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Union County History
Word Search

Find and circle these names and words from Union County history.

LITTELL-LORD	TRANSISTOR	BLUME	SCOTT
LOCOMOTIVE	LASER	HURSTON	WASHINGTON
TESLA	TELESCOPE	WEST	NEWCOMBE
BOLAND	HALSEY	MITCHELL	HAMILTON
HUGHES	RIZZUTO	EDISON	

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W I N H D O S Q M M A S I A Q
N E A Y I T T I H A O T R D V
Q M R X O N T L R U A T N D D
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L L A C H A T T V M L H J V D
W B S E L J W B O O A V E K E
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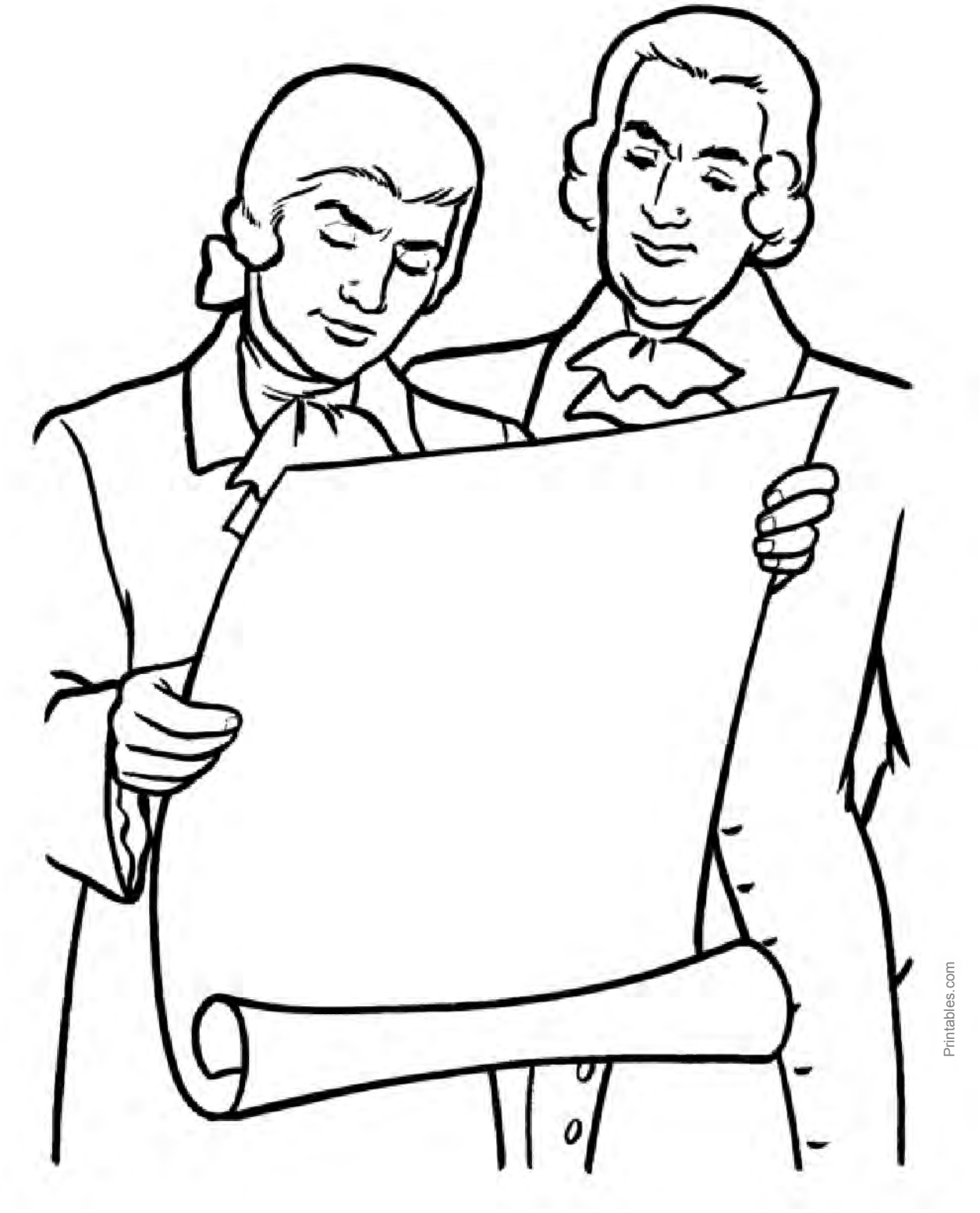


Jonathan Dayton and William Livingston look over the U.S. Constitution after they sign their names to this important historical document.



