Buddy and Taco

Travel the USA















19 pages & 11 activities

Go on an Adventure with

Buddy and Taco

Traveling and learning about

different USA landmarks

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What is included in this resource:

Lesson Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. Retell important events from the story.
2. Describe Buddy and Taco's character traits.
3. Explain why Maddy needed help.
4. Locate famous landmarks on a U.S. map.
5. Explain how teamwork helped solve the problem.
6. Identify the story's theme.

Intended Audience: 5-10



Supporting Themes

Helping Others
Friendship
Adventure
Learning
Perseverance
Responsibility

Standards-Based: No matter what state you teach in, the activities and lessons in this resource are standards-based. Just SOME of the standards that are covered are:

Predicting	Summarizing	Inferencing
Story Concepts	Text Connections	Art / Creative Opportunities
Main Characters	Creative Writing	Open-ended Questioning
Problem / Solution	Writing Prompts	Vocabulary



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PREDICTING

What do you predict (think) the book

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How many stripes are on the USA flag?

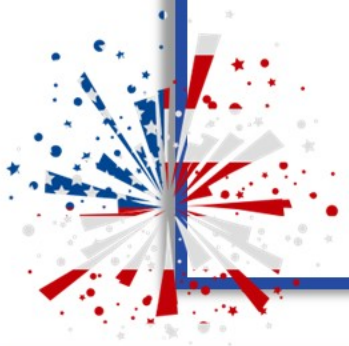
How many stars are on the USA flag?

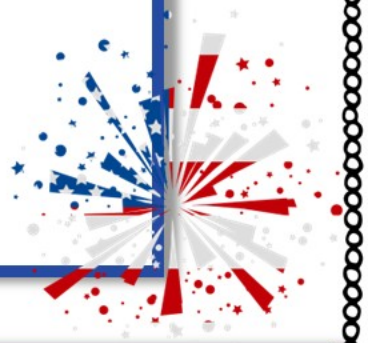
What are the three colors on the USA flag?

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THEME

What do you think the theme or message of the story is?



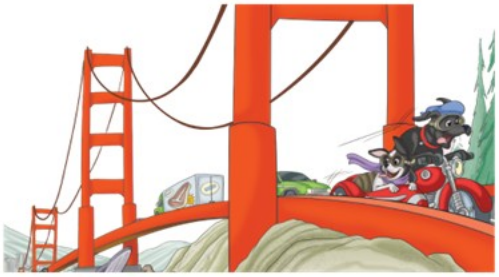


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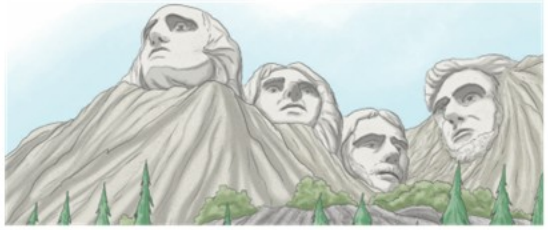
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Sequence of Events Story Cards













Directions: Cut out the story cards and glue them in the order they happened in the story on the "Sequence of Events" page.

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Sequence of Events

RECORDING SHEET

1	2	3
4	5	6

Write about or draw your favorite part of the story? Why was it your favorite?

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Sequencing of Events

ANSWER KEY

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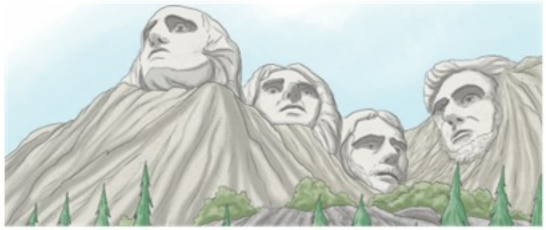
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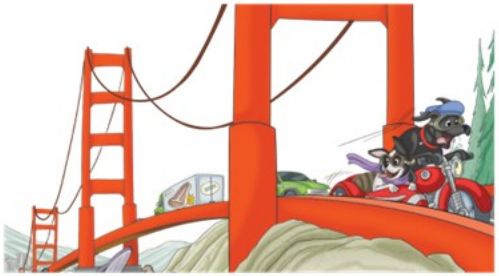
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5.



