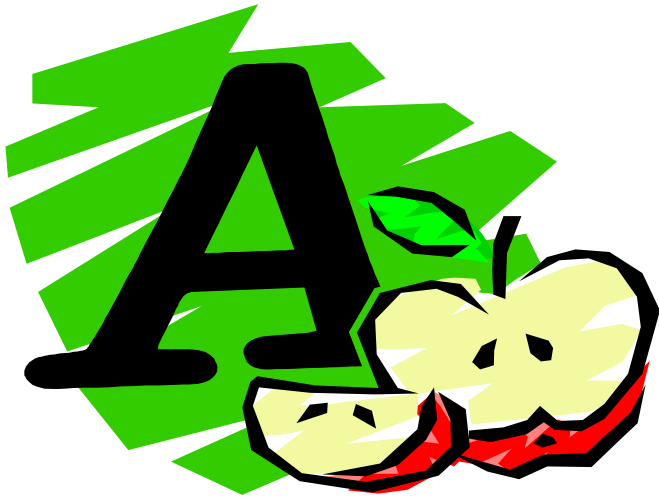


# Erie County



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## Coloring & Activity Book

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# A lbion



- \*It is located along the Erie Extension Canal.
- \*The Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad began to travel through this town in 1859.

\*On May 31, 1985 a disastrous tornado tore through this community killing 12 people and injured 100 more.

## **B**icentennial Tower

The Bicentennial Tower is 187 feet high, and is located at Dobbins Landing at the foot of State Street. The tower was built to celebrate the city's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The City of Erie was 200 years old in 1995.

FIND THE WORDS **BIRTHDAY**, **CELEBRATE** and **DOBBINS** IN THE WORD SCRAMBLE:

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# Corry

\*Second largest City in Erie County.

\*Important stop for two (2) great railroads, the Sunbury & Erie and the Atlantic & Great Western railroads.

\*This city's name was a misspelling of local settler Hiram Cory's name.

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# Daniel Dobbins

Mr. Dobbins met with President James Madison and asked him to build warships for the Great Lakes in Erie. The ships that were built in Erie were used during the War of 1812.

