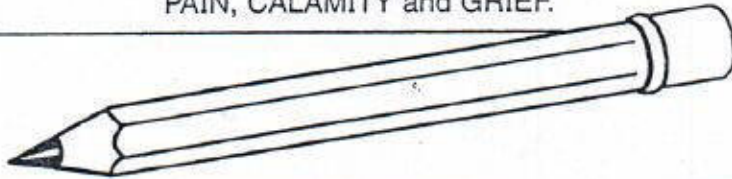


## The Parable of the Fig Tree



Some people thought terrible disasters had happened to others because they were being punished for something.

Find what they blamed other people's misfortunes on.  
Shade in all boxes that contain letters that are in the words  
PAIN, CALAMITY and GRIEF.

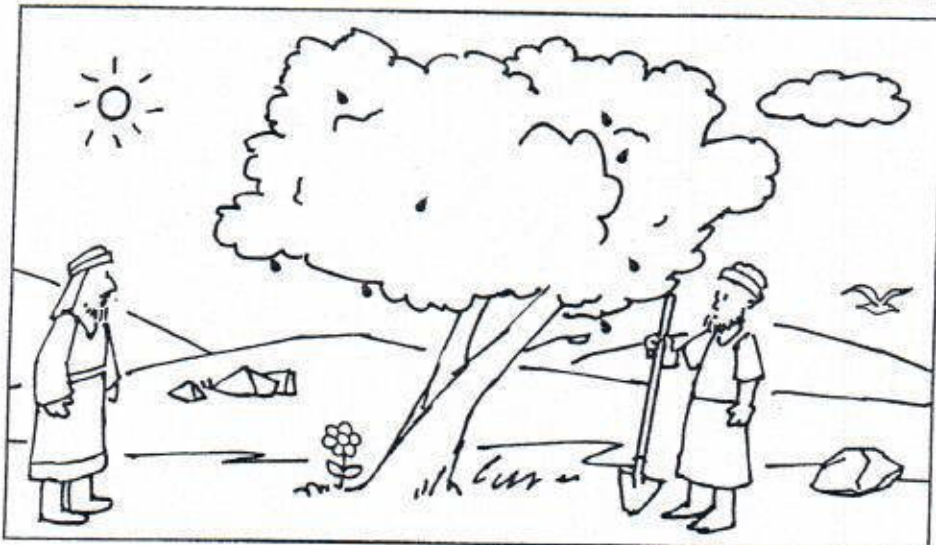
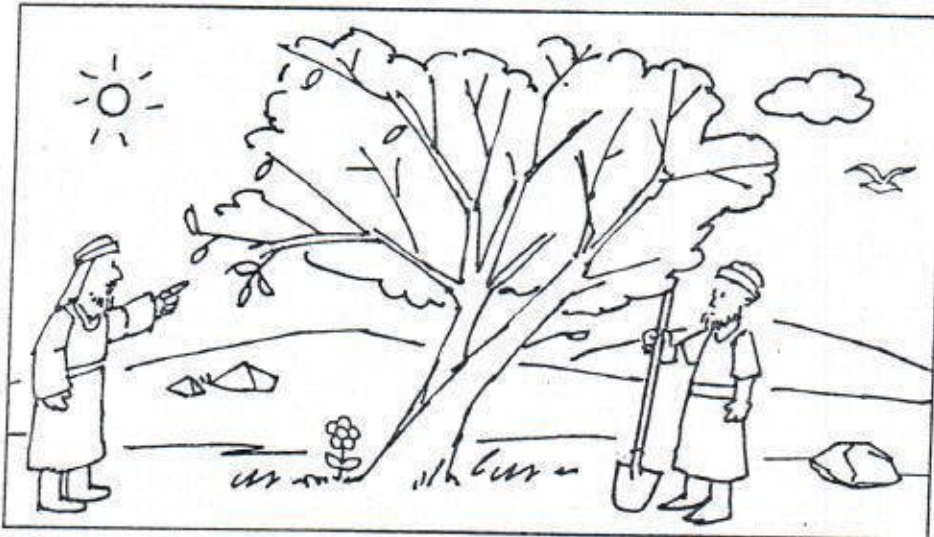


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If the fig tree did not bear fruit  
after being given another chance,  
it was to be cut down.

Find 15 differences in the second picture.



Jesus warned the people that they would suffer similar fates if they did not change their actions and attitudes.

Unscramble the ice cream flavors, then write the circled letters in the blanks to complete Jesus' warning.

1. TUBRET CANEP

\_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

2. LAPEPINPE

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

3. TUNEPA BETUTR

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

4. PANTANOILE

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

5. ANNAAB PLIST

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

6. OHISACTIP

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
A B

Unless you \_\_\_\_\_

1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 6A

you too will all \_\_\_\_\_

1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 6B





Jesus compared sinful people to a fig tree that disappointed its owner by never bearing any figs.

Think of words that will complete the rhyme.



A man who owned many farms  
Surveyed the land, crossed his \_\_\_\_\_,  
And spoke to one of the employees  
In charge of tending all his \_\_\_\_\_,  
"For years now – two or even \_\_\_\_\_,  
This tree has disappointed me.  
I've looked for fruit on bough and ground  
And not one fig have ever \_\_\_\_\_.  
It's worthless!" And with a frown  
He demanded, "Cut it \_\_\_\_\_.  
We'll use the soil to plant and grow  
Trees that will a profit \_\_\_\_\_.  
I've no more patience with this \_\_\_\_\_.  
It has no benefit to me."

The helper countered, "Wait and \_\_\_\_\_  
One more year. Perhaps the tree  
With extra work and special care  
Will flourish and be no longer \_\_\_\_\_.  
I'll nourish, tend, trim and dig.  
Next year I'm sure you'll find a \_\_\_\_\_."



