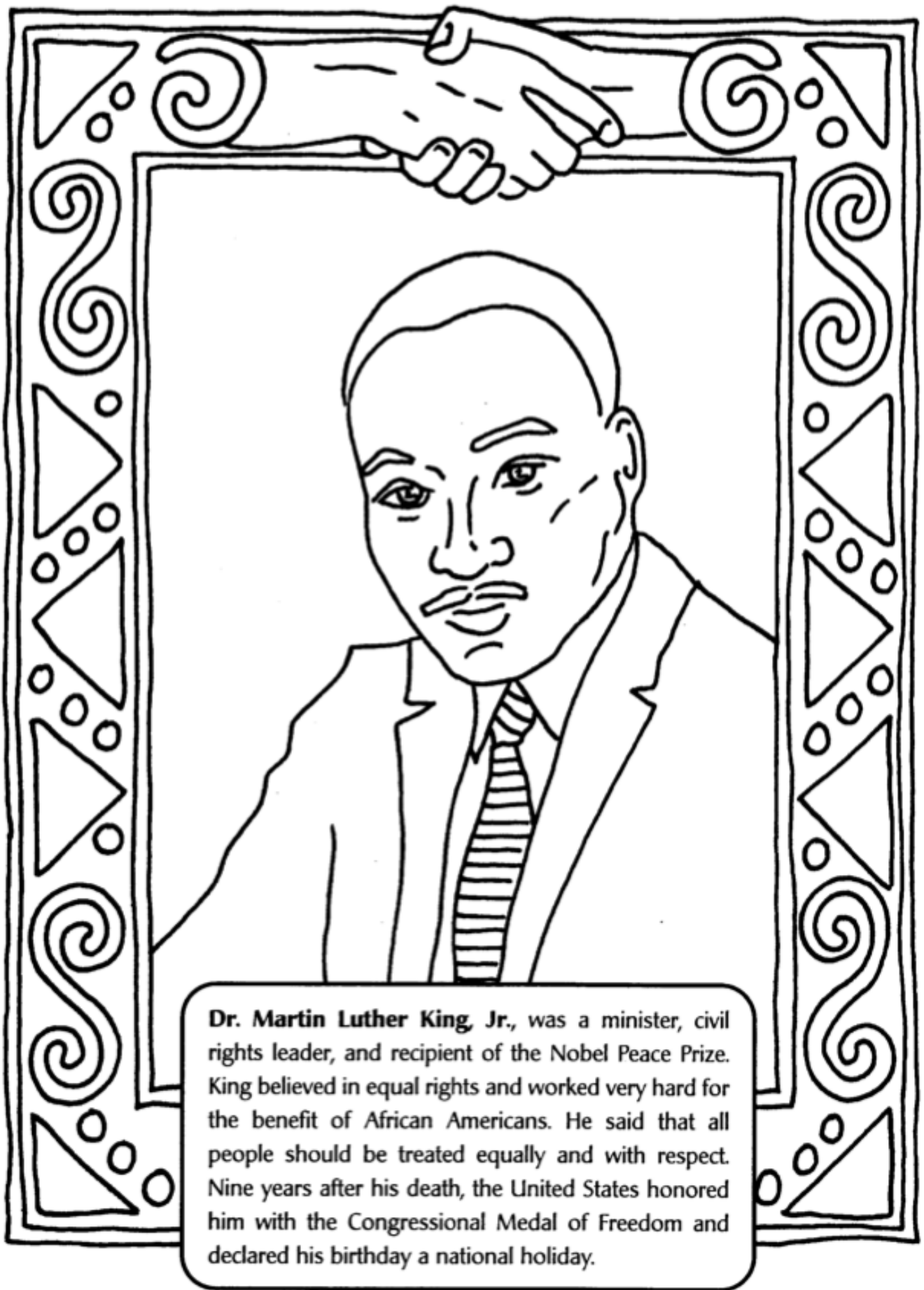


Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African American woman in space. She was accepted as a NASA astronaut in 1987, and in 1992 she was selected to fly in the space shuttle Endeavor as a mission specialist. Dr. Jemison was responsible for conducting experiments during the shuttle mission.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a minister, civil rights leader, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. King believed in equal rights and worked very hard for the benefit of African Americans. He said that all people should be treated equally and with respect. Nine years after his death, the United States honored him with the Congressional Medal of Freedom and declared his birthday a national holiday.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

