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**AMHAY Merit Program
Youth Workbook**

**INTRODUCTION LEVEL
FIGURE**



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MISSION

The AMHA Youth Programs are designed to help our youth become educated horsemen who are civically minded, passionate advocates of the Morgan horse as well as advocates of horse sport and horse ownership.

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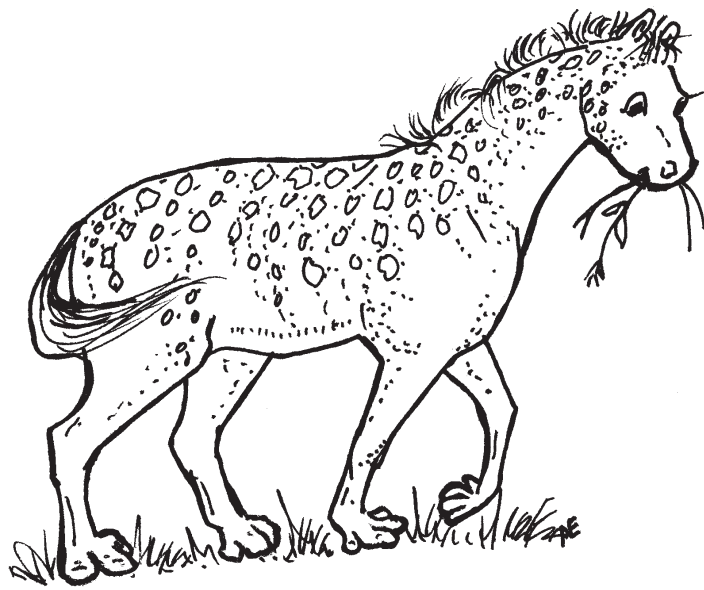
1. This program is open to non-AMHAY members, 21 years and under, who are interested in learning more about Morgans and safe horsemanship. This is an introductory level intended to introduce future horsemen and women to the basics of horse anatomy, equipment, terminology and the history and versatility of the Morgan horse.
2. Complete the checklist at the end of this packet and email to Nicole@morganhorse.com. A complimentary AMHA Youth membership for the remainder of the year will be awarded at the completion of this level.
3. There are 5 levels of achievement once AMHA Youth membership has been achieved:
 - 1) Bulrush
 - 2) Woodbury
 - 3) Sherman
 - 4) Black Hawk
 - 5) Justin Morgan

Information on the first two levels is available at www.morganhorse.com

Illustrations by Nancy Eidam



EVOLUTION OF THE HORSE



Eohippus

EVOLUTION MEANS a gradual development from one form to another. Surviving thousands of years, the horse changed in size and structure from a small, dog-sized, brush eating forest dweller to the large, fast grass eating animal of today.

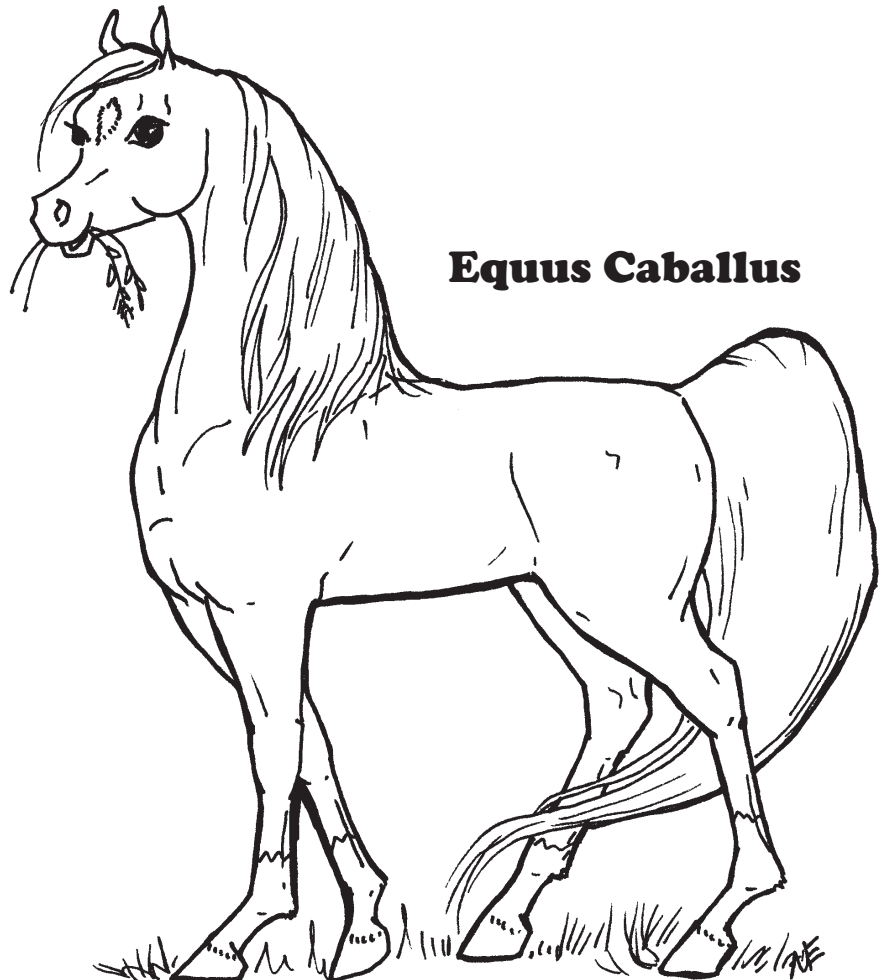
Eohippus, The Dawn Horse, the earliest ancestor of the horse, lived 60 million years ago and had four soft toes in front and three behind. He was a browser, eating leaves and soft greens in the dense forest undergrowth.