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Summarizing

In your own words, write a couple of sentences from the story's beginning, middle, and end. Put it all together, and you will have the summary of the story.

Beginning:

B

Middle:

M

End:

E



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Reading Comprehension

The teacher can use these as whole-group discussion cards, partner talk cards, small-group cards, or have students answer independently.

1. Why was Maddy worried at the beginning of the story?

2. Who decided to help Maddy?

3. Why did Buddy and Taco travel across the United States?

4. Name two famous landmarks they visited.

5. What souvenir did they choose in Washington, D.C.?

6. What special food did they enjoy in Maine?

7. Which character liked to be more careful?

8. How did the trip help Maddy?

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1. Why was Maddy worried at the beginning of the story?

She had a history report due in one week and wanted help completing it.

2. Who decided to help Maddy?

Buddy and Taco.

3. Why did Buddy and Taco travel across the United States?

To learn facts and collect souvenirs for Maddy's history project.

4. Name two famous landmarks they visited.

Possible answers include the Lincoln Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, Golden Gate Bridge, Grand Canyon, or Cape Canaveral.

5. What souvenir did they choose in Washington, D.C.?

An American flag.

6. What special food did they enjoy in Maine?

Lobster.

7. Which character liked to be more careful?

Taco.

8. How did the trip help Maddy?

It gave her facts and souvenirs to make her history report excellent.

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Landmark Match-Up Game

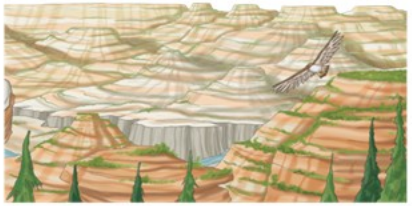
Directions: Shuffle all the cards and lay them facedown. Each partner gets a chance to flip over two cards to see if they are a match. If a player gets a match, they get another turn. It will now be the other player's turn. The winner is the person who has the most matches.
* It is played like the game "Memory."

















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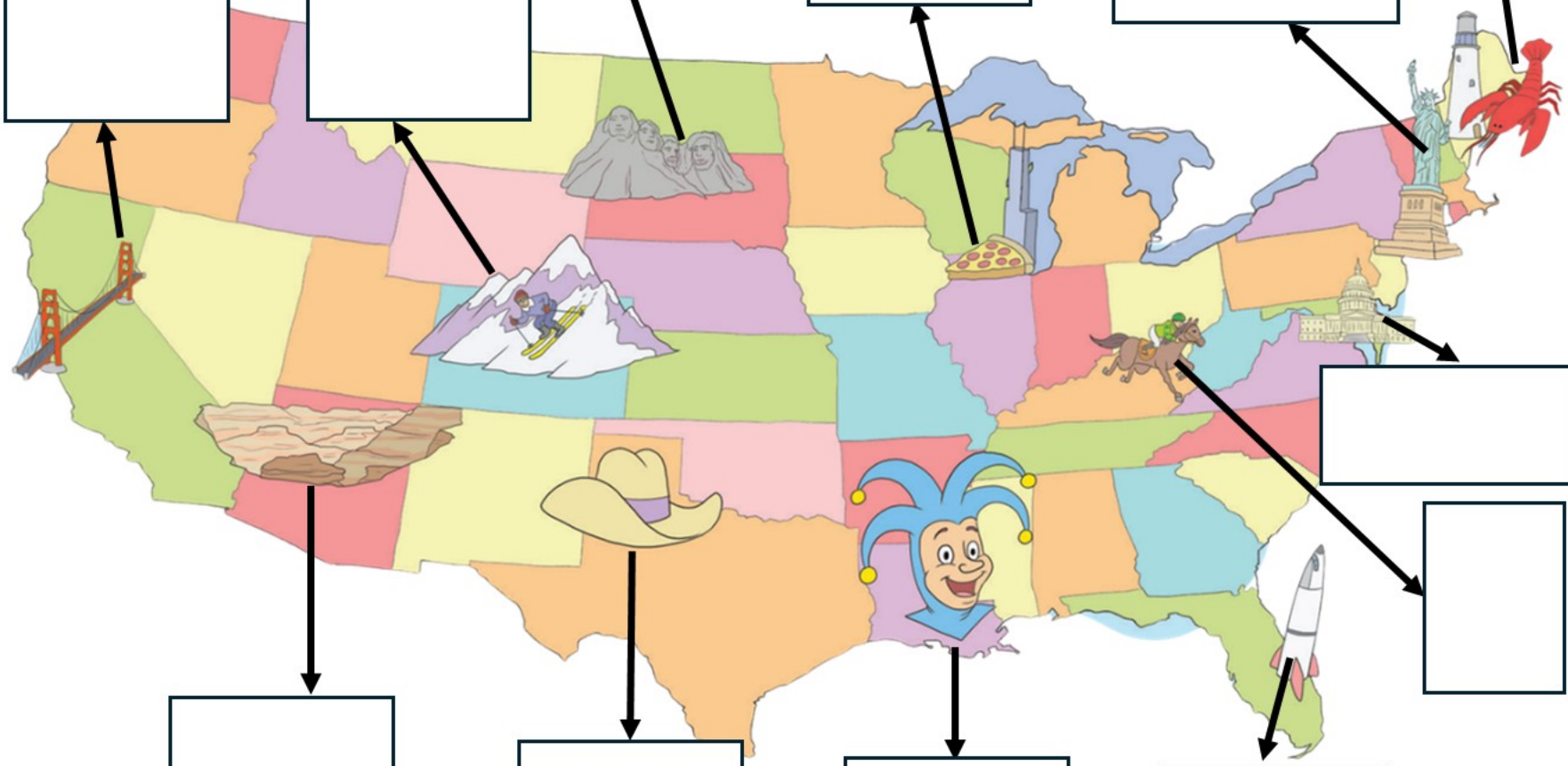
Directions: Match the landmark card to the correct name card.