Orthodoxy has not really taken seriously its responsibility to evangelize Americans of African origin. They have in time been separated from the Body and Bride of Christ by varying circumstances, including the Moslem incursion into northern Africa and in this nation have been assimilated by Protestantism because of their association with it in past slave-owning times. However the fundamental Christian origins and beginnings of African blacks is in the Orthodox Church.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us review reasons why our approach and neglect should change.



# Montgomery Bus Boycott

1. One day Rosa Parks got on a bus. She was very tired. She sat down.



- 2.



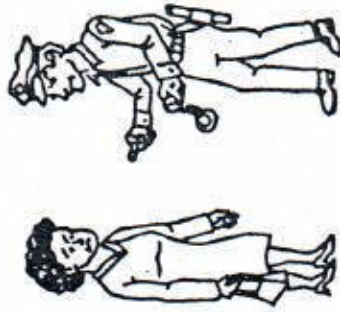
3.



4.



5. The police came. They arrested Rosa.



6. Black people were angry.





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DON'T RIDE THEIR  
BUSES. WE CAN WALK  
TO WORK.



8.

GOOD IDEA! THE BUS  
COMPANY NEEDS OUR MONEY.  
THEY WILL HAVE TO CHANGE  
THE LAWS IF THEY WANT  
US TO RIDE THEIR BUSES.



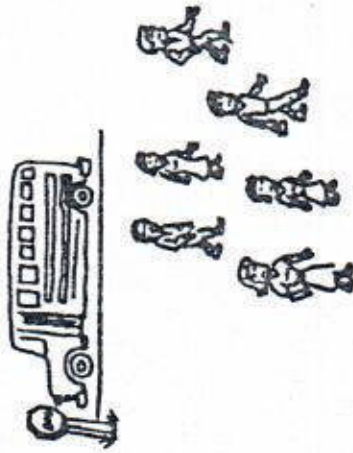
9. So black people stopped riding the buses.  
They walked to work.



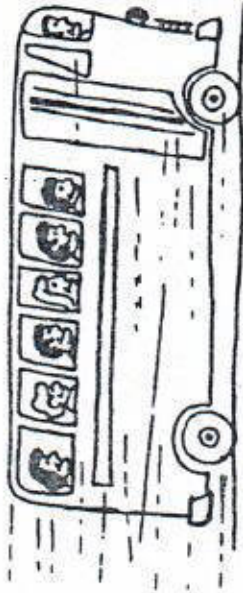
10. "That's not fair!" said the bus owners. The  
police arrested Martin Luther King and  
put him in jail.



11. The black people would not ride the buses.



12. After one year, the law changed. Black and white people could sit in any seat on the bus. It was a great day for all people.



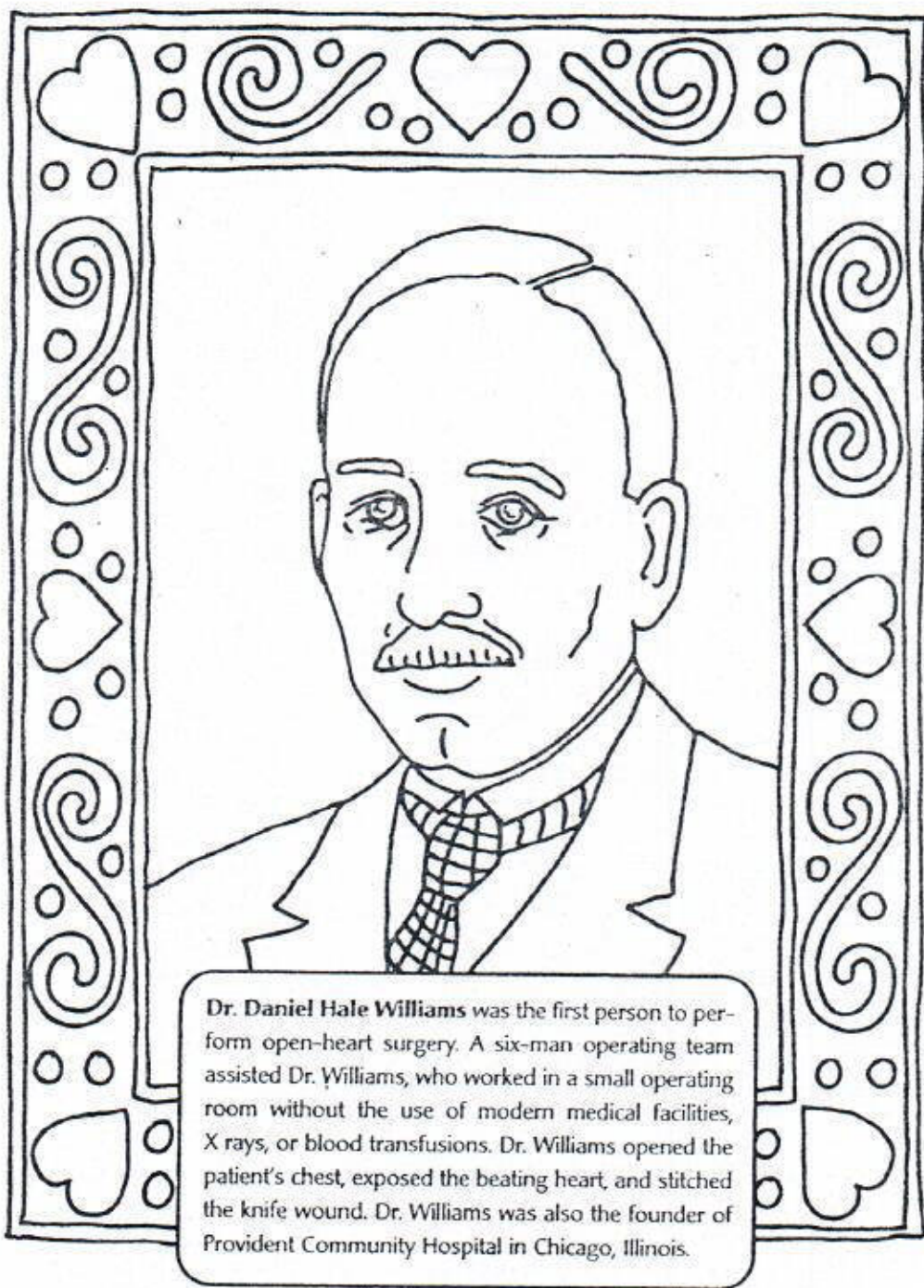


- I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

bus	arrest	walk
tired	angry	work
black	good idea	fair
white	bus company	owners
person	change	jail
right here	law	lose/lost
police	stop	seat
call	ride/rode	