Mesohippus lived 36 million years ago in the Oligocene Era and was the size of a sheep with longer legs, straighter back, and a central toe with two shorter side toes. He ate greens and relied more on speed than camouflage for safety.

Merychippus lived in the Miocene Era. He was “pony” sized and the first true “grazer” of grasses.

Pliohippus lived 13 million years ago in the Pliocene Era. He was the first “one-toed” member of the Equidae family. He had a longer head and straighter back than our modern horse.

Equus evolved from the Pliohippus family and can be divided into four categories: Przewalski’s Horse, Tarpan, Tundra, and The Forest Horse. Equus is the ancestor of our modern horse, **Equus Caballus**.



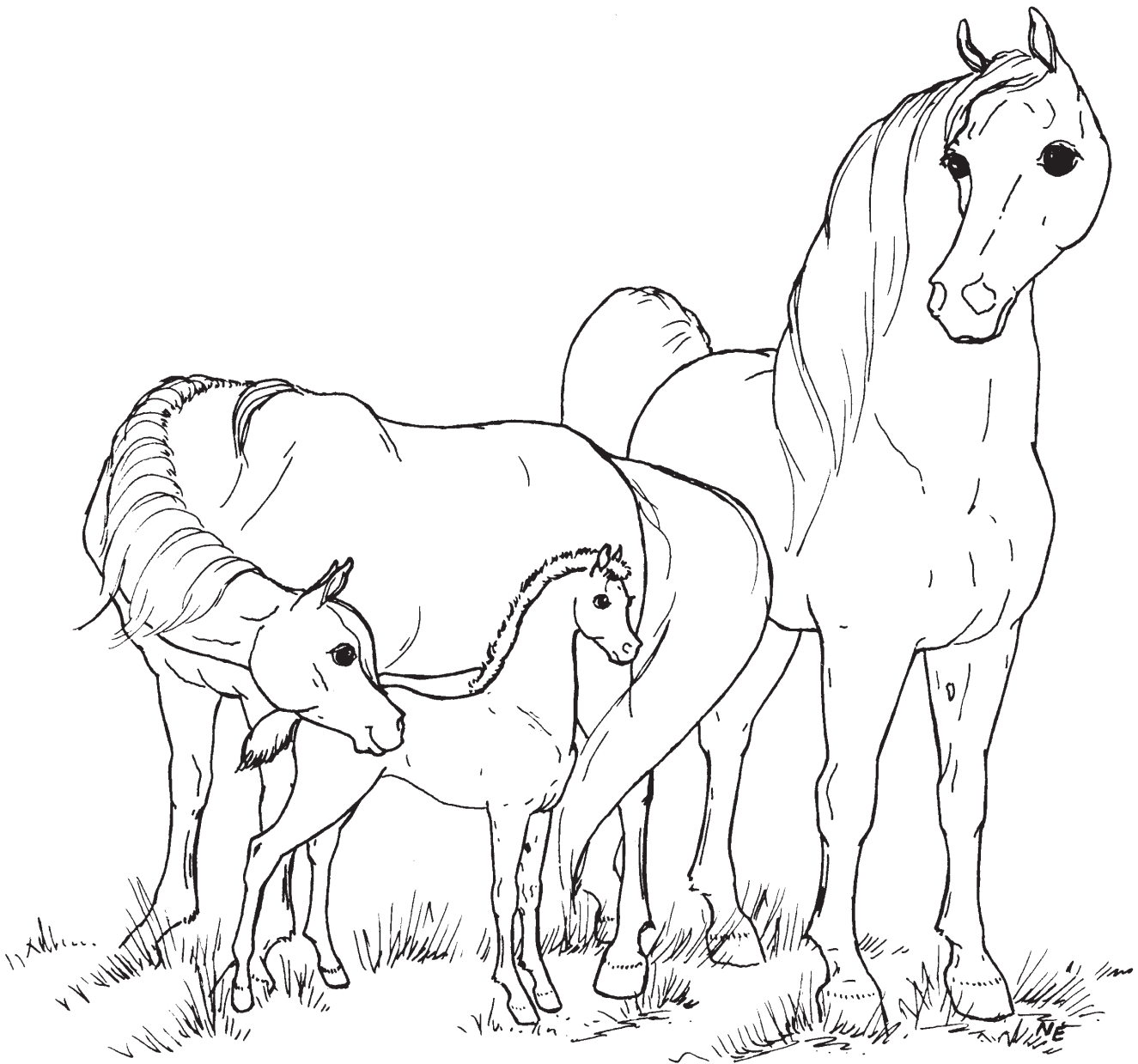
Equus Caballus

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THE EQUINE FAMILY

The first Morgan horse was a bay colt known as “Figure.” He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1789, the same year George Washington became the first President of the United States. His sire was the bay Thoroughbred stallion, True Britton (Lloyd’s Traveler x Betty Leeds) and his dam was known as the Wildair Mare (Diamond x Sportsman Mare).



