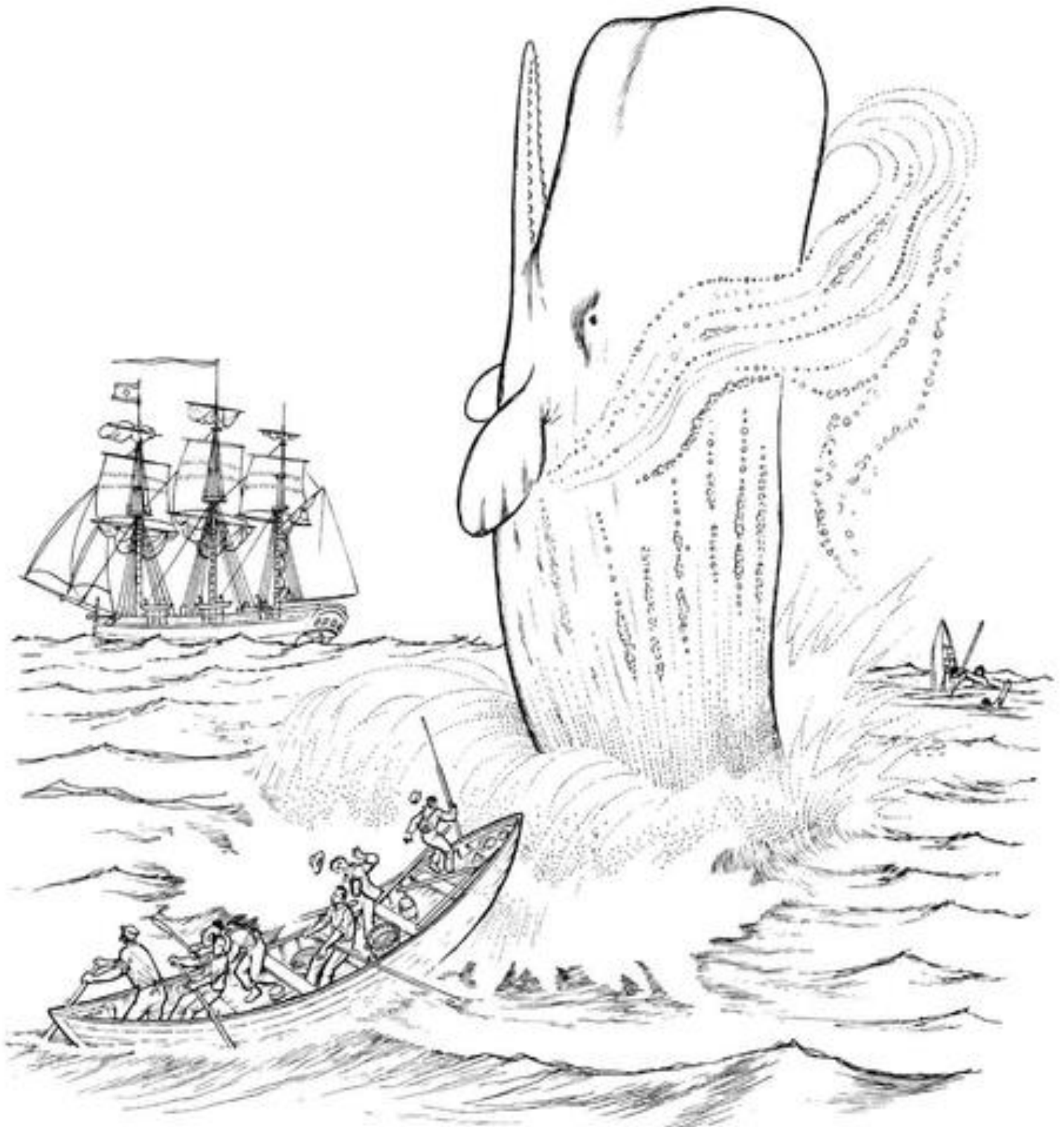


AMERICAN ROBIN & MOUNTAIN LAUREL

CONNECTICUT STATE SEAL



CONNECTICUT STATE ANIMAL



SPERM WHALE

CONNECTICUT STATE TREE



THE CHARTER OAK
(WHITE OAK)