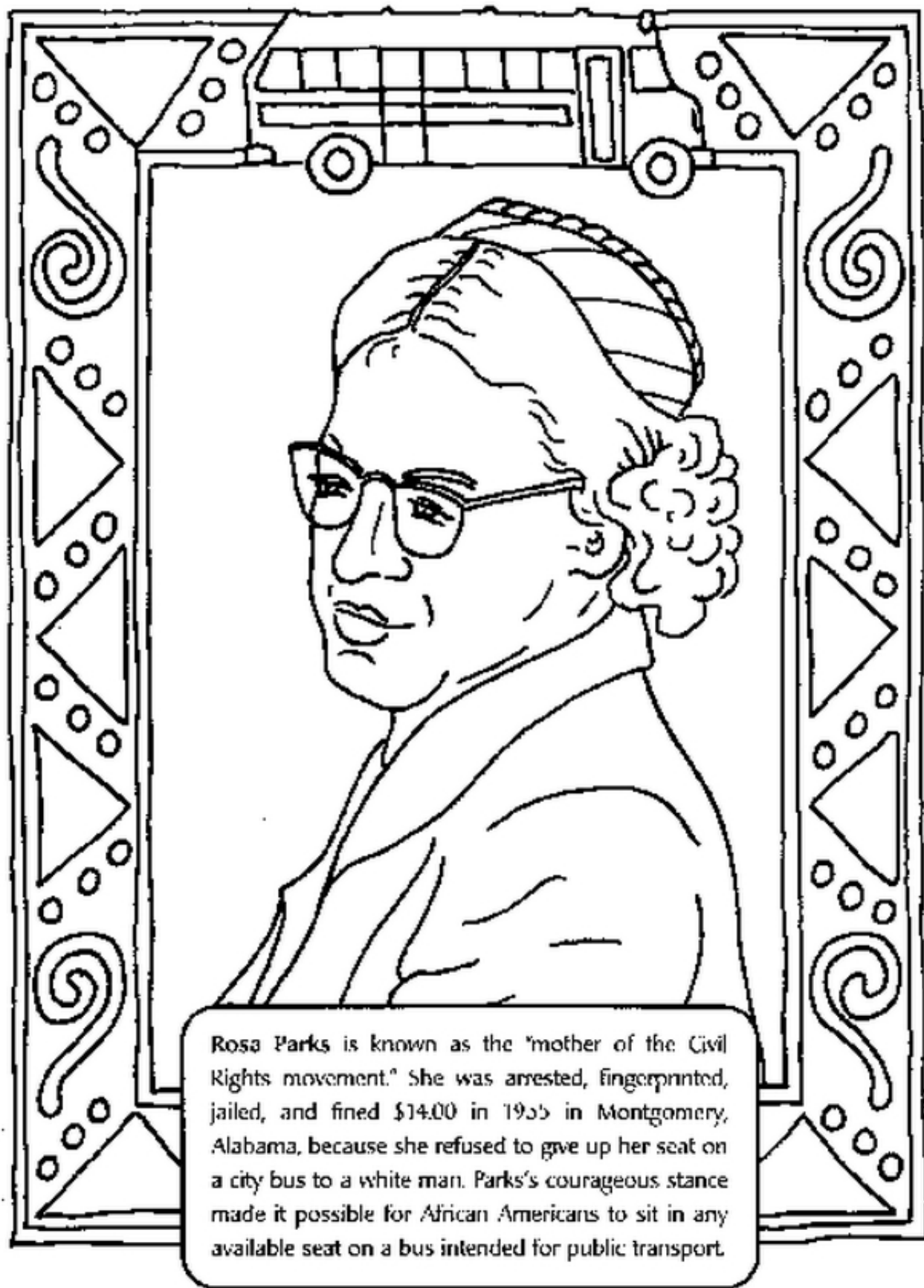
Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall was appointed to serve as the first black Supreme Court Justice. He was also a very smart civil rights lawyer.