The mare is called a dam and she is the mother of the foal (colt is a boy and a filly is a girl).

The stallion is called the sire when he is the father of the foal.

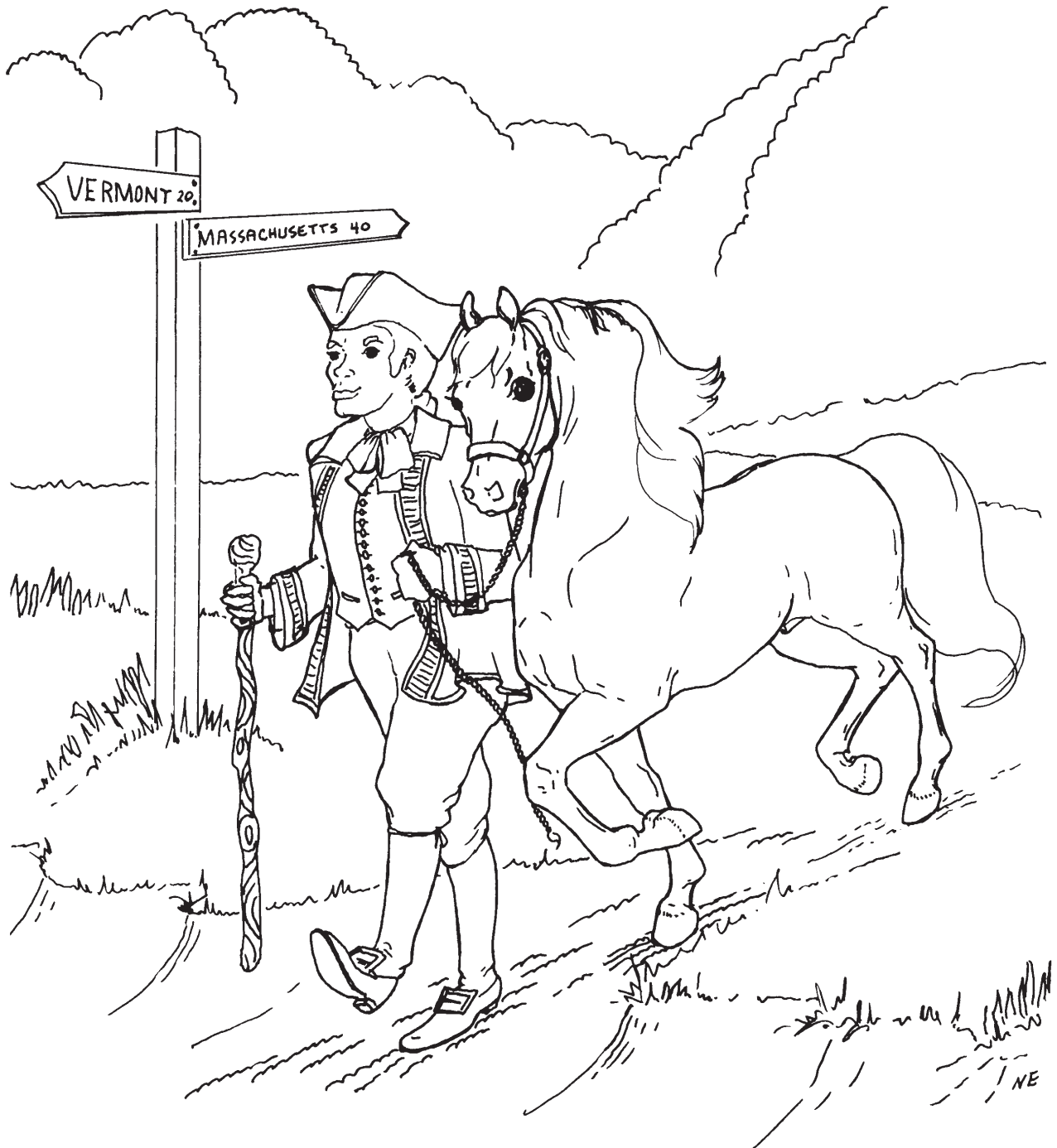


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JUSTIN MORGAN

When Figure was a yearling, he was acquired by the Vermont singing teacher, Justin Morgan, for payment of a debt. He soon became famous throughout New England for his wonderful abilities and was then known by his owner's name, the Morgan horse. (Today, the Morgan horse is Vermont's state animal)