Mardi Gras	Statue of Liberty	Grand Canyon	Washington D.C.
Lincoln Memorial	Cape Canaveral	Mount Rushmore	Golden Gate Bridge

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Directions: Label each box with the name of each place or landmark Buddy and Taco visited.

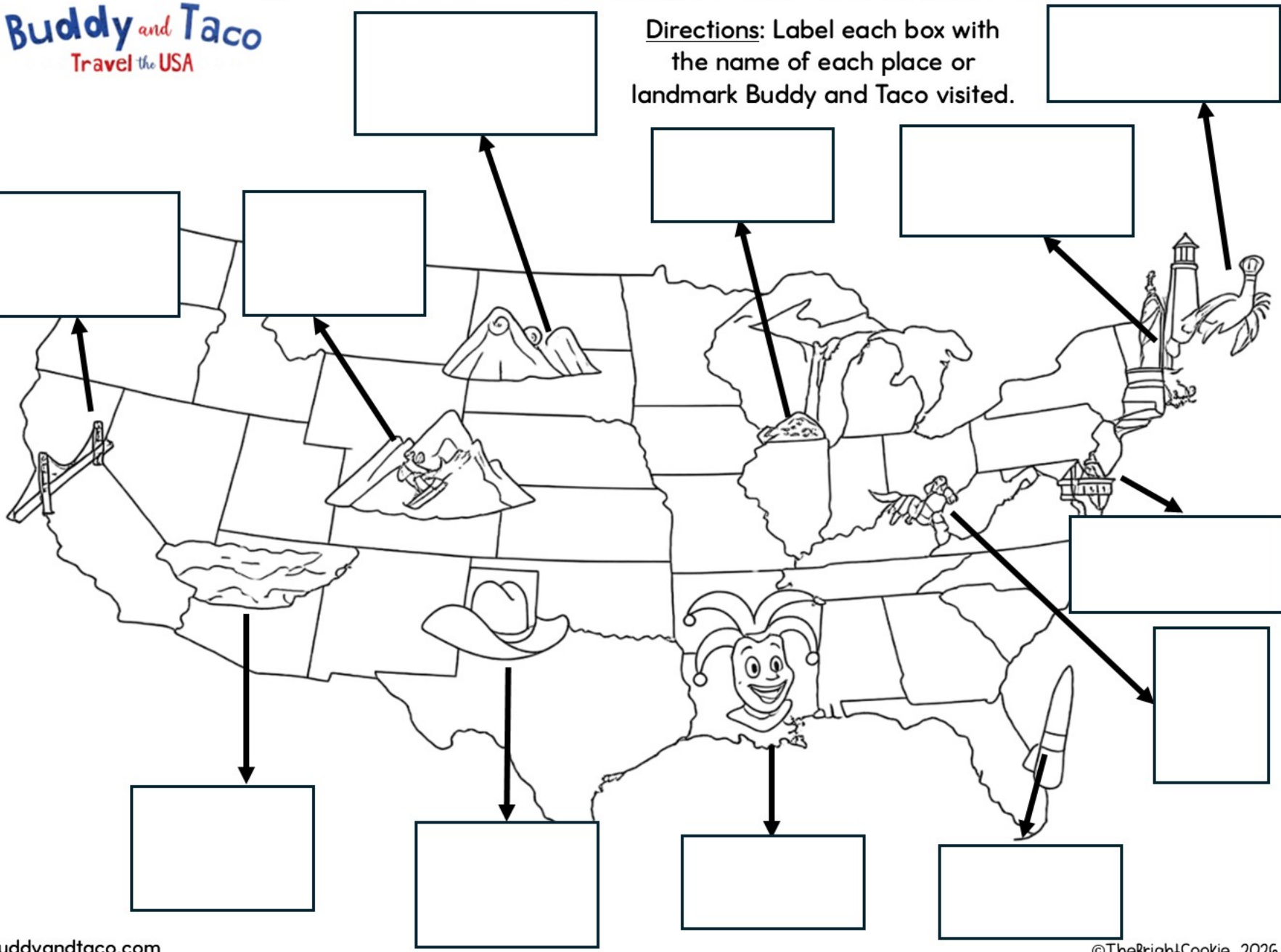