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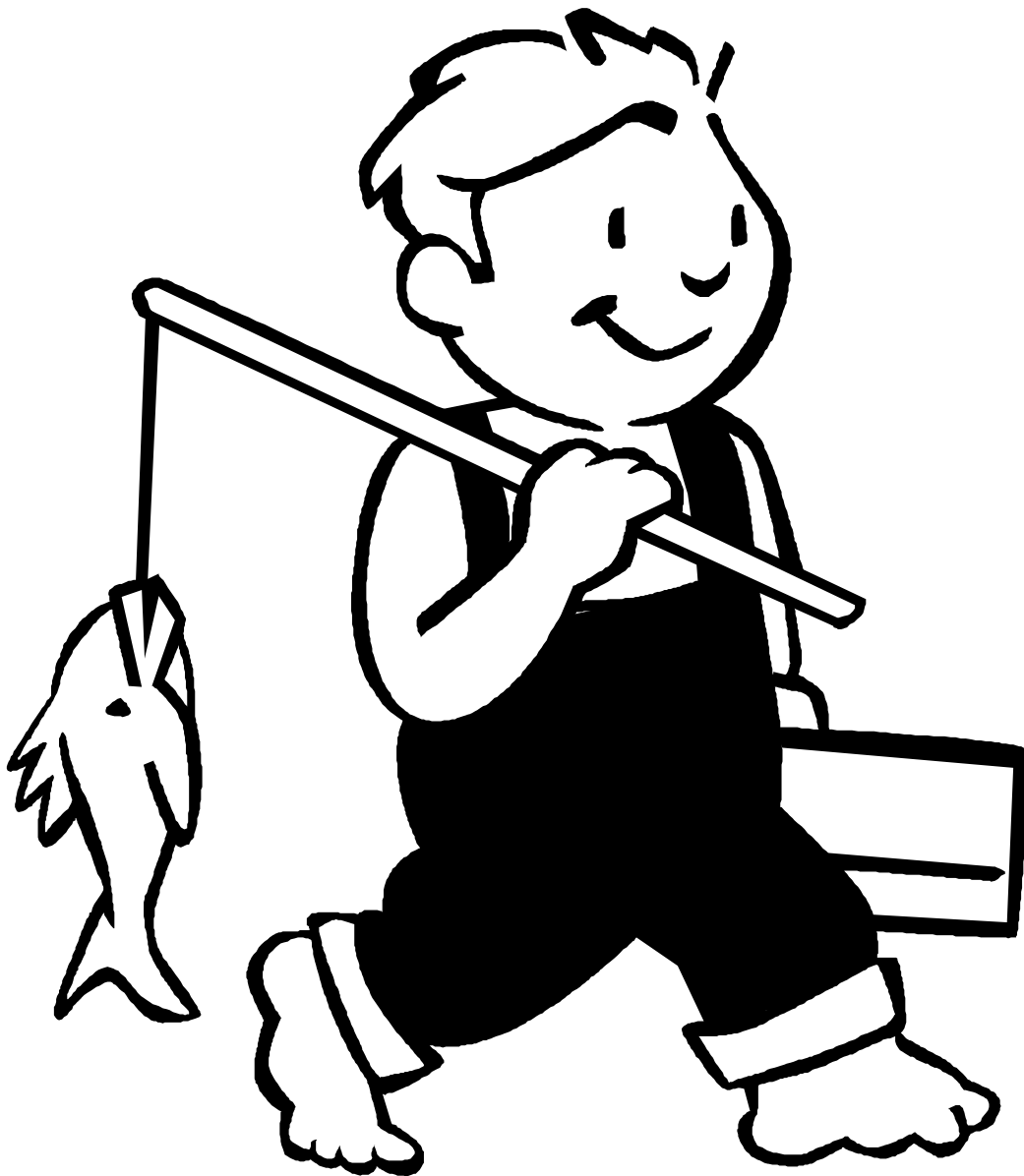
# E dinboro

Edinboro University is an important part of the town of Edinboro. In 1857, Edinboro State Normal School was founded. This is what we know today as Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

FIND THE WORDS **SCHOOL**, **STATE**, **FOCUS** and **COLLEGE** IN THE WORD SCRAMBLE:

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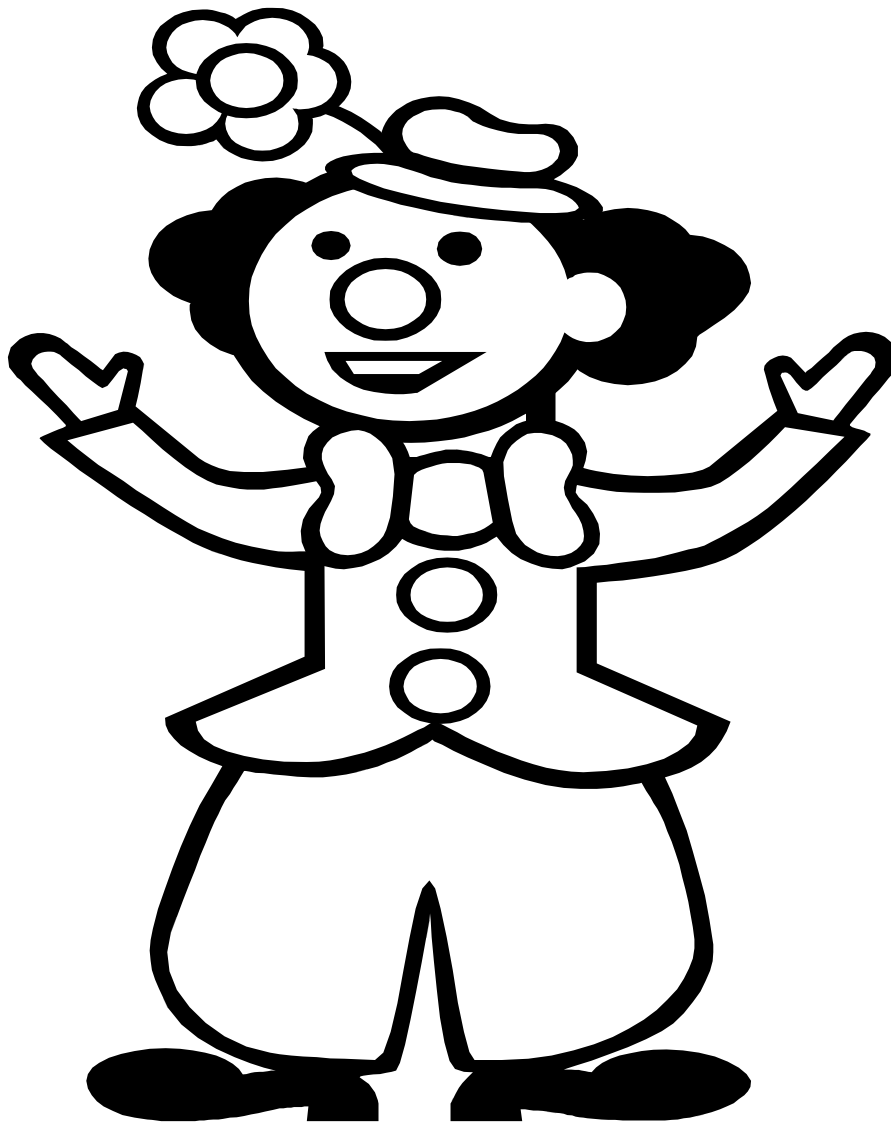
# Fishing



There are over 100 species of fish found in Lake Erie.

## Girard

This town was an important part of the Underground Railroad, a network of people who helped free slaves. Girard was also home to the famous clown and circus owner Dan Rice.



## Harborcreek

Harborcreek was one of the original sixteen (16) townships in Erie County. It was one of the first land purchases made by Thomas Rees, an agent for the Pennsylvania Population Company.

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# I mmigrant

An immigrant is a person who moves from one country to another. In the 1800s and 1900s, immigrants came to Erie from Germany, Ireland, Poland, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Portugal, and other countries. Today, immigrants come to Erie from Iraq, Bosnia, Sudan, India, and other countries.