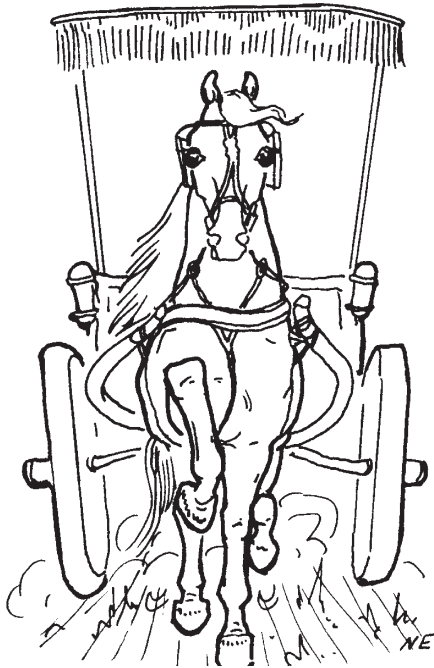


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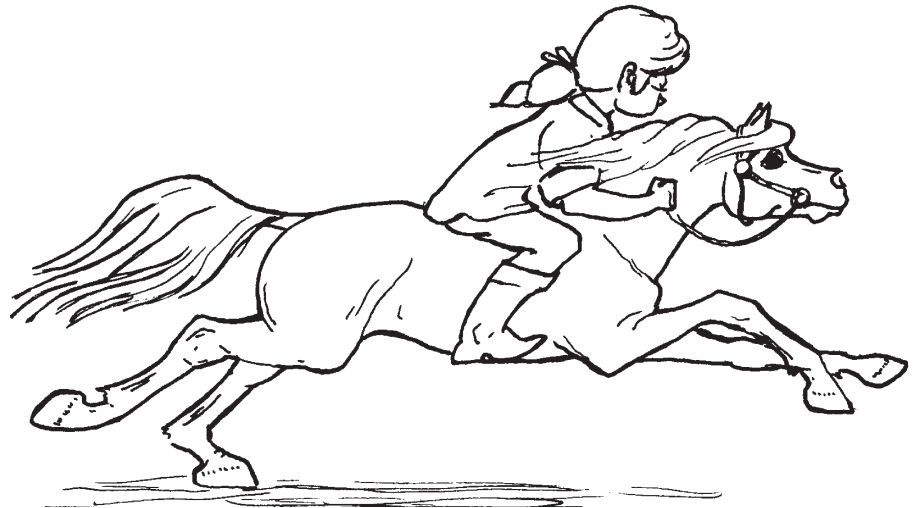


FAMOUS FIGURE

**Figure excelled at all things making him famous in his own lifetime.
Matched against other horses, he could...**



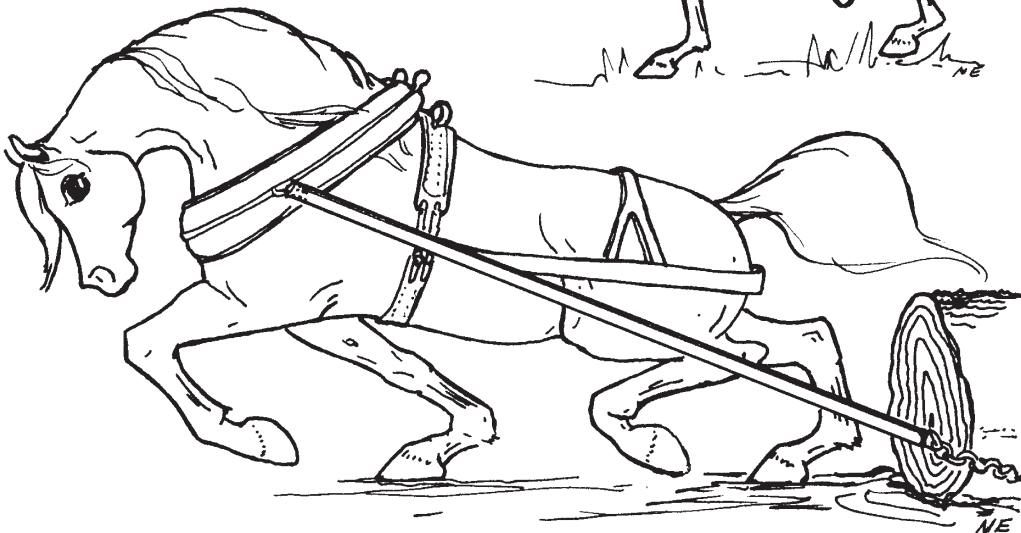
out trot...



out run...



out parade...