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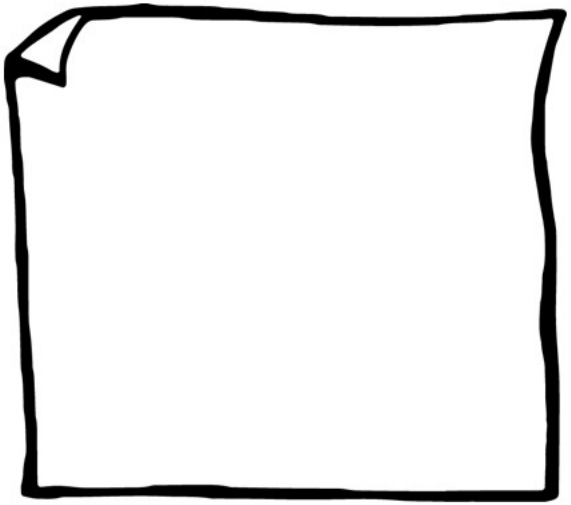
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Favorite Stop

Illustrate your favorite location from the book. Write three facts you learned about it.



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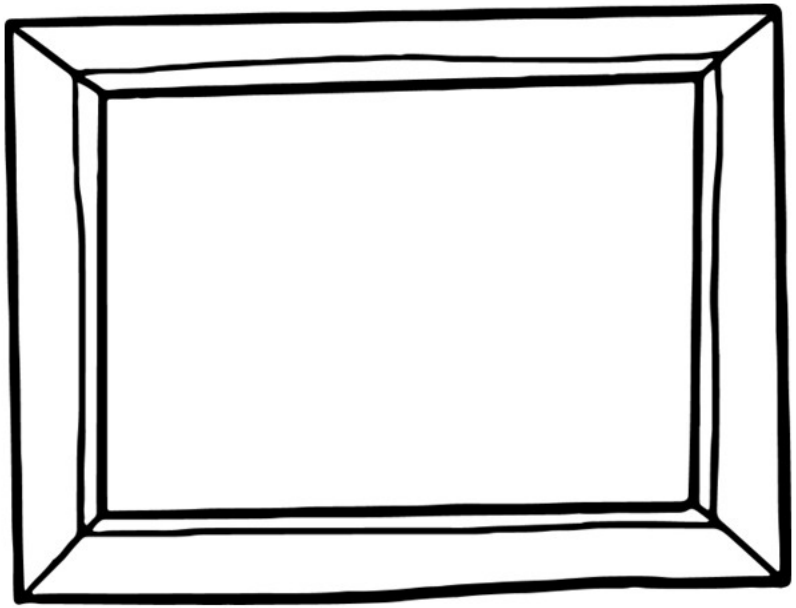
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3.