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# Joe Root

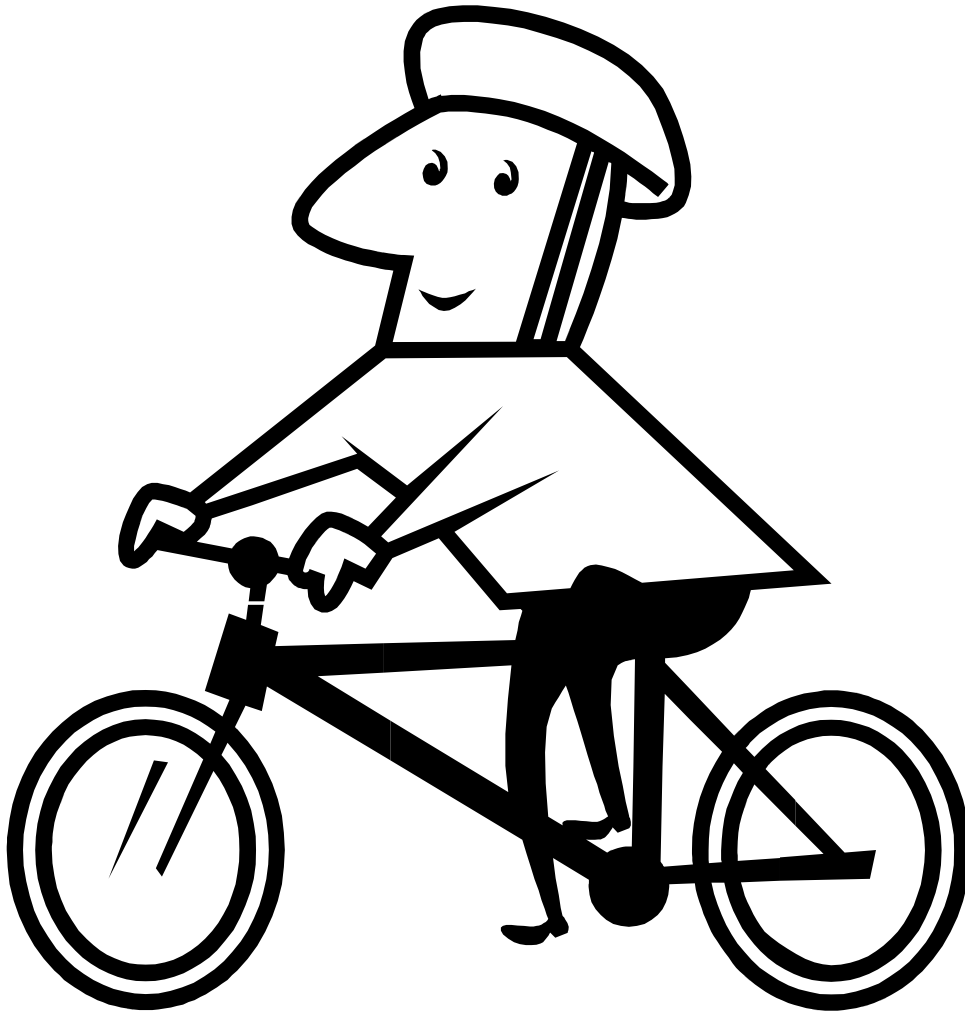
Joe Root spent most of his childhood as a fisherman's apprentice. When he grew up, he made the Peninsula his home, sleeping in shanties that he built. Much of his time was spent hunting and fishing on the Peninsula.

Joe Root's most famous expression: "Ate fried mosquitoes, only the white meat, saved the dark for breakfast."

FIND THE WORDS JOE AND ROOT IN THE WORD SCRAMBLE:

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P L L O Q N Z P M J I  
H K T O K E M I E O K  
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# BiKes



In the 1890s, Erie had many bike manufacturers. Black Manufacturing Company, located at 806 State Street, manufactured a special type of bicycle called the Tribune.