Reeves-Reed Arboretum

Summit



Oswald J. Nitschke House

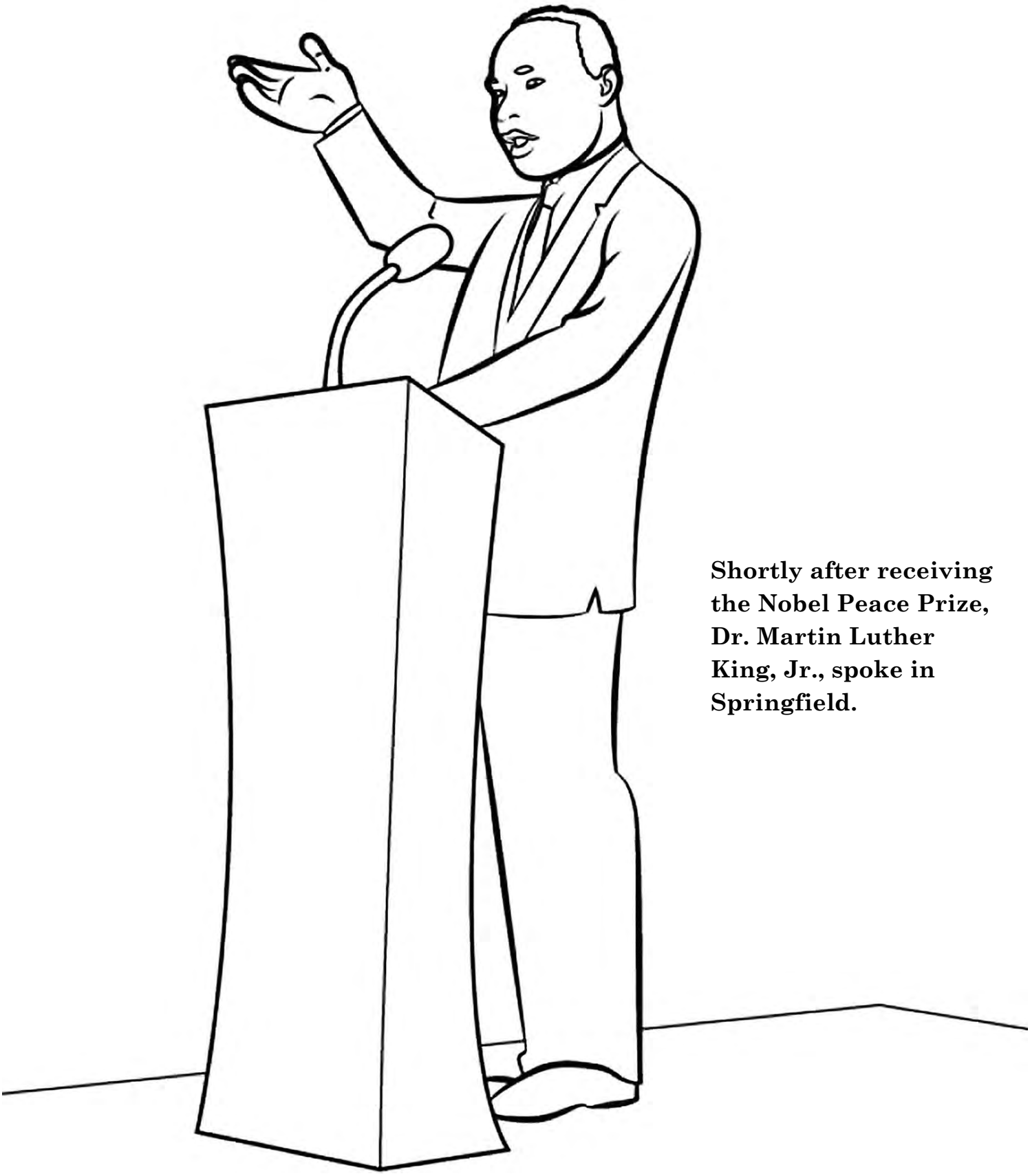
Kenilworth

Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, and Woodrow Wilson would each serve as President of the United States. In 1912, all three men ran for President, and each made campaign stops in Union County. Woodrow Wilson won the election that year.









Shortly after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke in Springfield.

Four Centuries Word Scramble



Unscramble the letters.

1) _____ NALSGTNO HUGSEH

Famous "Harlem Renaissance" author who lived in Westfield in the 1930s

2) _____ RMELY ETPRSE

Actress born in Summit

3) _____ ILOCAN SAELT

Famous inventor whose factory supplied electricity to Rahway

4) _____ WLDCLAEL ESGANORPA

Home to famous Revolutionary War couple

5) _____ CIYPMLO NTCDLOEHA

Plainfield resident Milt Campbell won a Gold medal in this event

6) _____ AMRBAAH KCRLA

One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence

7) _____ RAZO LENEA NTOHSRU

A novelist, short story writer and anthropologist who also lived in Westfield

8) _____ OWOBODX LHLA

Historic home that George Washington visited before his 1st inauguration, located in Elizabeth

9) _____ RCOLA ELJBOIKSWAZ

First recipient of the Wade Trophy, awarded to the best women's collegiate basketball player

10) _____ NTHWUCGA IAVRSOTENER

Union County's nature preserve

11) _____ KPCHYIS

A popular form of healing using plants and herbs, practiced by Dr. William Robinson

12) _____ HLIP IZRTOZU

Baseball Hall of Famer and former Hillside resident

Answers are at the back of this book.