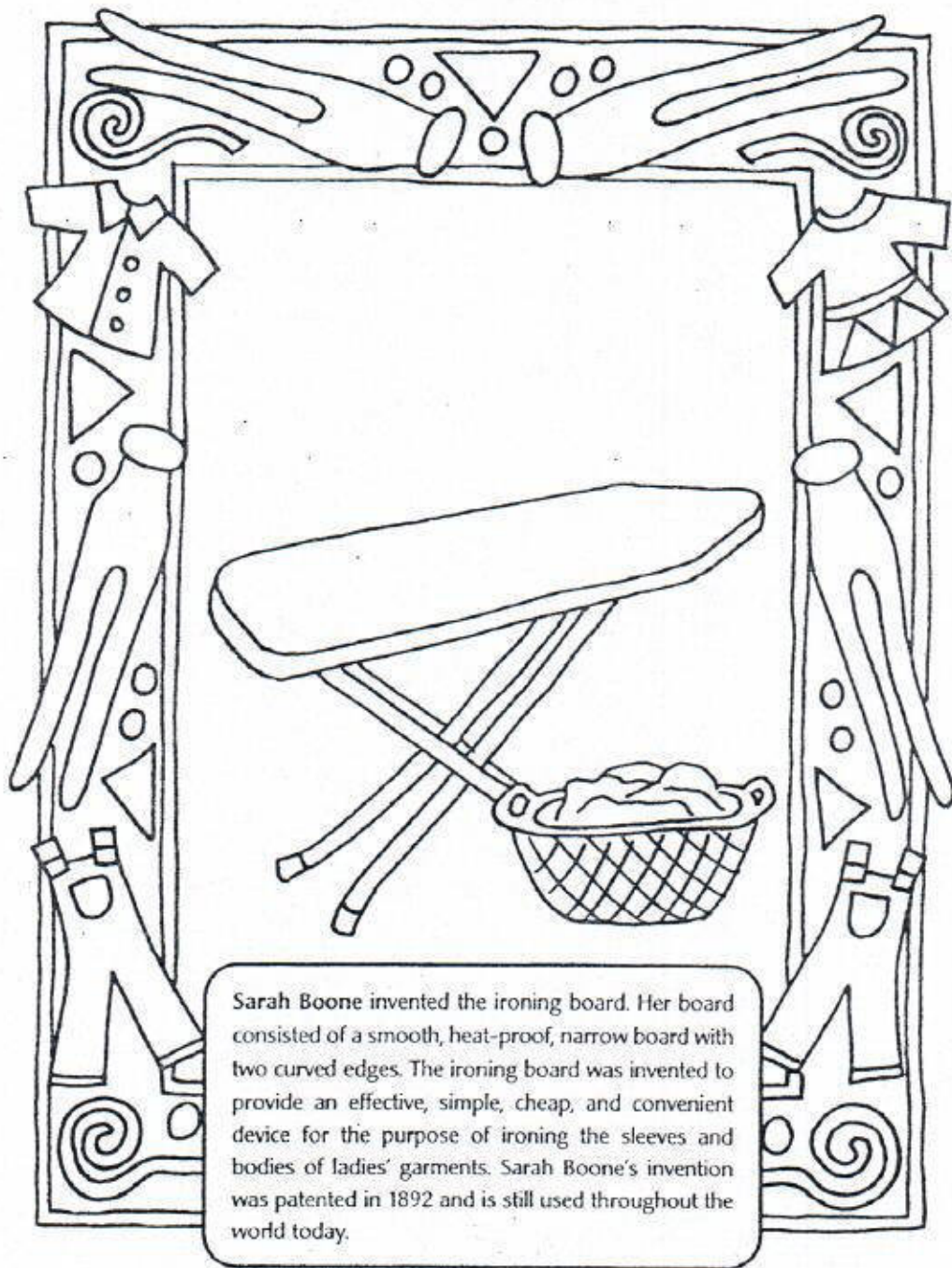
- II. Choose the best answer.

1. Rosa Parks was \_\_\_\_\_. (black, white)
2. She sat in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bus. (front, back)
3. The bus driver called \_\_\_\_\_. (Martin Luther King, the police)
4. Martin Luther King said, "We can \_\_\_\_\_ to work." (ride the bus, walk)
5. The police put Martin Luther King \_\_\_\_\_. (in jail, in the front of the bus)
6. The bus companies lost a lot of \_\_\_\_\_. (buses, money)
7. After one \_\_\_\_\_ the law changed and now people can sit in any seat on a bus. (month, year)



**Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** was the first person to perform open-heart surgery. A six-man operating team assisted Dr. Williams, who worked in a small operating room without the use of modern medical facilities, X rays, or blood transfusions. Dr. Williams opened the patient's chest, exposed the beating heart, and stitched the knife wound. Dr. Williams was also the founder of Provident Community Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