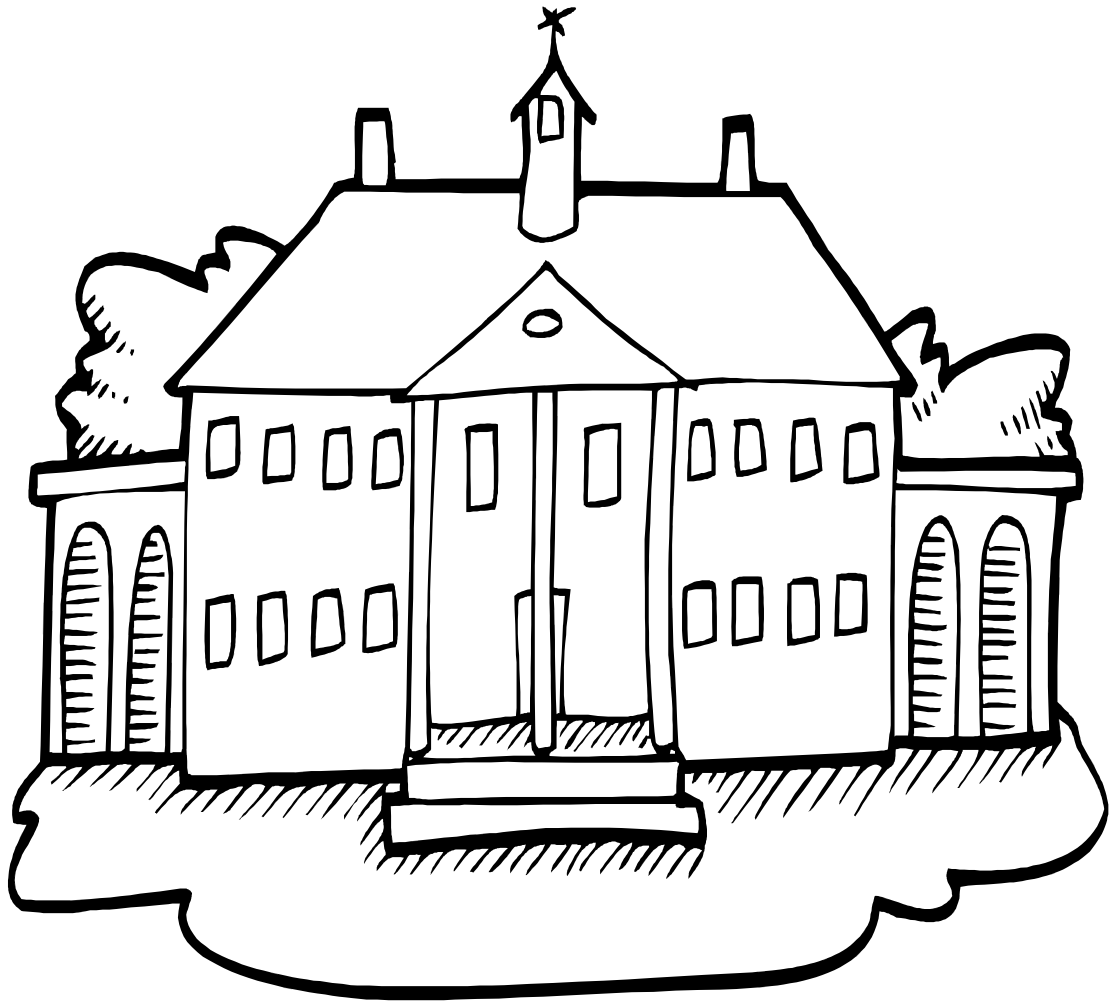
You could buy a bicycle in 1890 for \$40 to \$200.

# Lake

Lake Erie is the shallowest of the five (5) Great Lakes. Ships can travel from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario through the Welland Canal, and to Lake Huron through the Detroit River.

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# Millionaire's Row



Millionaire's Row is located along West Sixth Street between Peach and Cherry Streets in the City of Erie. During the 1800s and early 1900s,

Erie's richest families built their homes on this part of West Sixth Street.

# North East



President Lincoln traveled through this town on the Cleveland & Erie Railroad in 1860.

Welch's Grape Juice built a grape juice plant in North East in 1908 and 1909.

# O liver Hazard Perry

\*He had been assigned to command the warships being built in Erie.

\*He took command of the Niagara Ship.

\*Fifteen minutes after he led the Niagara into battle the British waved a white flag of surrender.

\*His most famous quote "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

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# Pres **Q**ue Isle State Park

\*A peninsula that crates a well protected harbor that surrounds the City of Erie.

\*This name means "almost an island".