Thurgood Marshall won many cases that changed the lives of blacks, women, and the poor. America enjoys racial justice today in part because of Thurgood Marshall!



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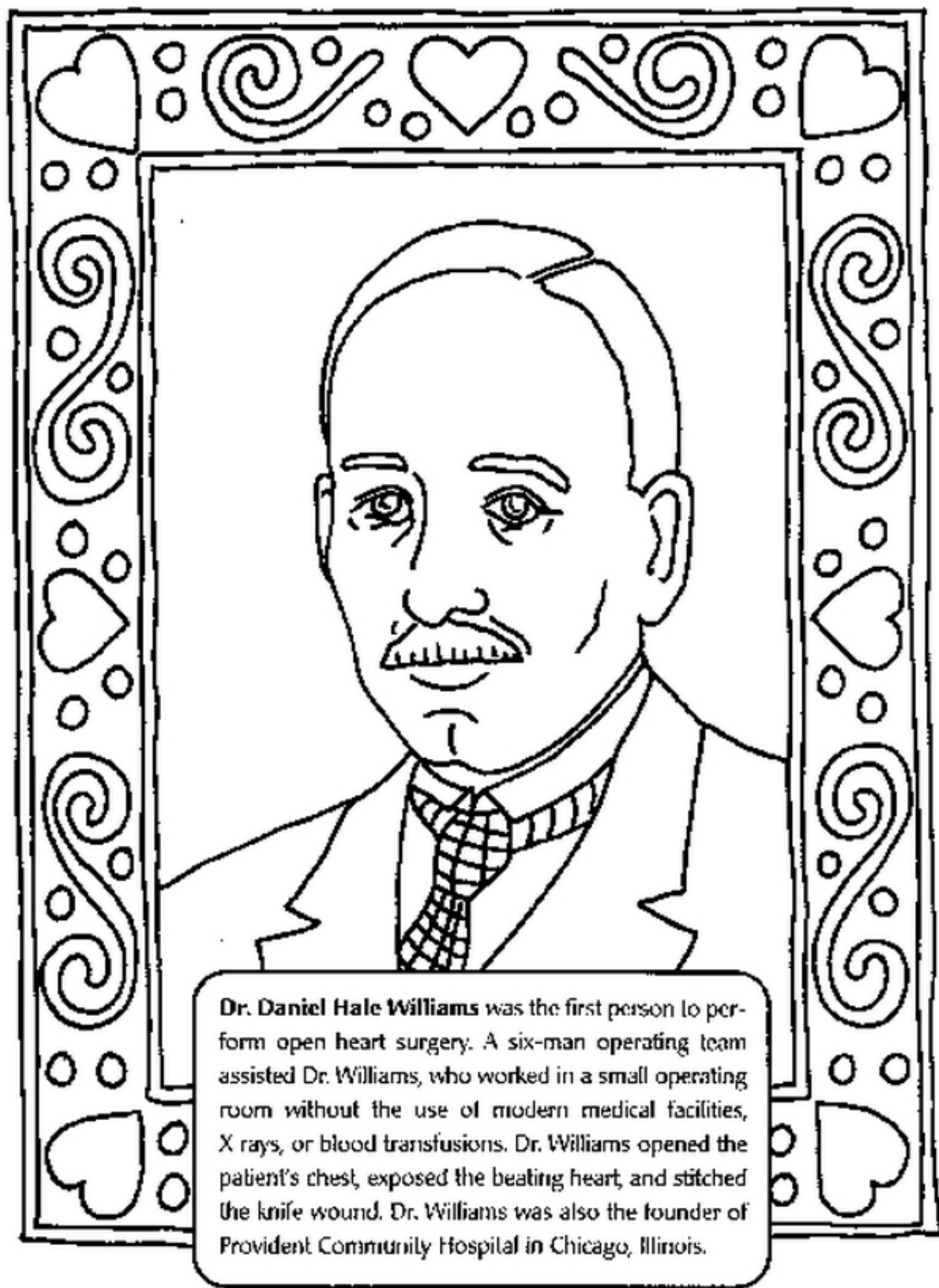