## Sarah Boone

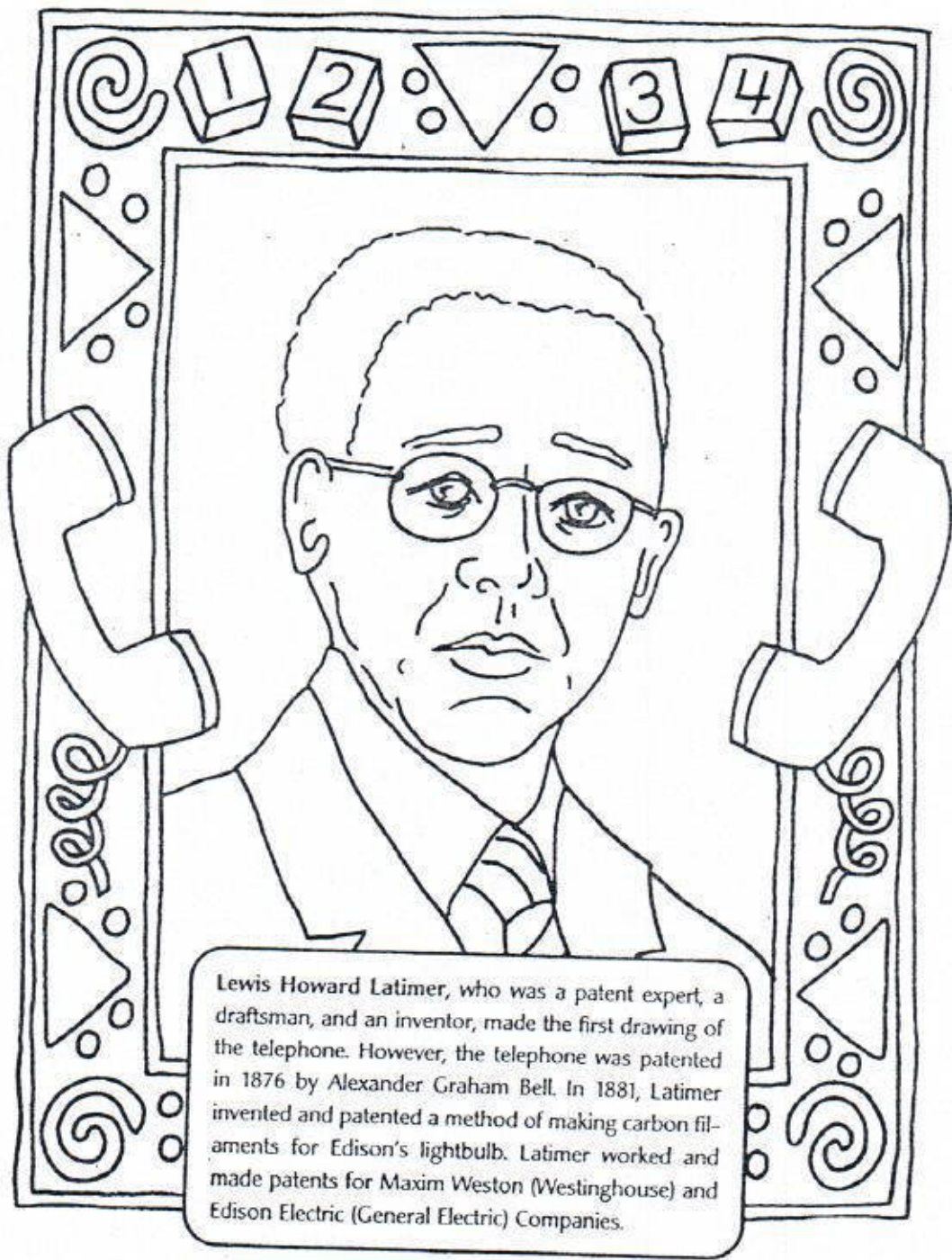


Sarah Boone invented the ironing board. Her board consisted of a smooth, heat-proof, narrow board with two curved edges. The ironing board was invented to provide an effective, simple, cheap, and convenient device for the purpose of ironing the sleeves and bodies of ladies' garments. Sarah Boone's invention was patented in 1892 and is still used throughout the world today.