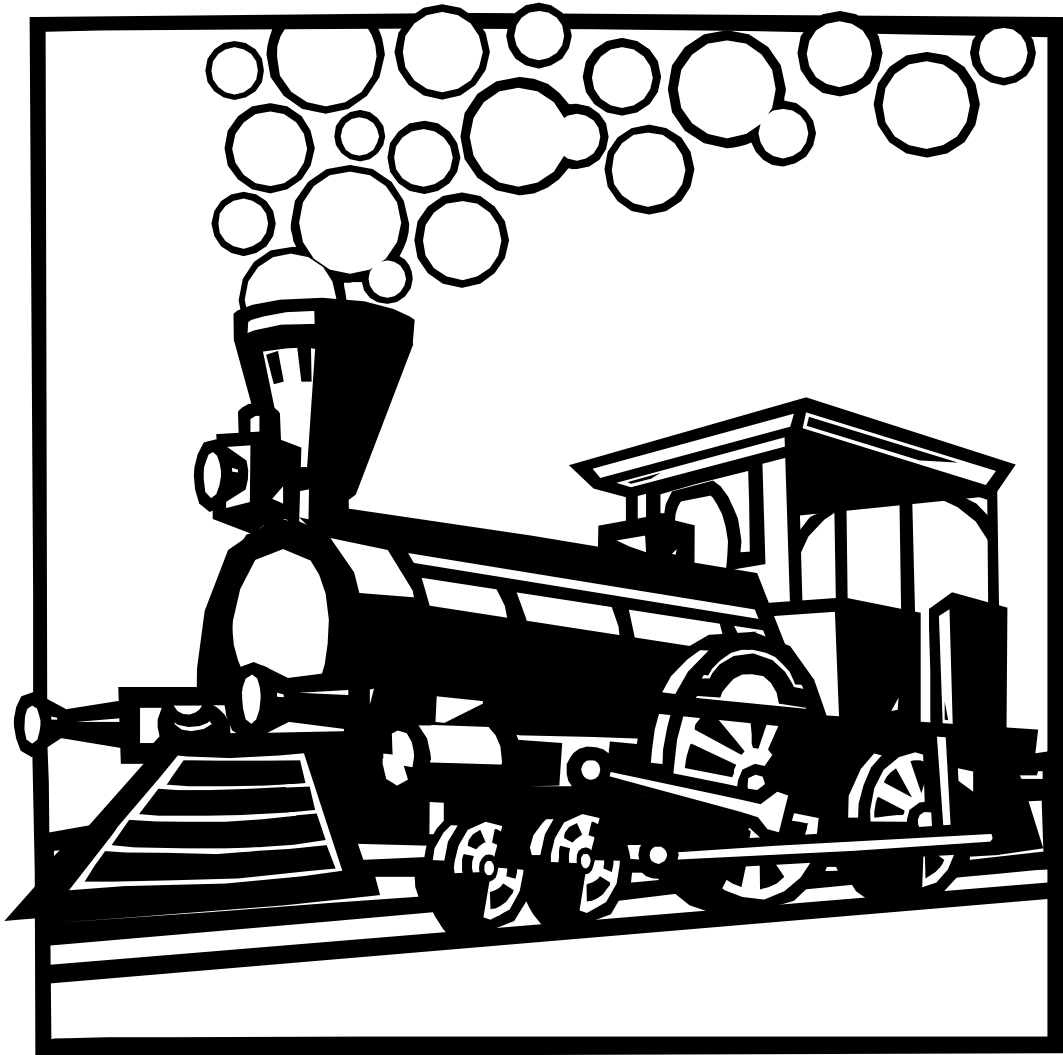
\*Erie's most popular summer tourist attraction.

\*It became a State Park in 1921.

FIND THE WORDS HARBOR, CITY, PARK and ISLE IN THE WORD SCRAMBLE:

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R U C I T Y I K L M T  
K M N V E R M E Q W  
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# Railroad



In 1852 the first \_\_\_\_\_ named  
"Iron Horse" chugged into Erie.