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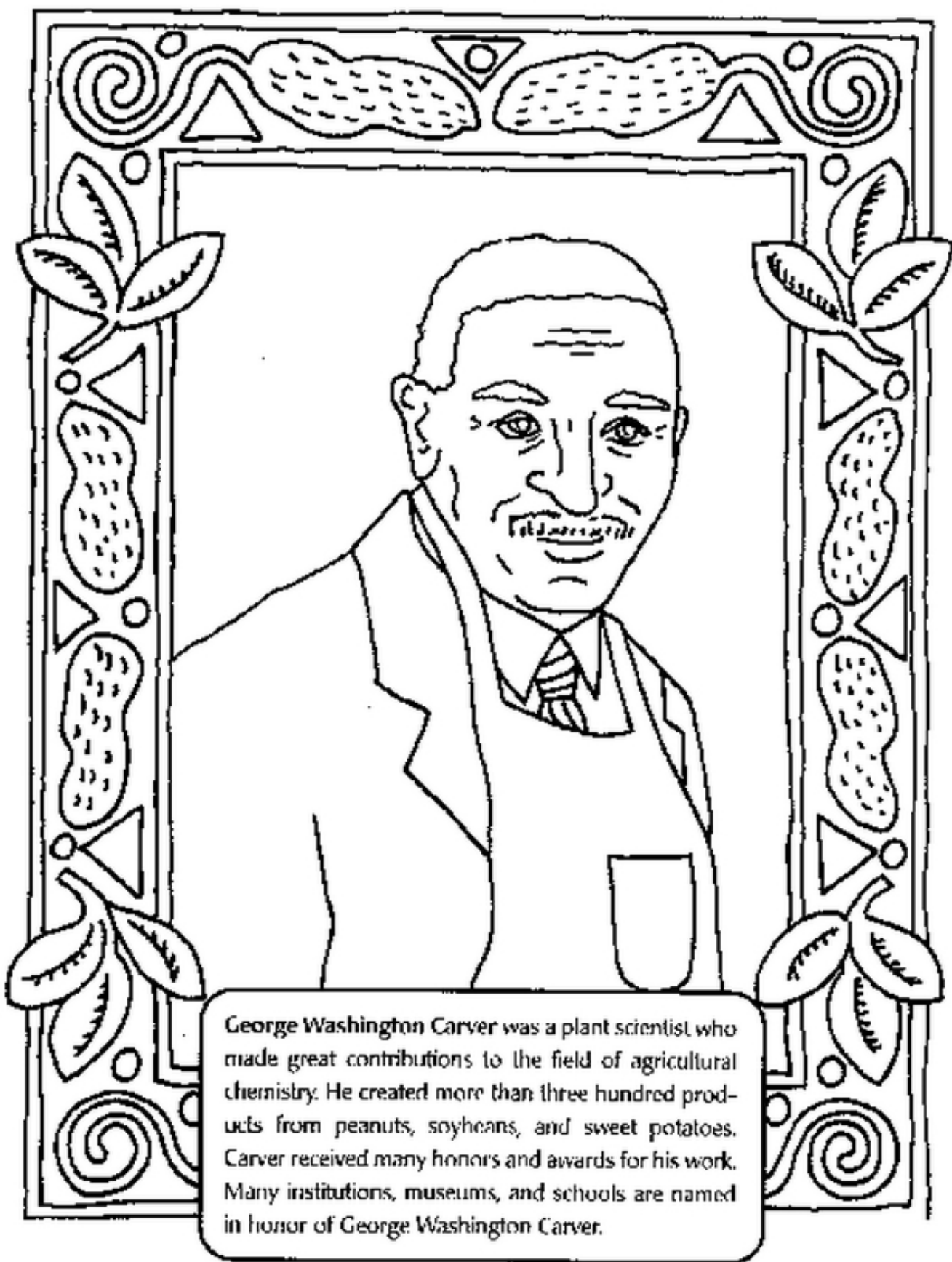
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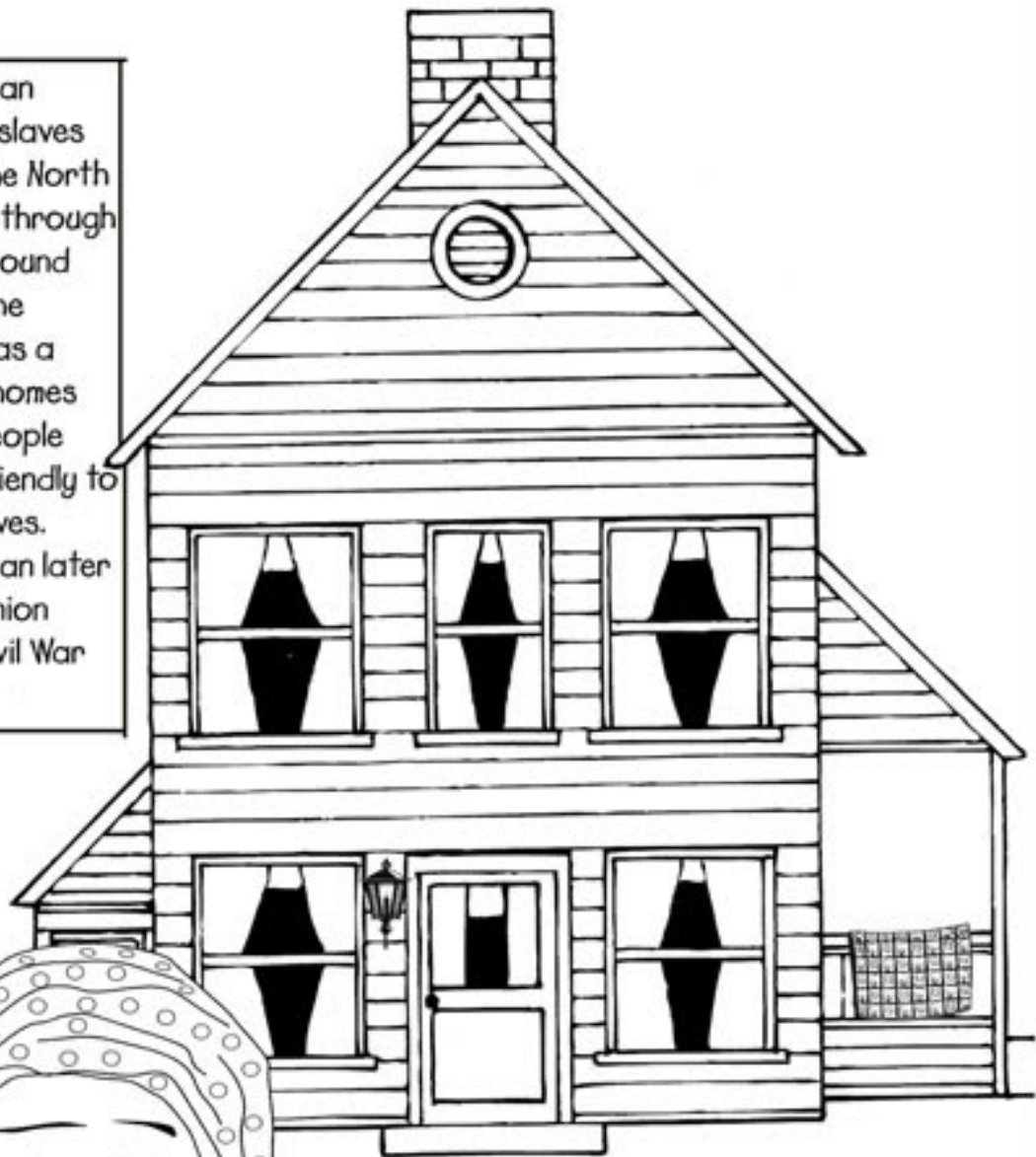
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George Washington Carver

The Underground Railroad

Harriet Tubman helped many slaves escape to the North for freedom through the "Underground Railroad." The "railroad" was a network of homes owned by people who were friendly to runaway slaves. Harriet Tubman later helped the Union Army as a Civil War spy!



Black Writers

Maya Angelou became one of America's favorite poets when she read an original poem at former president Bill Clinton's inauguration! Maya Angelou is just one of the many black writers who are introducing new thoughts and ideas to our culture.

Gwendolyn Brooks, W.E.B. Du Bois, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Langston Hughes, and Countee Cullen are other examples of excellent black writers and poets.