My Souvenir

Souvenir: A special item you keep or buy to help you remember a place you visited or something fun you did.

If you visited one of the landmarks, what would you bring home? Draw it.



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AMERICAN FLAG CRAFT



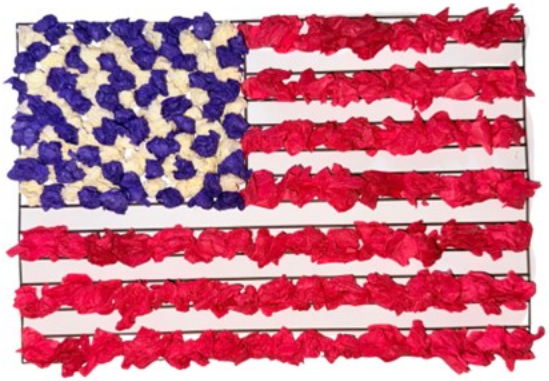
Supplies:

- USA Flag template (provided)
- Tissue Paper- red, white, blue
- Glue
- Cardstock or heavy paper
- Paper plates

Instructions:

- Print out as many flag patterns as you need.
- Cut tissue paper into squares. (about 2in x 2in)
- Crumple each piece into a tight ball. Dip into white glue and place onto the flag pattern.
- Start with the small sections first to make sure they keep their definition. Continue crumpling and gluing down pieces until the entire pattern is filled.

(It might be a good idea to have the squares pre-cut, and some tissue balls ready to give them an idea of what to do.)



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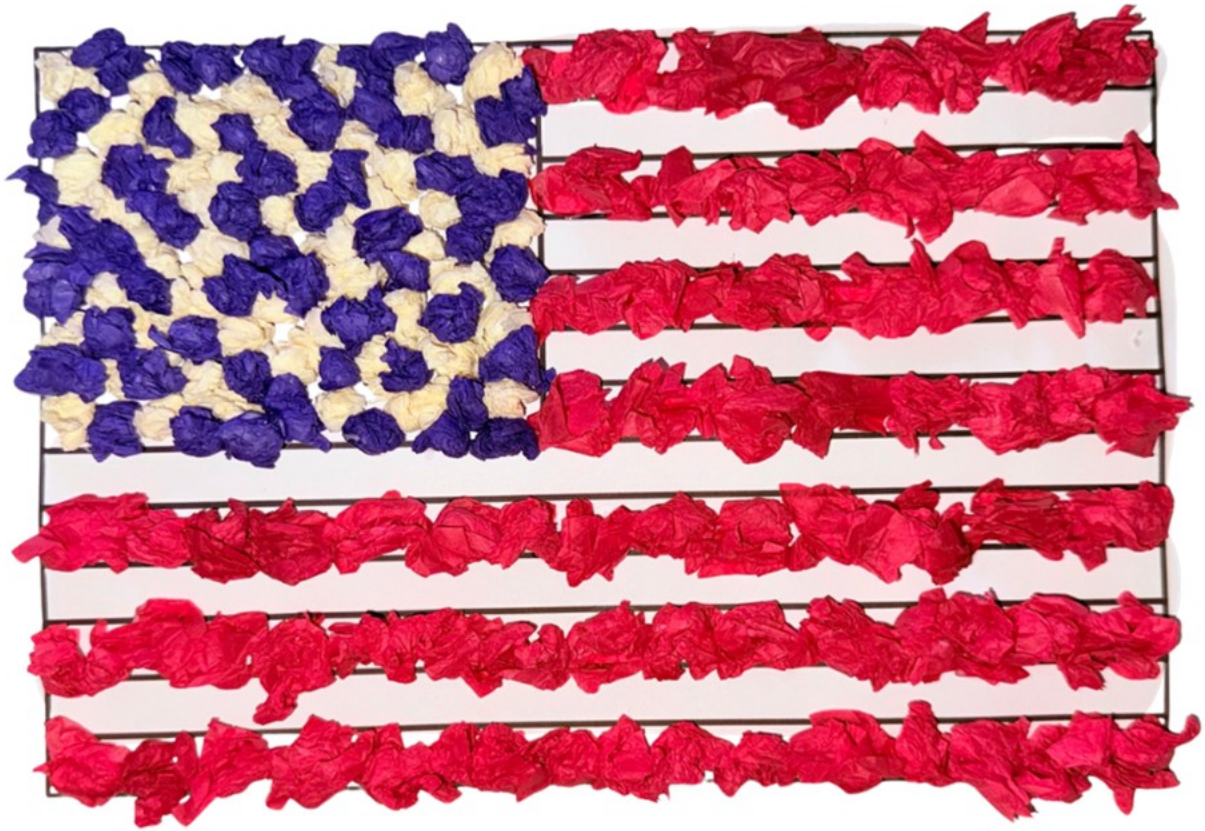
Also, to cut some time off the craft, I didn't have my students to the white stripes on theirs, and it turned out very cute.