**...and out pull all
of those competing
against him.**

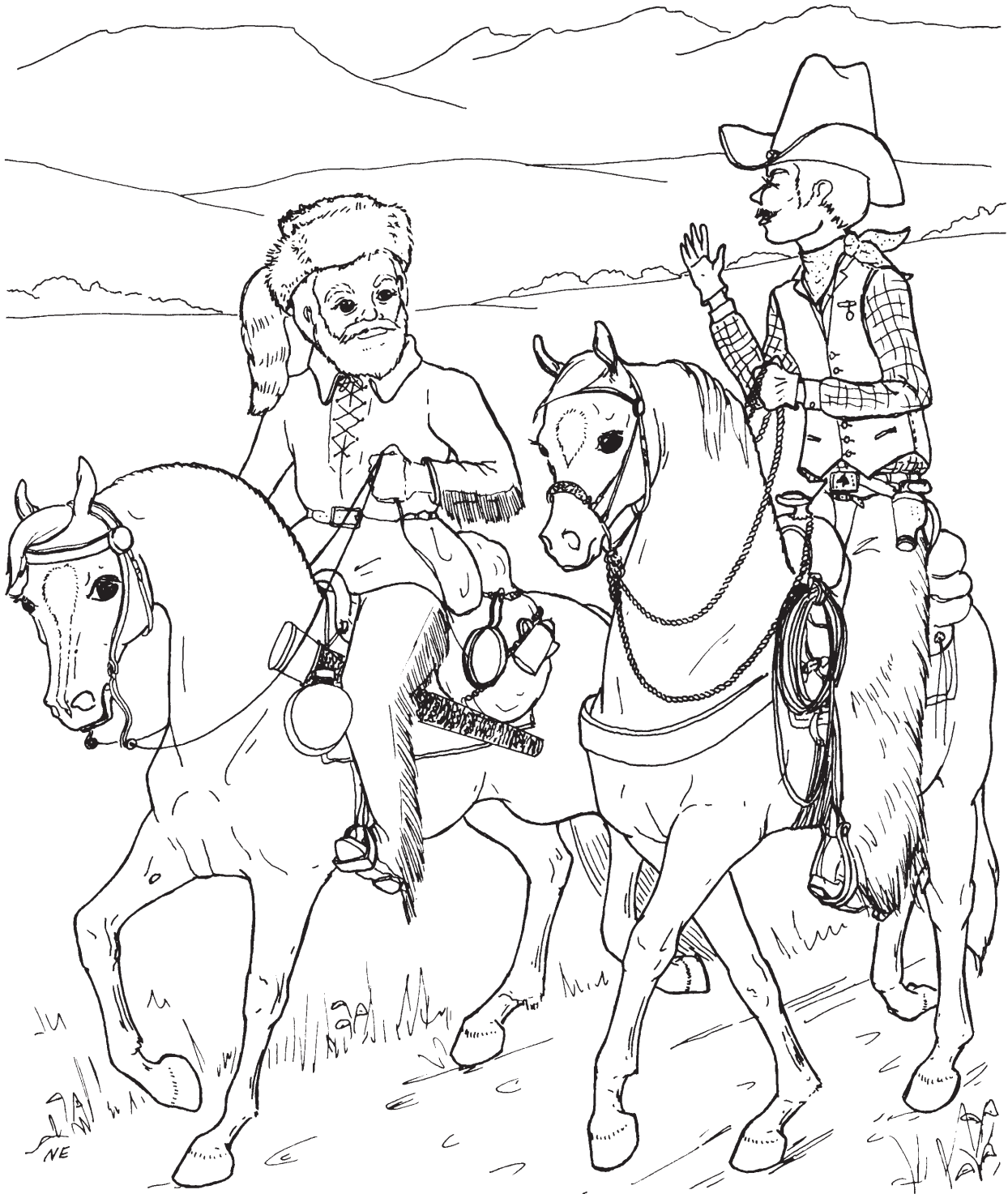


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PIONEER MORGANS

Morgans helped develop and settle our nation as they moved westward with the pioneers, trappers, and cowboys.