Miller-Cory House
Westfield



Merchants &
Drovers Tavern
Rahway

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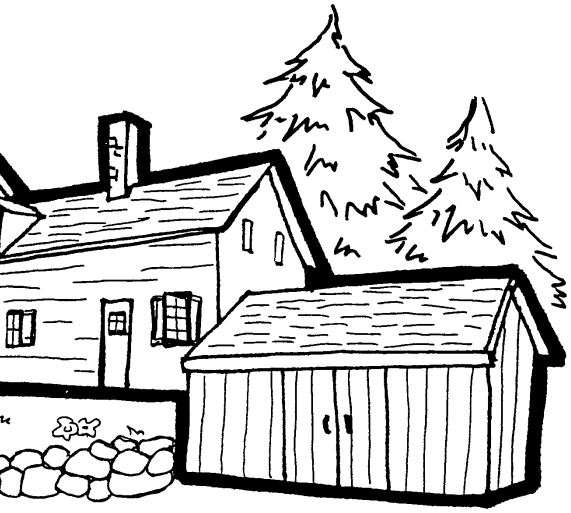
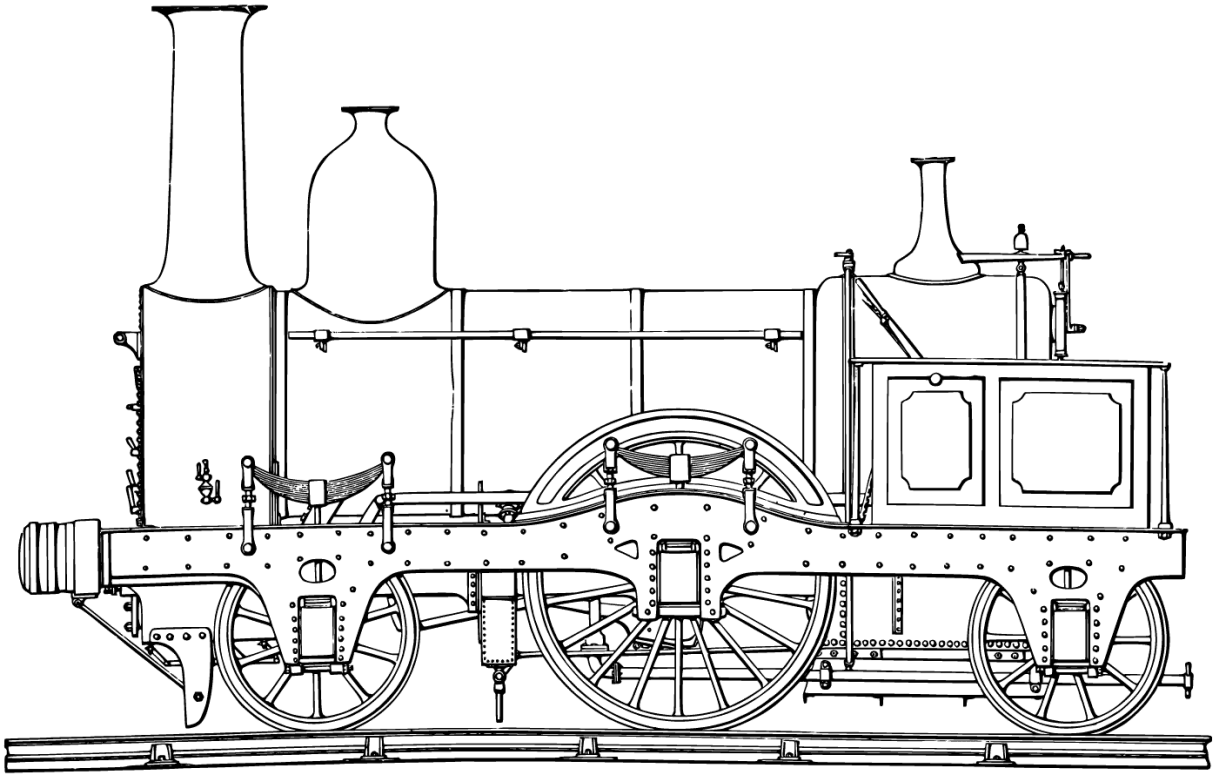


Colonial
children's game





In the 1930s, author Langston Hughes lived in Westfield and wrote his first novel there.