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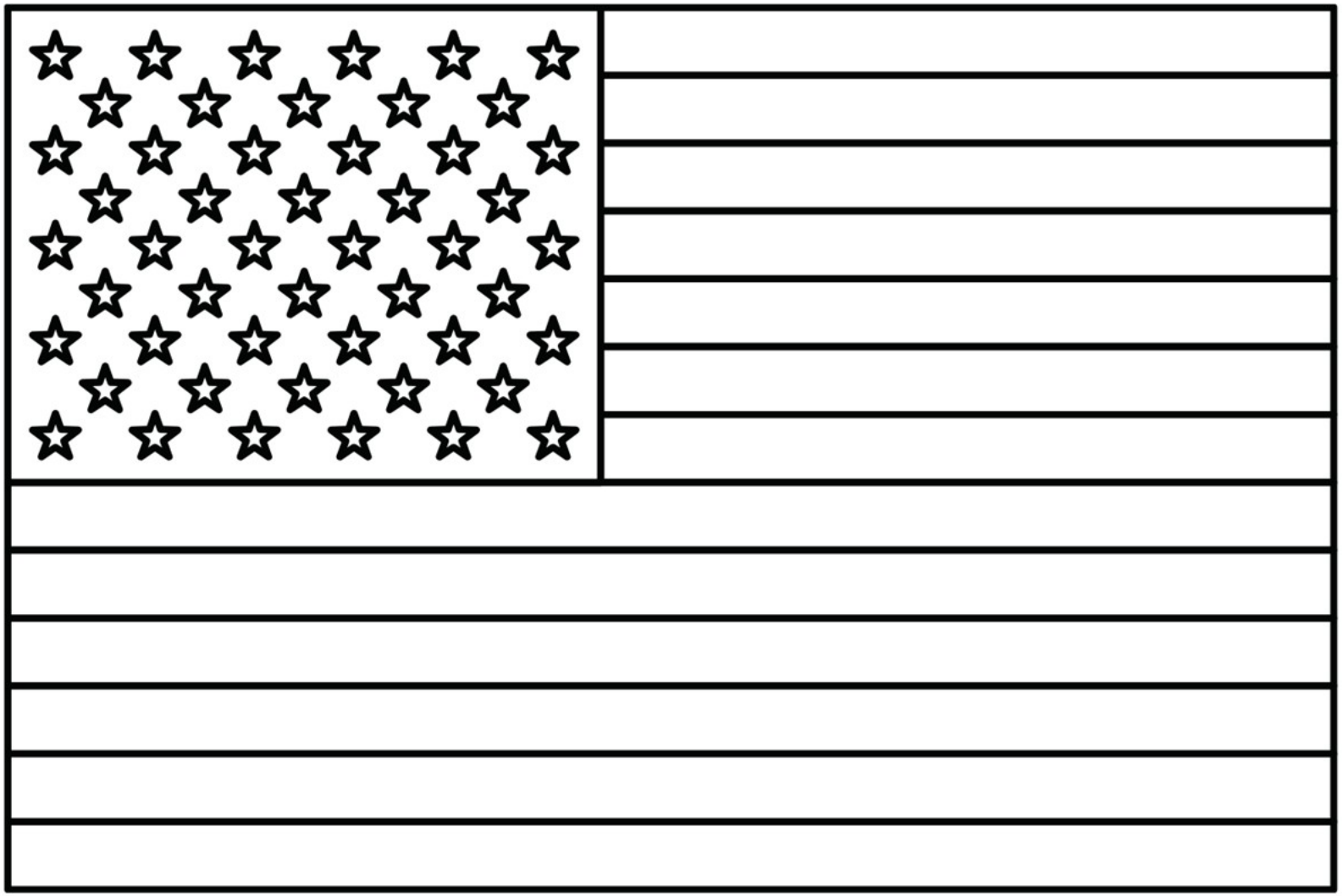
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Final Product Example