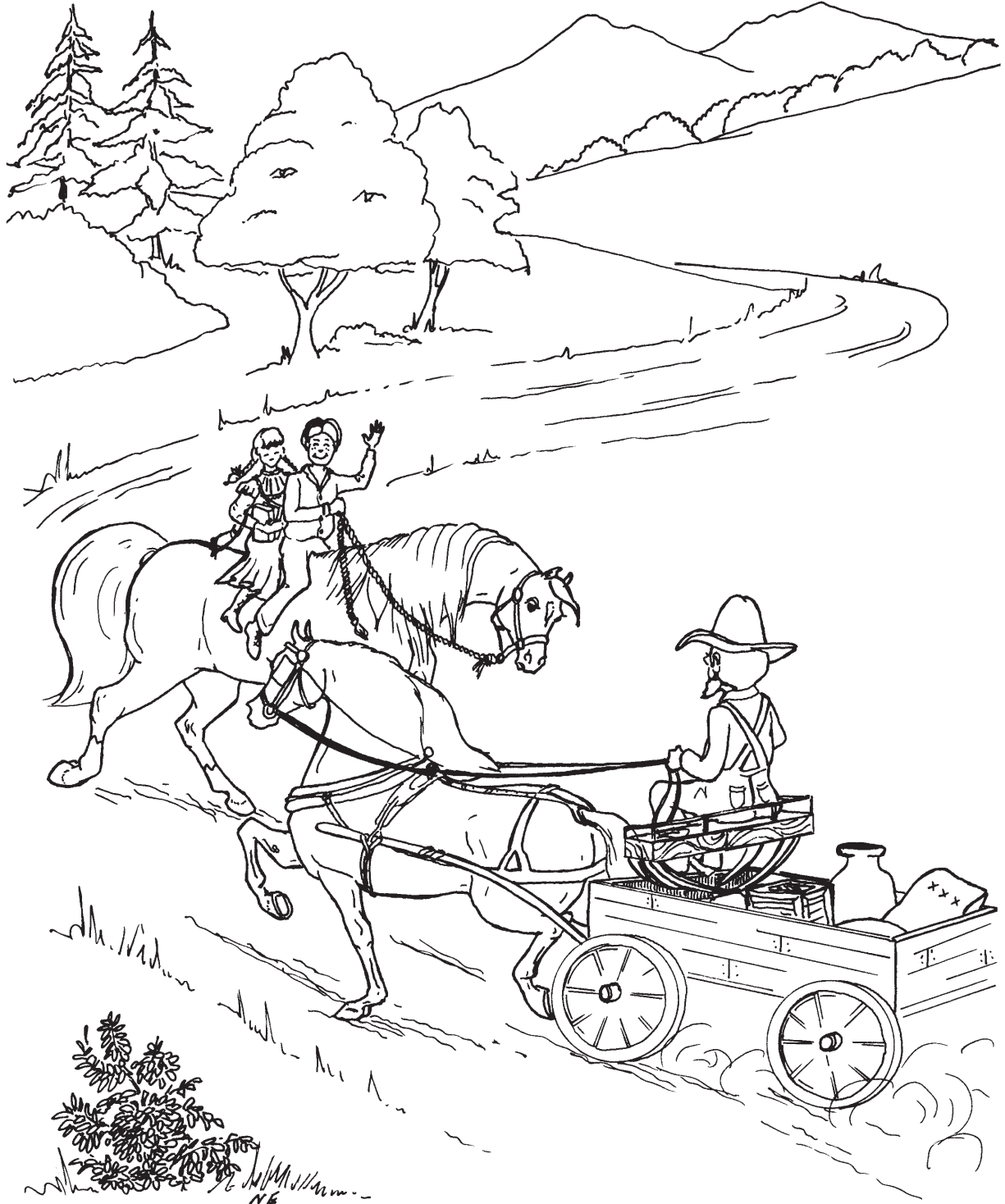


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MORGANS IN TRANSPORTATION

Morgans were a part of everyday life—eager to help the farmers, school kids, doctors, miners, and loggers. They were popular, reliable transportation, before cars, trucks, and buses.