This was known as the Erie & North East

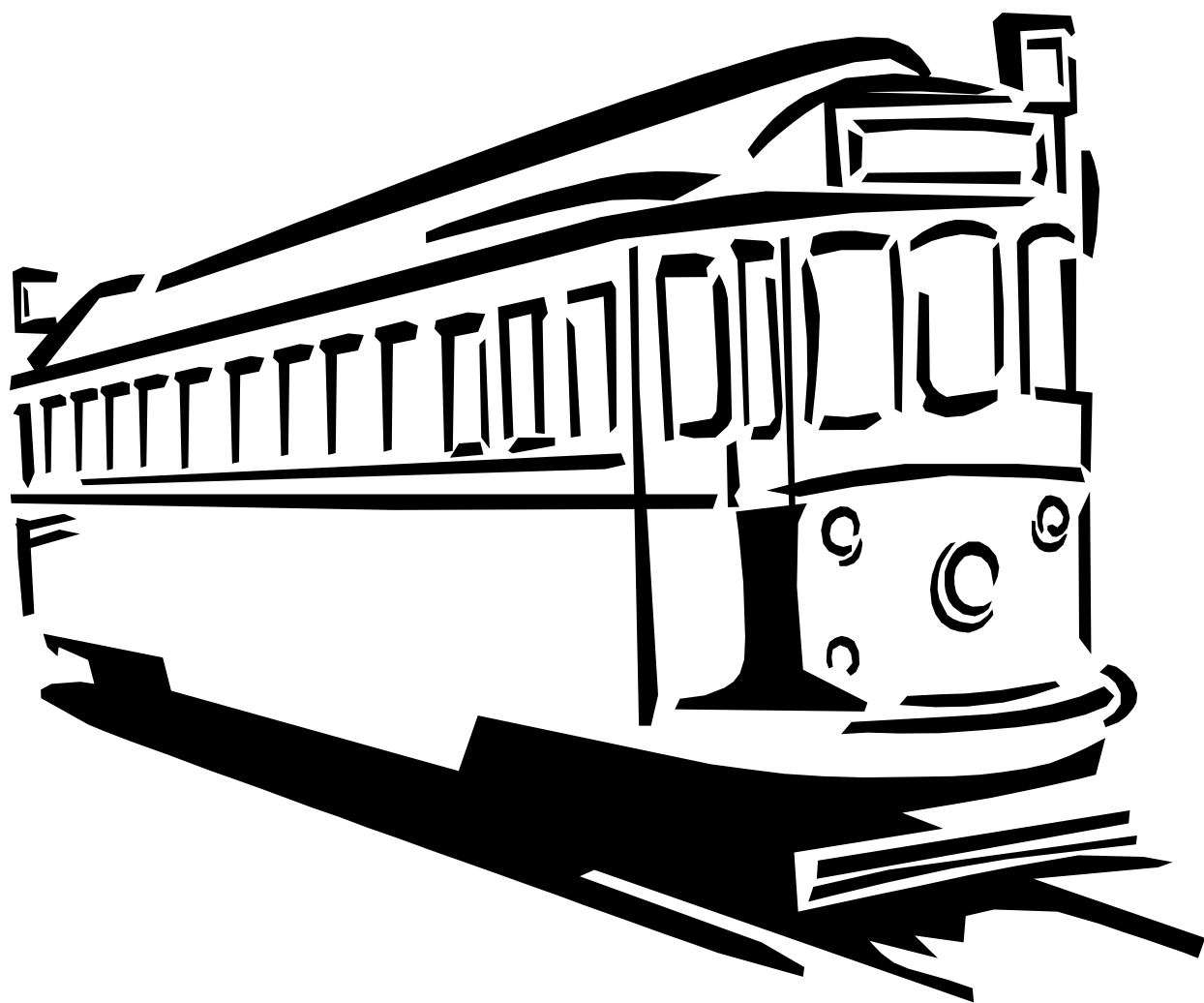
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# Schools (One-room)



- \*They had no running water and no toilet facilities inside.
- \*They heated their building with a pot belly stove.
- \*They heated bricks on the stove and put the brick on the floor under their feet to help keep warm while they were in this building.
- \*One teacher taught all grades of school in only one classroom.

# Trolleys



A street car complete with a conductor that connected rural areas with Erie.

# U nion City

\*Originally named Miles' Mills after the founder in Southeastern Erie County in 1800.

\*In 1871 the town was renamed.