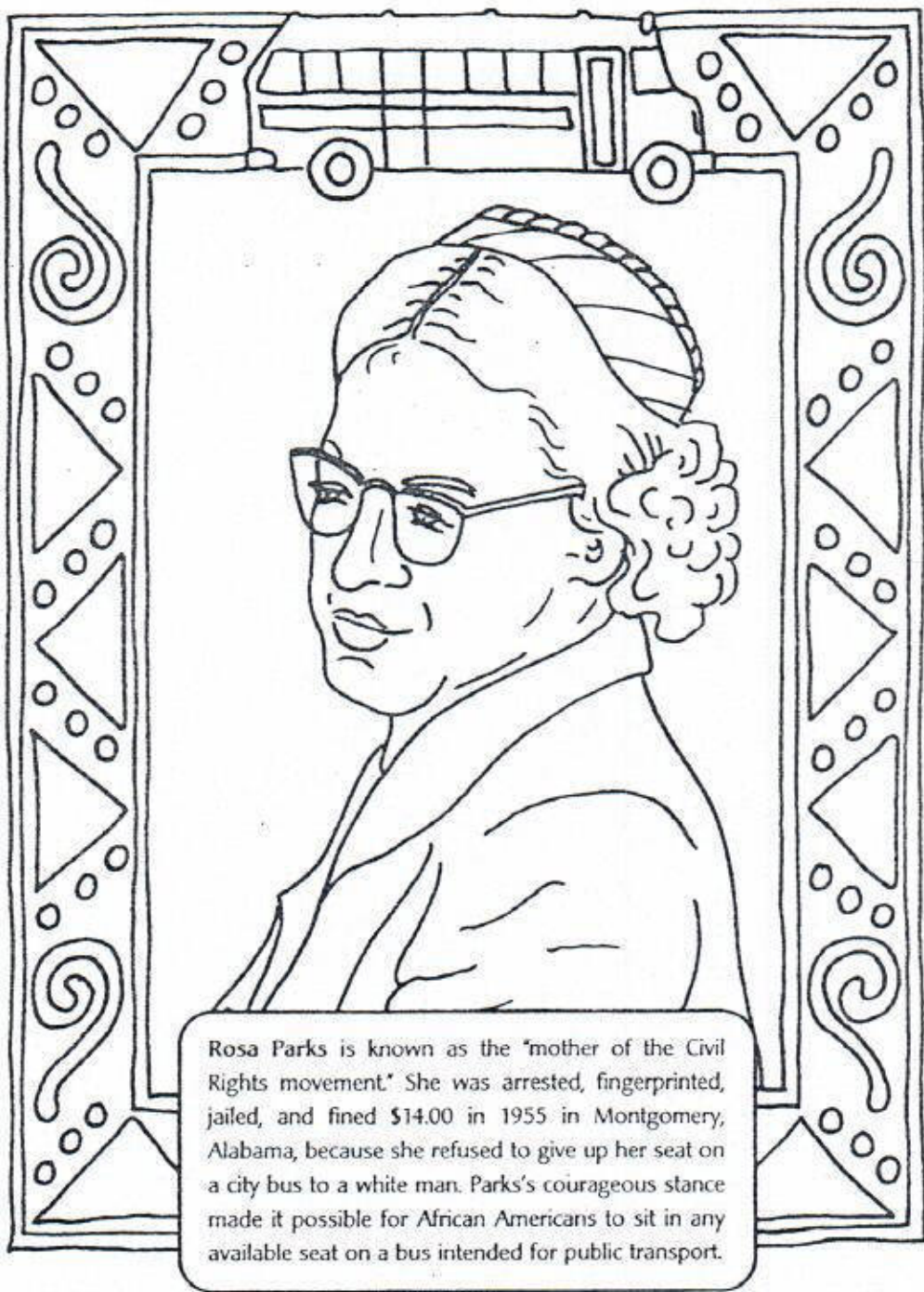


Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966. Kwanzaa is a festival celebrated by African Americans, but it is gradually gaining acknowledgment and importance in other parts of the world. The word Kwanzaa means "first fruits" (referring to first fruits of the harvest). It is through this celebration that traditional African principles are taught or reinforced. The ultimate aim of Kwanzaa is to strengthen family values.



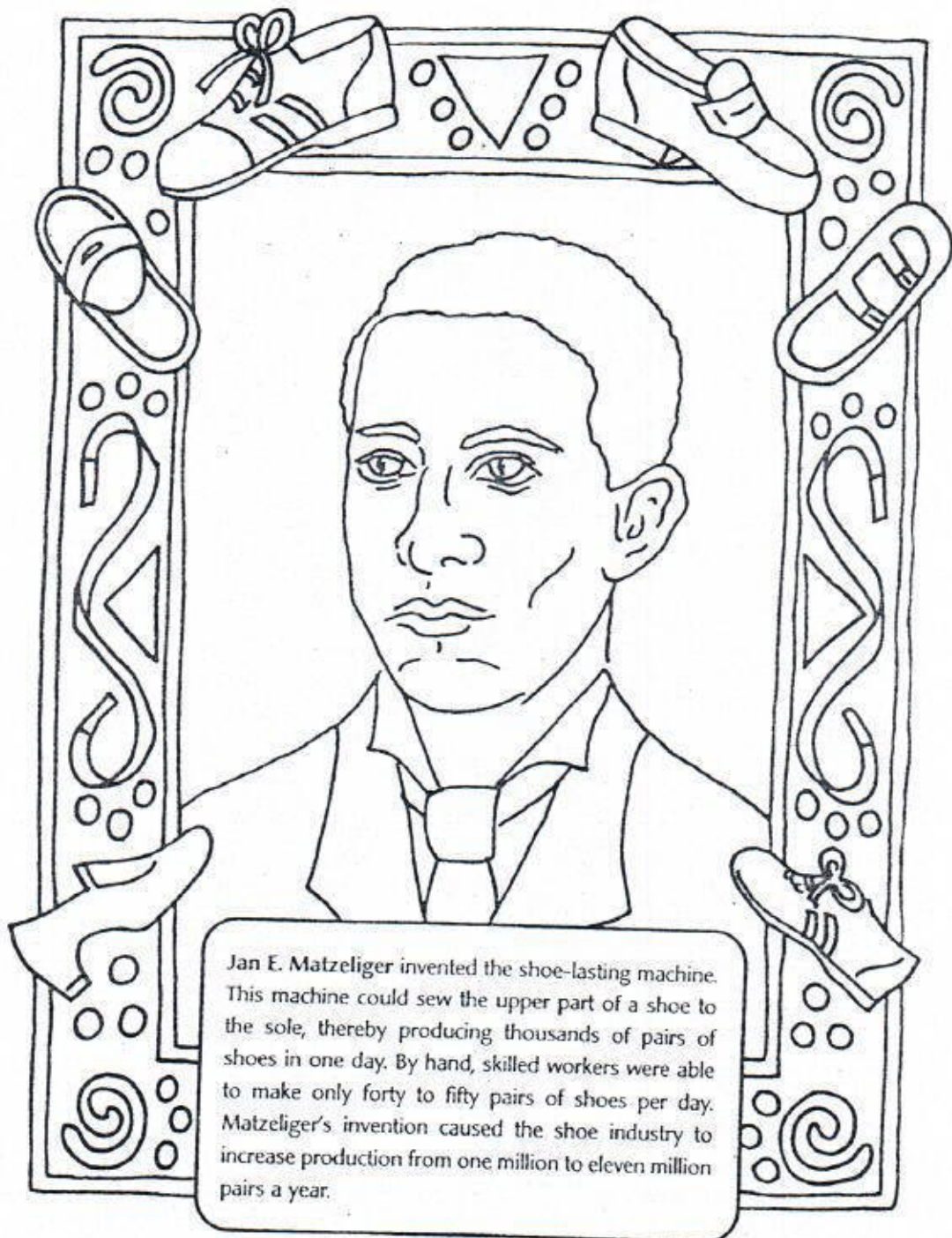
Lewis Howard Latimer, who was a patent expert, a draftsman, and an inventor, made the first drawing of the telephone. However, the telephone was patented in 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell. In 1881, Latimer invented and patented a method of making carbon filaments for Edison's lightbulb. Latimer worked and made patents for Maxim Weston (Westinghouse) and Edison Electric (General Electric) Companies.