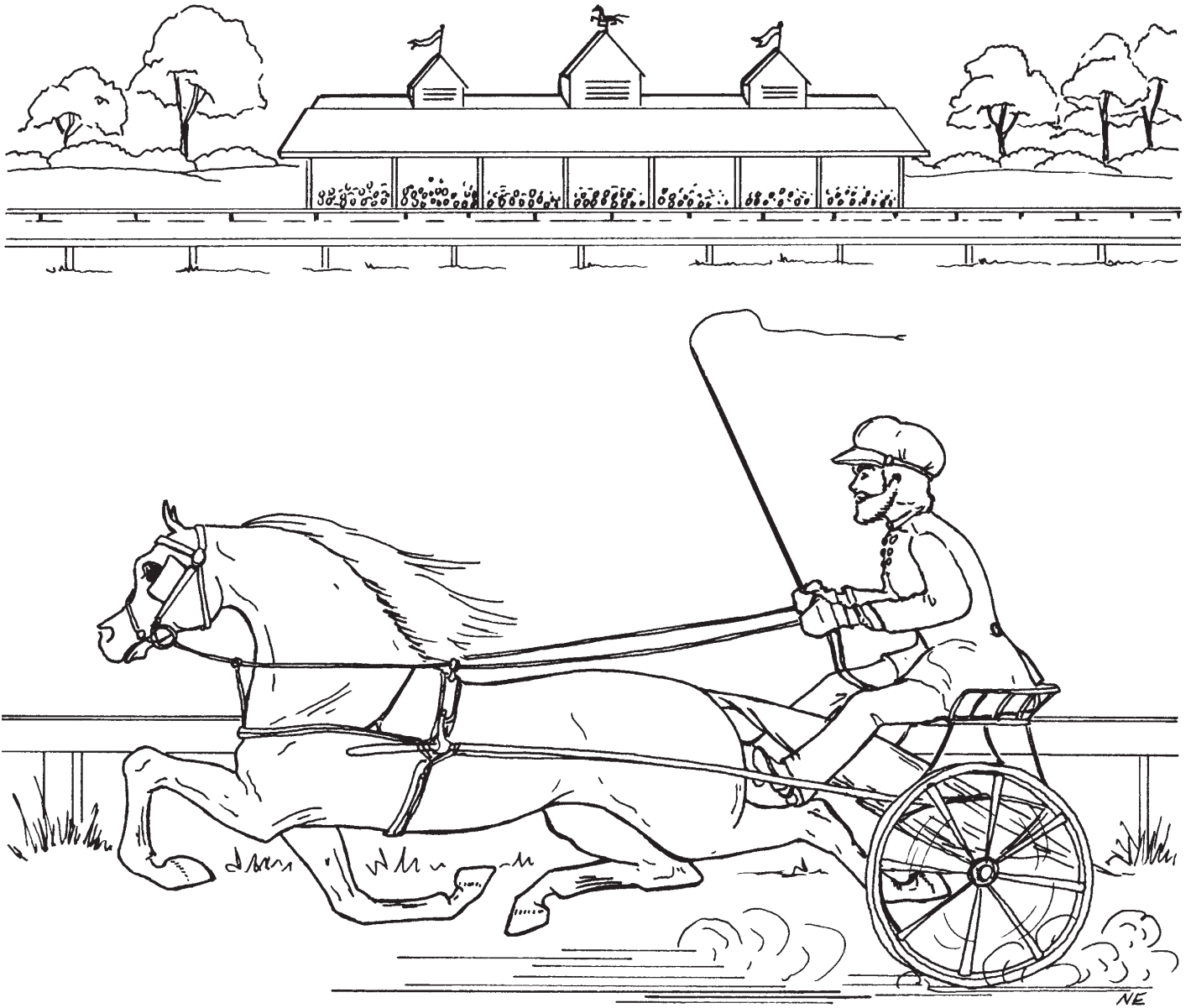




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BLACK HAWK AND ETHAN ALLEN

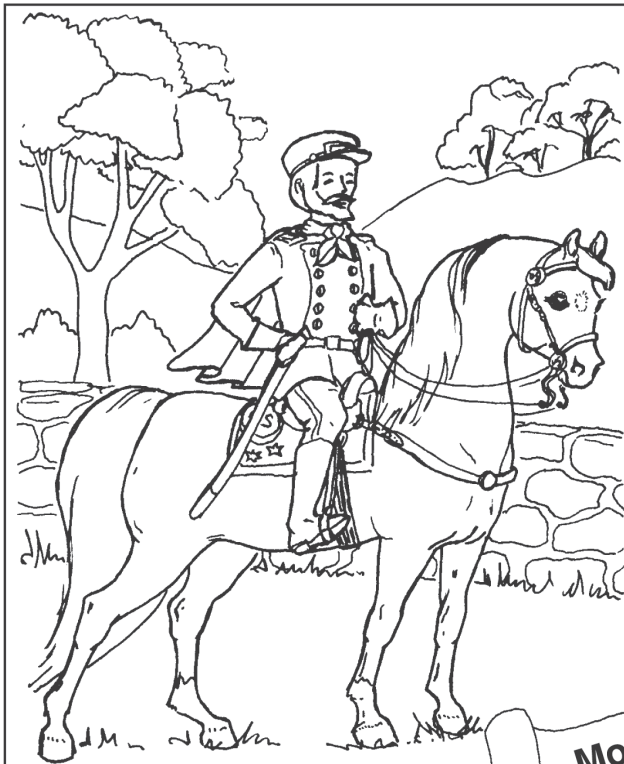


Before the automobile, the horse was the primary means of transportation.

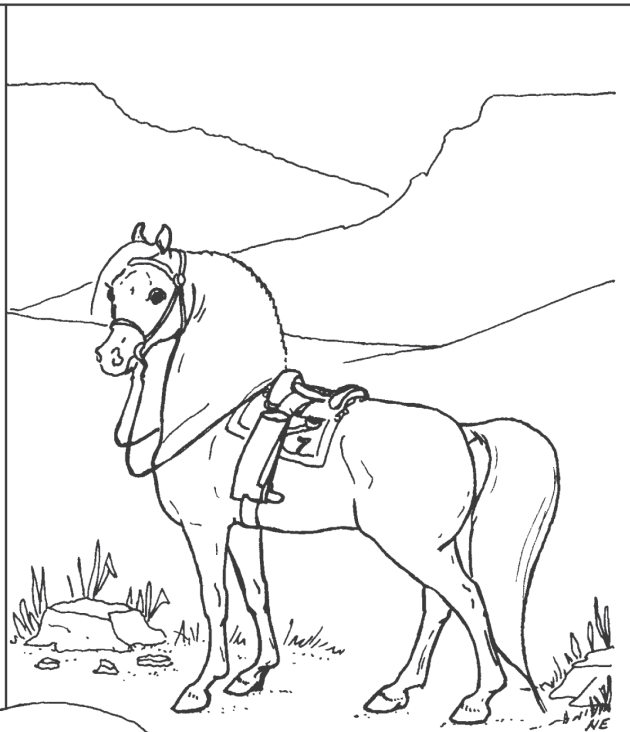
The Morgan was the “cadillac” of the times prior to the 1900s.

Black Hawk and his descendants ruled the roads and race tracks as the fastest harness horses in the world. Ethan Allan was universally famous as the 1853 World Champion Trotting Stallion.