Matthias W. Baldwin, inventor of steam locomotives, was born in Elizabethport in 1795.



Dr. Virginia Apgar developed a test for evaluating the health of newborn babies. She was from Westfield.



Drake House Museum

Plainfield



Zora Neale Hurston, an author during the Harlem Renaissance, lived and wrote in Westfield briefly.



Crane-Phillips House Museum,
Cranford

Word Search Solution

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W I N H D O S Q M M A S I A Q
N E A Y I T T I H A O T R D V
Q M R X O N T L R U A T N D D
I U T N Y C G D I P G A I L H
L L A C H A T T V M L H J V D
W B S E L J W B O O A V E K E
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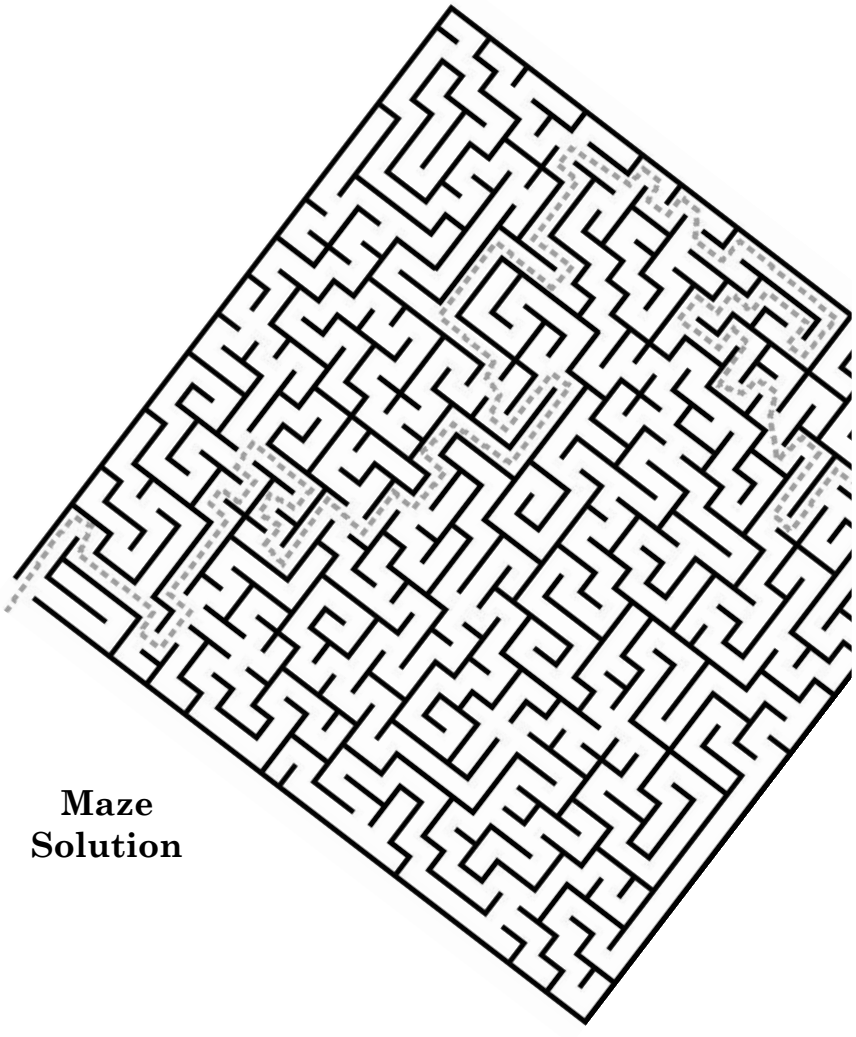
Word Scramble Answers

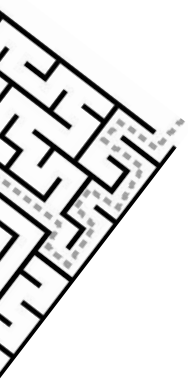
1. Langston Hughes
2. Meryl Streep
3. Nicola Tesla
4. Caldwell Parsonage
5. Olympic Decathlon
6. Abraham Clark
7. Zora Neale Hurston
8. Boxwood Hall
9. Carol Blazejowski
10. Watchung Reservation
11. Physick
12. Phil Rizzuto



Maze Solution



Historic Fanwood Train Station Museum
Fanwood





Boxwood Hall State Historic Site
Elizabeth

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Held annually on the third weekend in October, "Four Centuries in a Weekend" is a county-wide event showcasing historic sites in Union County. More than thirty sites are open to the public, featuring tours, exhibits and special events — all free of charge.

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