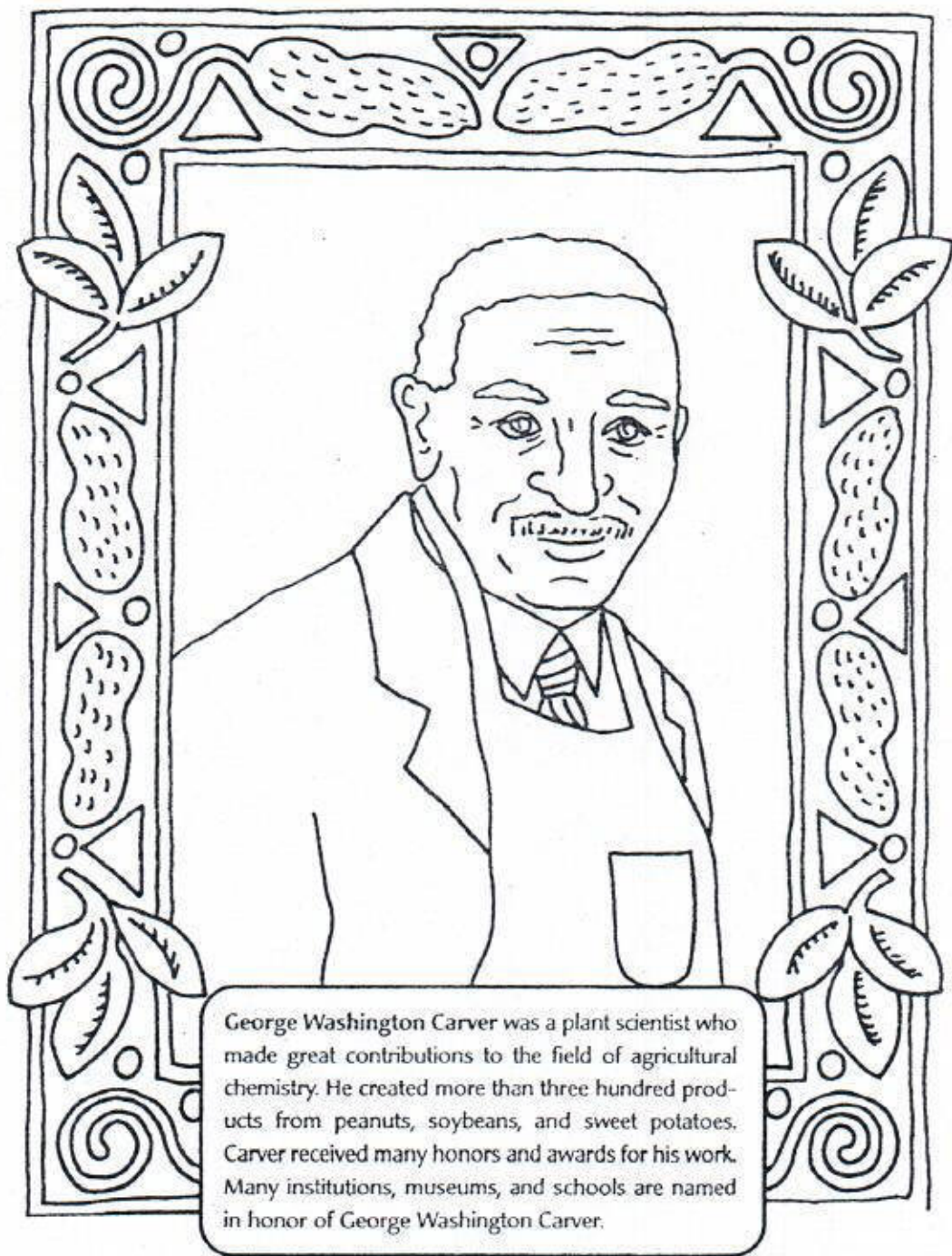


Rosa Parks is known as the "mother of the Civil Rights movement." She was arrested, fingerprinted, jailed, and fined \$14.00 in 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, because she refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man. Parks's courageous stance made it possible for African Americans to sit in any available seat on a bus intended for public transport.





Jan E. Matzeliger invented the shoe-lasting machine. This machine could sew the upper part of a shoe to the sole, thereby producing thousands of pairs of shoes in one day. By hand, skilled workers were able to make only forty to fifty pairs of shoes per day. Matzeliger's invention caused the shoe industry to increase production from one million to eleven million pairs a year.