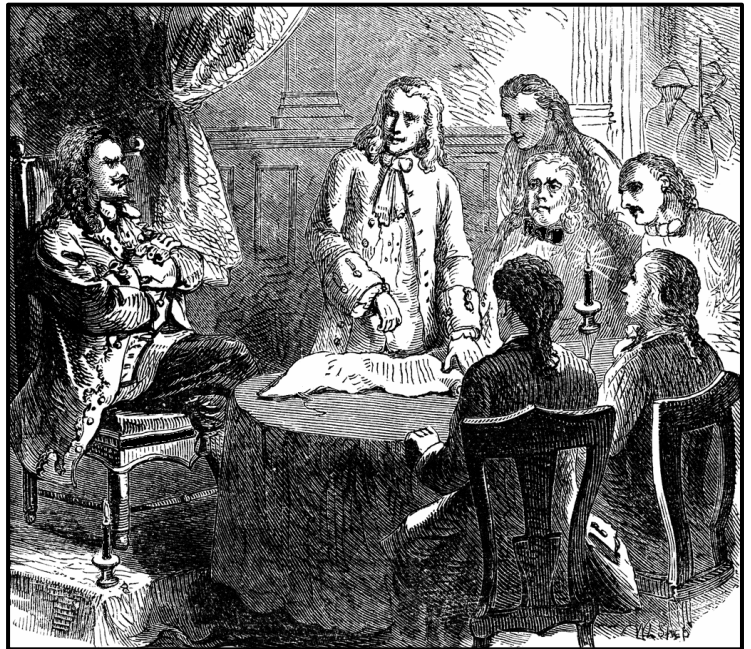
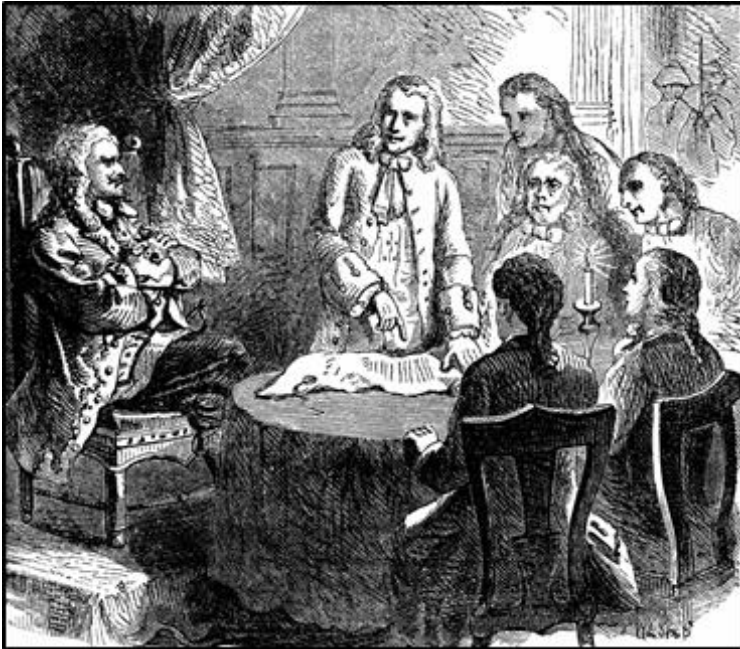
THE LEGEND OF THE CHARTER OAK

In 1662, the colony of Connecticut was still owned and governed by England. However, King Charles II granted a Royal Charter to the colonists, called the "Connecticut Charter". This Charter was a written document which gave the colonists legal authority from the King to elect certain officials and to make some of their own rules

When King Charles II died in 1685, his brother, James II, became King of England. King James had plans for New England and the Connecticut Charter interfered with those plans. As a result, he demanded that the Charter be returned to England, but the colonists refused.

In 1687, Sir Edmond Andros, the Royal Governor appointed by the King of England, met with the leaders of the Connecticut colony. For hours the colonists debated with Governor Andros, refusing to give up the Charter. According to legend, at some point during the meeting, all of the candles suddenly blew out and the Charter mysteriously disappeared. Later it would be discovered that during the darkness and sudden confusion, the Charter had been hidden in the trunk of a large white oak tree so that it would be protected from the King and from the Governor. Today this tree is referred to as the "Charter Oak".

Compare the pictures below and find 10 things that are different.



On August 21, 1856, the famous Charter Oak fell during a violent storm. However, the wood from this ancient tree (possibly 1,000 years old) was used to make many items, including the Charter Oak Chair, which was carved from the Charter Oak and can be seen in the Senate Chamber.

Today, the Connecticut Charter is on display at the Museum of Connecticut History located in the State Library/Museum/Supreme Court building across the street from the State Capitol.

ANSWERS: candle on floor, seal missing on charter, dark stripe on governor's chair, sword missing from governor's side, missing button on coat, candle color, mustache on colonist, dark collar around colonist's neck, pointer finger missing, color of governor's hair.