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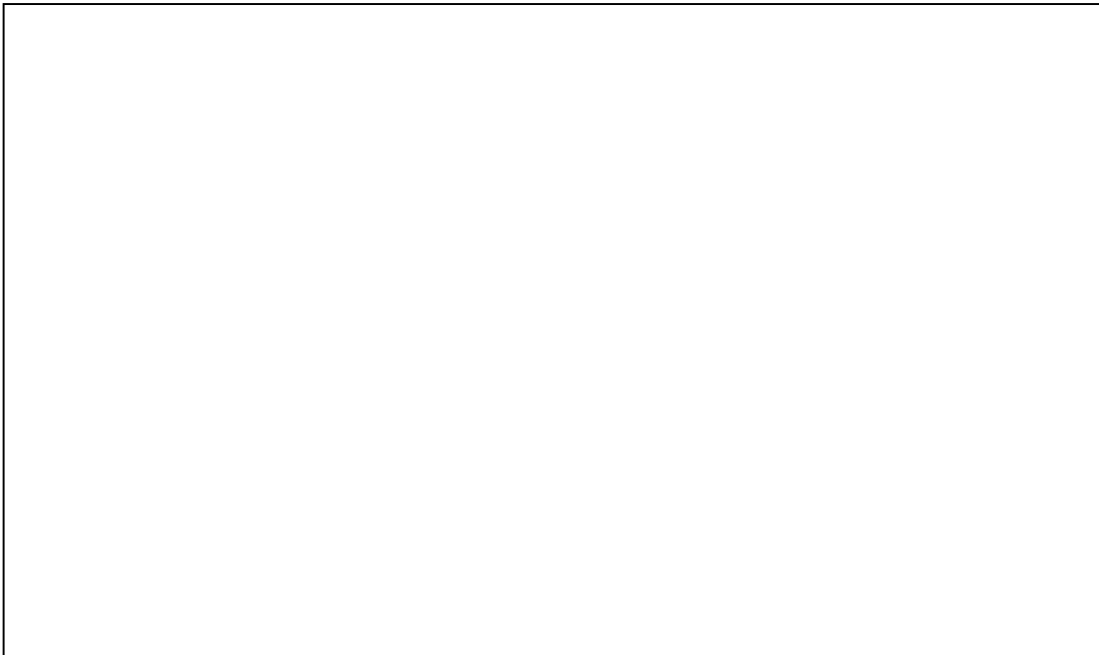
# V ictory (Battle of Lake Erie 1813)

\*"Don't Give Up The Ship" Was the flag flown by Oliver Hazard Perry when he gave up his ship the Lawrence.

\*Oliver Hazard Perry then rowed over to the ship Niagara, hoisted this flag and won the battle.

\*The "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag was made by ladies in Erie.

MAKE YOUR OWN FLAG:



# Waldameer Park



- \*This is a Presque Isle related business.
- \*Many school children and tourists visit here every summer.
- \*It is the home for Water World.
- \*It is Northwestern Pennsylvania's premiere amusement park.
- \*It is one of the oldest amusement parks in America. It opened in 1894.

# Mar X Toy Company



- \*In the 1930's Louis Marx built his first and largest toy plant in Erie.
- \*The second plant, which produced toy trains, was built in Girard, Pennsylvania.
- \*After World War II Marx was the world's largest manufacturer of toys.

# Erie Count **Y**

\*It was founded in 1795.

\*Pennsylvania's only lake port city.

\*Has a population of about 250,000 people

FIND THE WORDS **ERIE**, **COUNTY** AND **CITY**  
IN THE WORD SCRAMBLE:

ERIE M C Q P H L S  
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L F Q R Y U S C P M N  
D B J U O N M I W P Z  
K R I B M T Q T O L M  
I R E Z U Y Q Y P W E

# ErieZ Indians

In 1650 they lived along the southern shore of Lake Erie. They hunted buffalo and deer. Women tilled the fields which yielded corn and pumpkins. They fished from birch-bark canoes. They spoke the Iroquois Indian language.



False face masks were worn to protect against evil spirits.