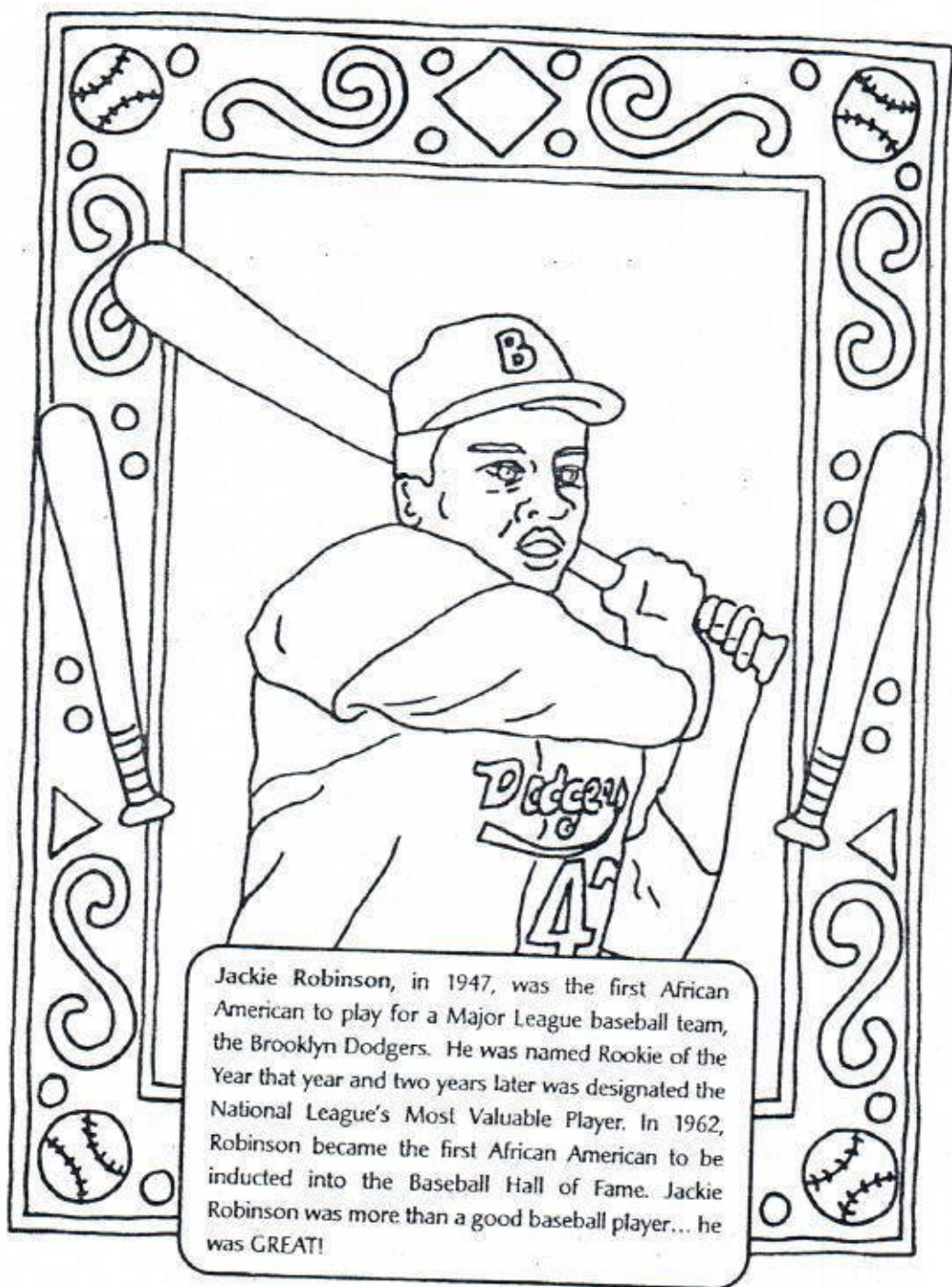
George Washington Carver was a plant scientist who made great contributions to the field of agricultural chemistry. He created more than three hundred products from peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes. Carver received many honors and awards for his work. Many institutions, museums, and schools are named in honor of George Washington Carver.