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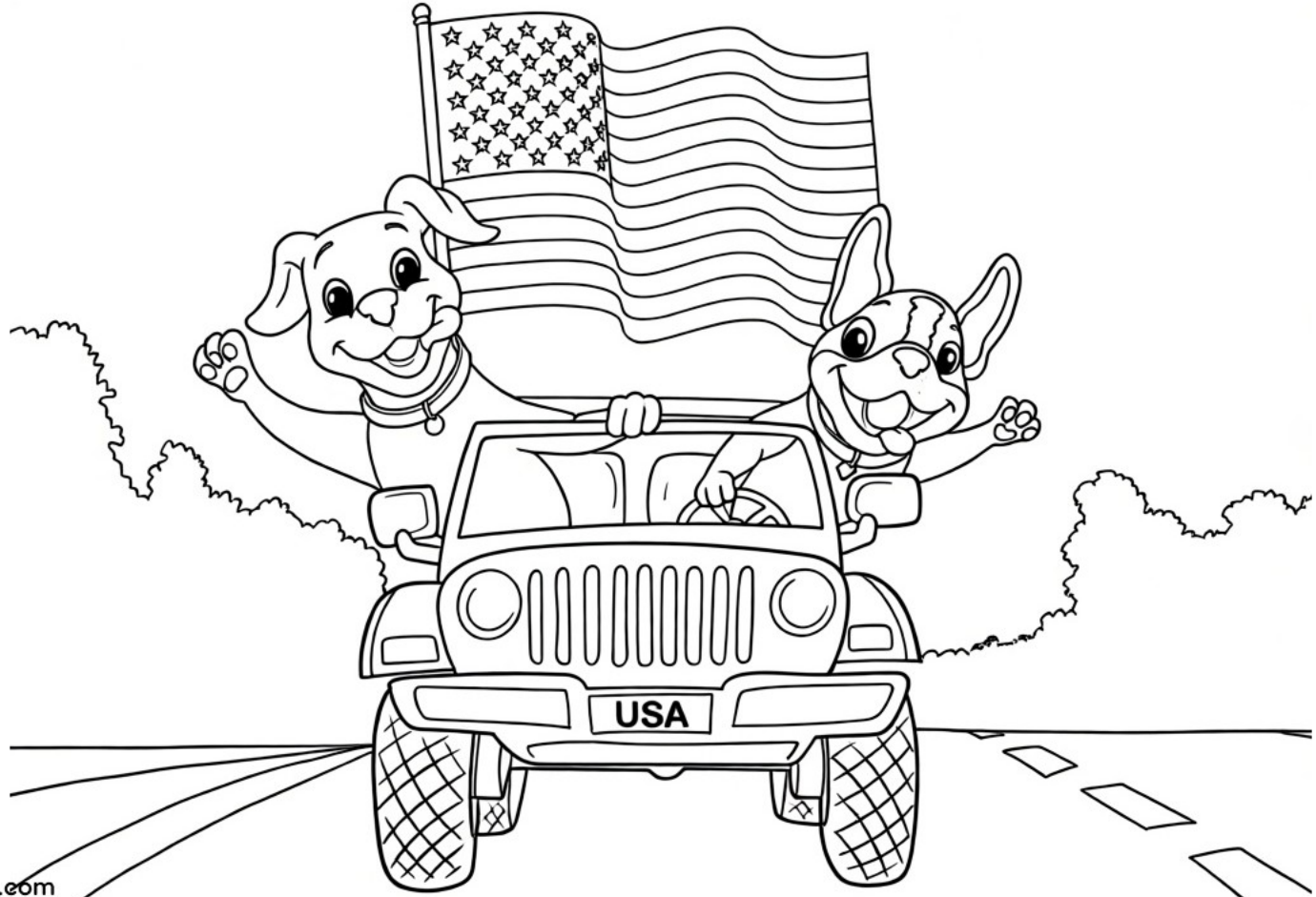