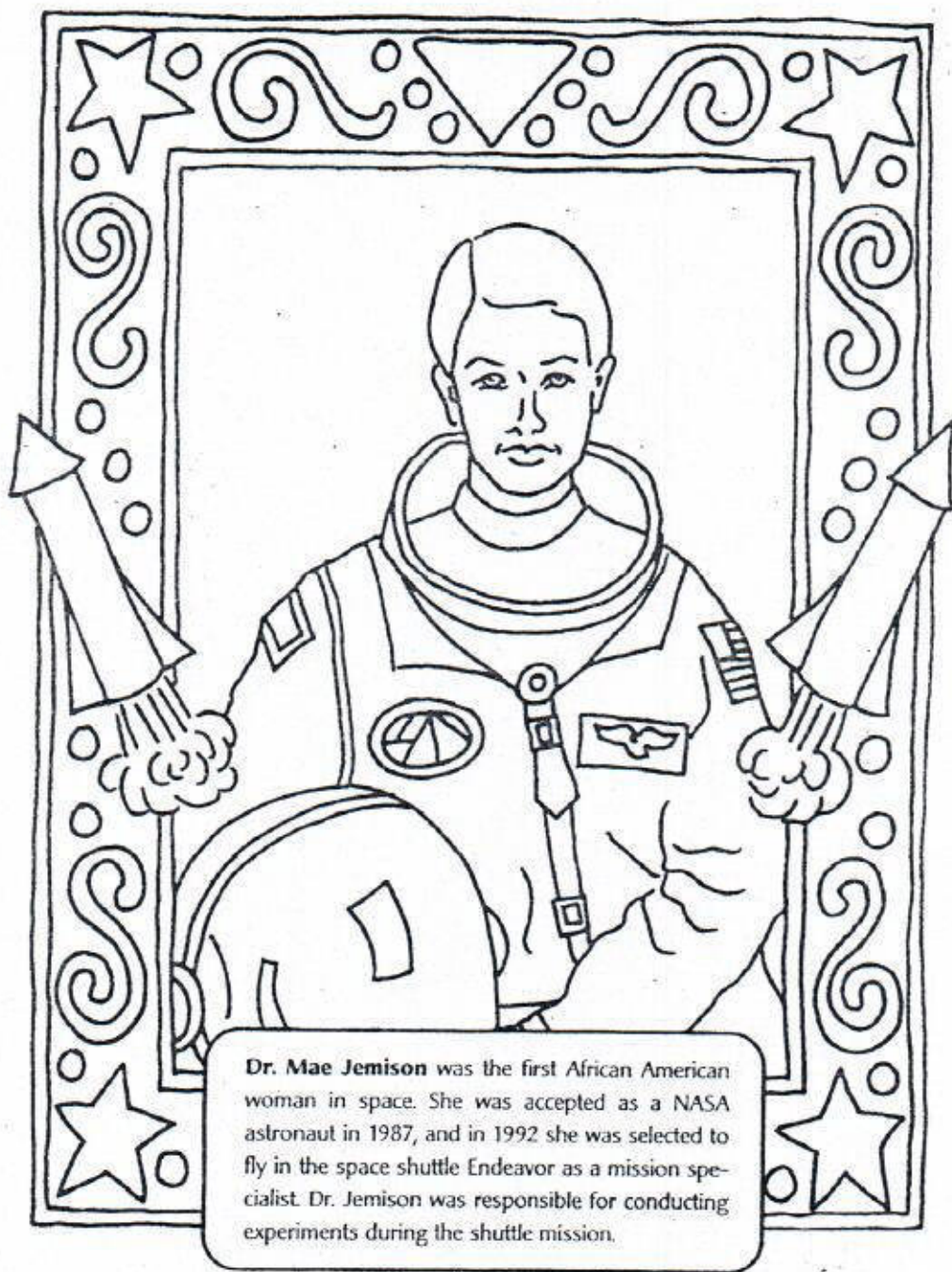
**Angella Ferguson**





Jackie Robinson, in 1947, was the first African American to play for a Major League baseball team, the Brooklyn Dodgers. He was named Rookie of the Year that year and two years later was designated the National League's Most Valuable Player. In 1962, Robinson became the first African American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Jackie Robinson was more than a good baseball player... he was GREAT!

## Dr. Mae Jemison

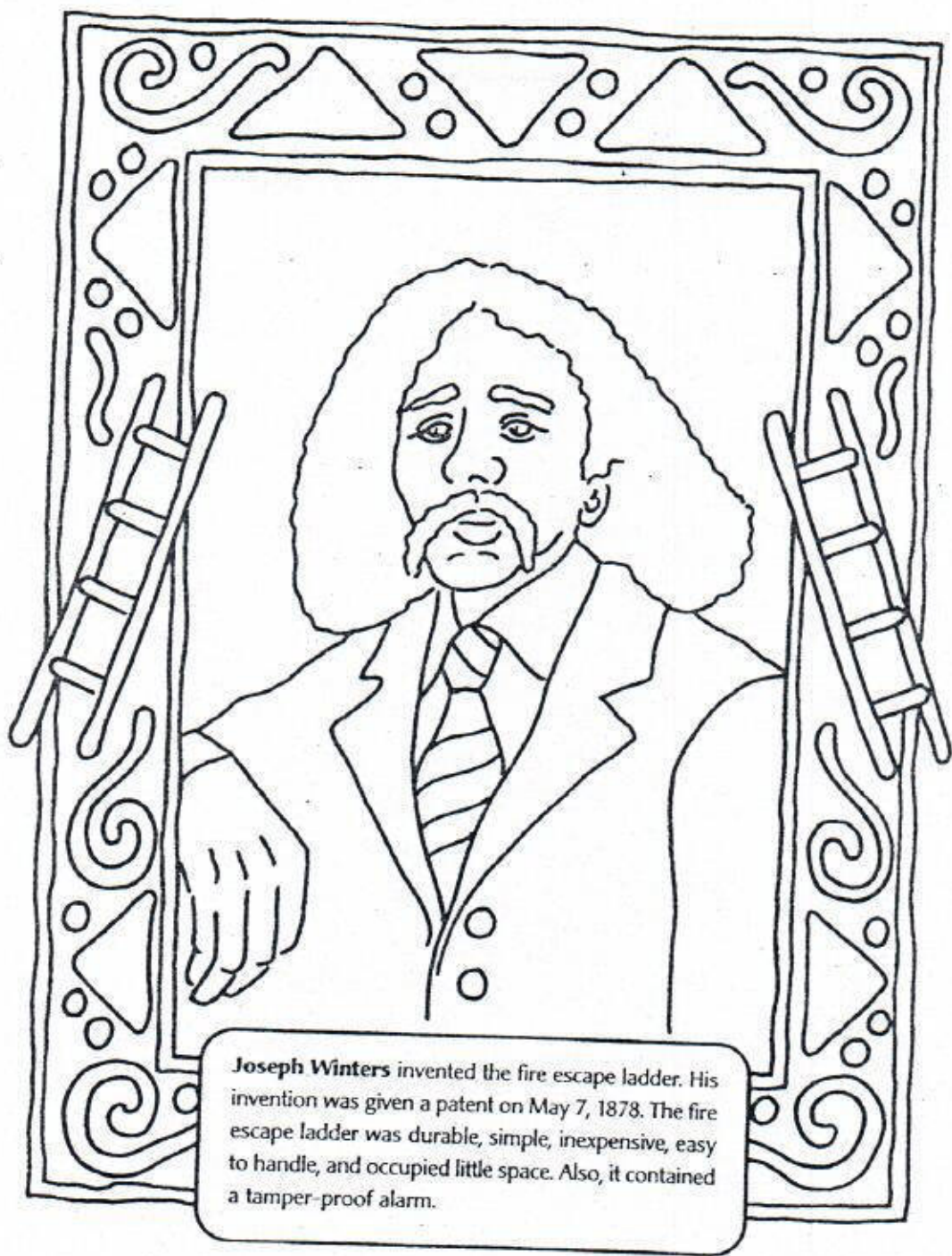






**Garrett Morgan.** One of Morgan's inventions was the automatic stop sign, better known as the traffic light. He later invented the traffic light to control the flow of traffic at an intersection. Morgan also invented the gas mask (breathing mask) used by firefighters in the early 1900s. Today, Morgan's inventions are still helping to save lives all over the world.





**Joseph Winters** invented the fire escape ladder. His invention was given a patent on May 7, 1878. The fire escape ladder was durable, simple, inexpensive, easy to handle, and occupied little space. Also, it contained a tamper-proof alarm.



**Sarah Breedlove Walker**, known as "Madame C. J. Walker," invented a hair softener and straightening comb. In doing so, Walker became the first African American woman to become a millionaire.