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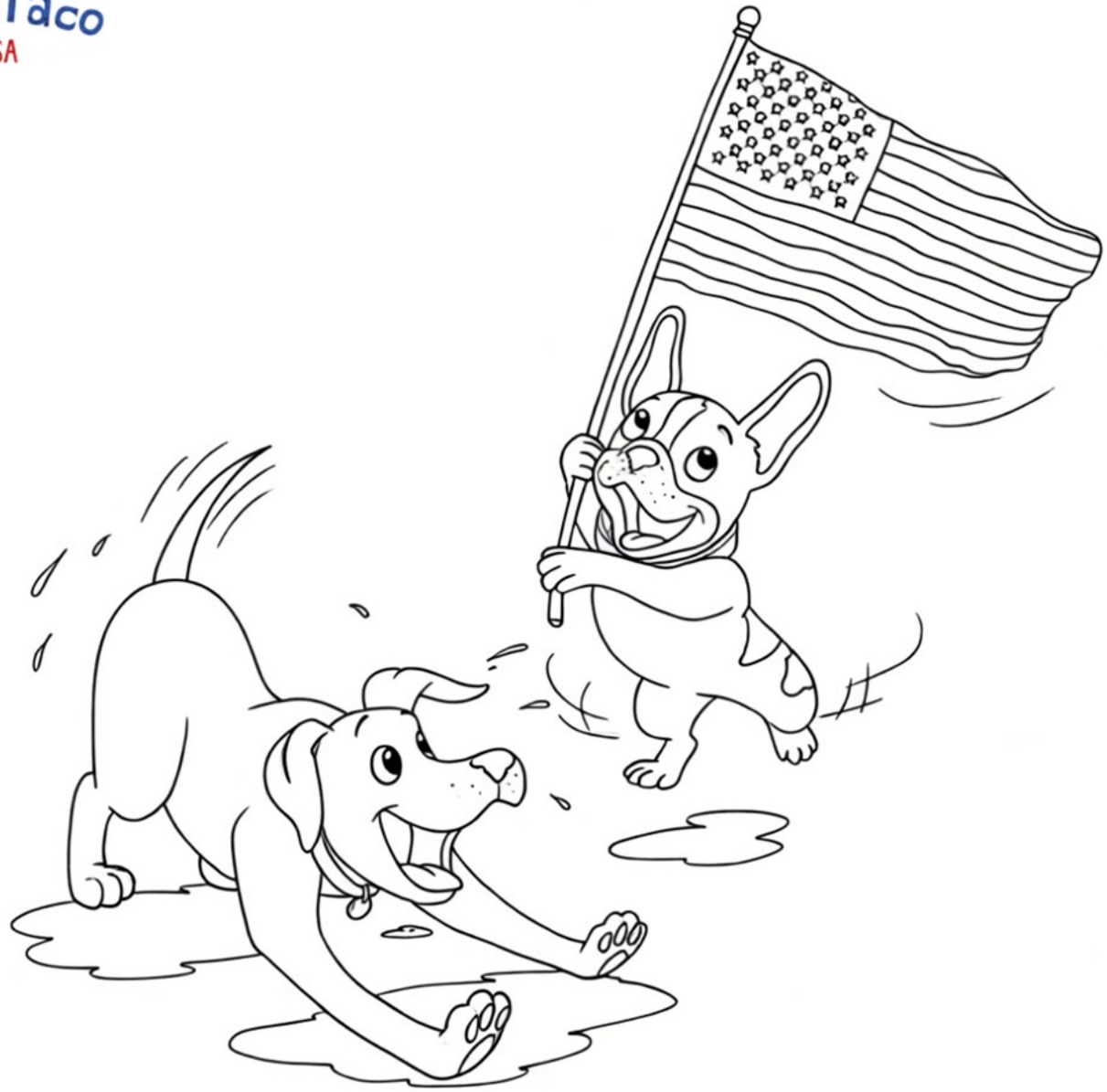
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