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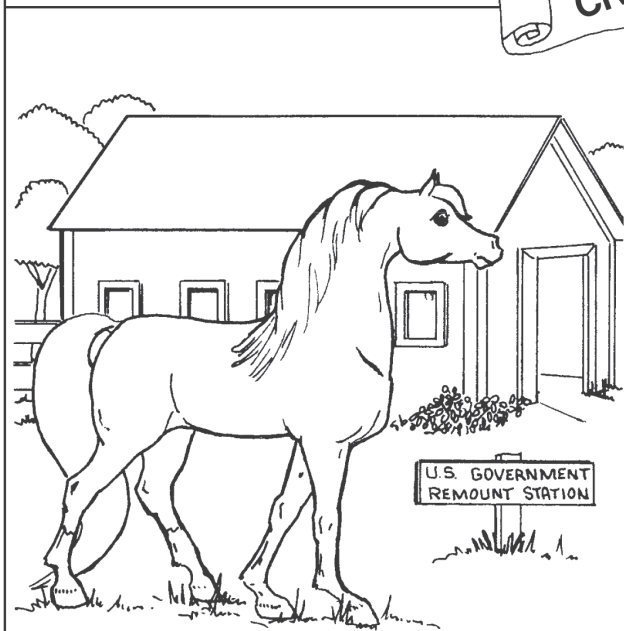


Civil War: General Sheridan and his famous Rienzi

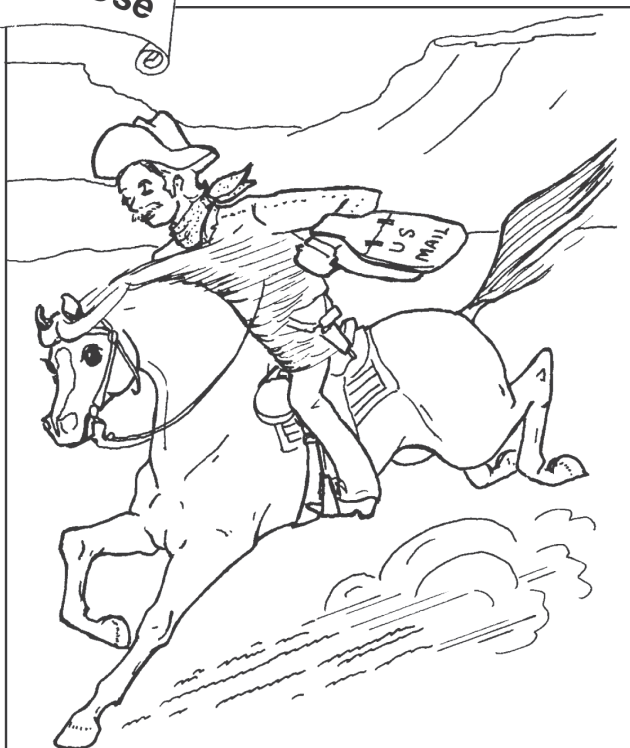


Cavalry: Comanche from Custer's Battle of the Little Bighorn

Morgans in Military and Civilian Use



The Remount Program provided Morgan stallions throughout the nation to improve the native stock for farm, city, and military use.



Pony Express: the Morgans endurance and speed made them invaluable.



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COLONEL JOSEPH BATTELL'S IMPACT

In 1907, Colonel Joseph Battell donated his 400-acre farm at Middlebury, Vermont, to the U.S. Government to perpetuate the Morgan breed. From the foundation stock, generations of champions have been produced that have had a great impact on the breed. Today, it is operated by the University of Vermont and thousands of visitors yearly have the opportunity to view descendants of "Figure."



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FIRST AND OLDEST LIGHT HORSE BREED

Justin Morgan, the legendary progenitor of the Morgan horse breed, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1789. The same year George Washington became the nation's first President. Reported to be of predominantly Thoroughbred and Arabian ancestry, this animal was what is known in genetic terms as a sport or mutation, possessing the ability to transmit to his offspring characteristics unique to himself, and many generations later, the same basic characteristics predominate.

Justin Morgan spent 30 of his 32 years in the state of Vermont and through his descendants became an institution in American heritage. It was this link to American history that inspired Walt Disney to personally select for production the film, "Justin Morgan Had a Horse," based on the novel by the same name written by Marguerite Henry.

Through Justin Morgan's three sons, Sherman, Bulrush, and Woodbury, America's first breed of horse was founded. The popularity of the Morgan horse spread throughout the country when Justin Morgan's grandson, Black Hawk, achieved great fame. Black Hawk's celebrated son, Ethan Allen, champion trotter of the world, is depicted in the famed Currier & Ives print.

Morgan horses were used in the pioneering of the west; they served as calvary mounts during war and peace and as ranch horses on the cattle laden plains. They were used as stylish saddle and road horses, and some were called on to till the soil. It is interesting to note that the Morgan is the only registered breed of horse ever perpetuated by the United States Government.

It was in "1907 that the U.S. Morgan Horse Farm was established in Middlebury, Vermont, operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the farm was to perpetuate the Morgan breed and to provide breeding stallions for Remount Stations at various points throughout the nation. The Morgan horse was also used in establishing such breeds as the Standardbred, the American Saddlebred, the American Quarter Horse and the Tennessee Walking horse, which all enjoy high levels of popularity today.

The Morgan is known for its versatility. Its role and service to mankind has adjusted to the changing times created by evolution. Today the Morgan horse is many things to many people, from a working range horse and scholar of obedience, to a breathtaking, animated creature of precision, unparalleled in equine beauty. He excels in and out of the show ring, under saddle or in harness; as a trail horse, roadster or jumper; with precocious youngsters he can be relied upon to have the patience of Job; and is willing to tolerate newly acquired masters during their apprenticeship in basic horsemanship.

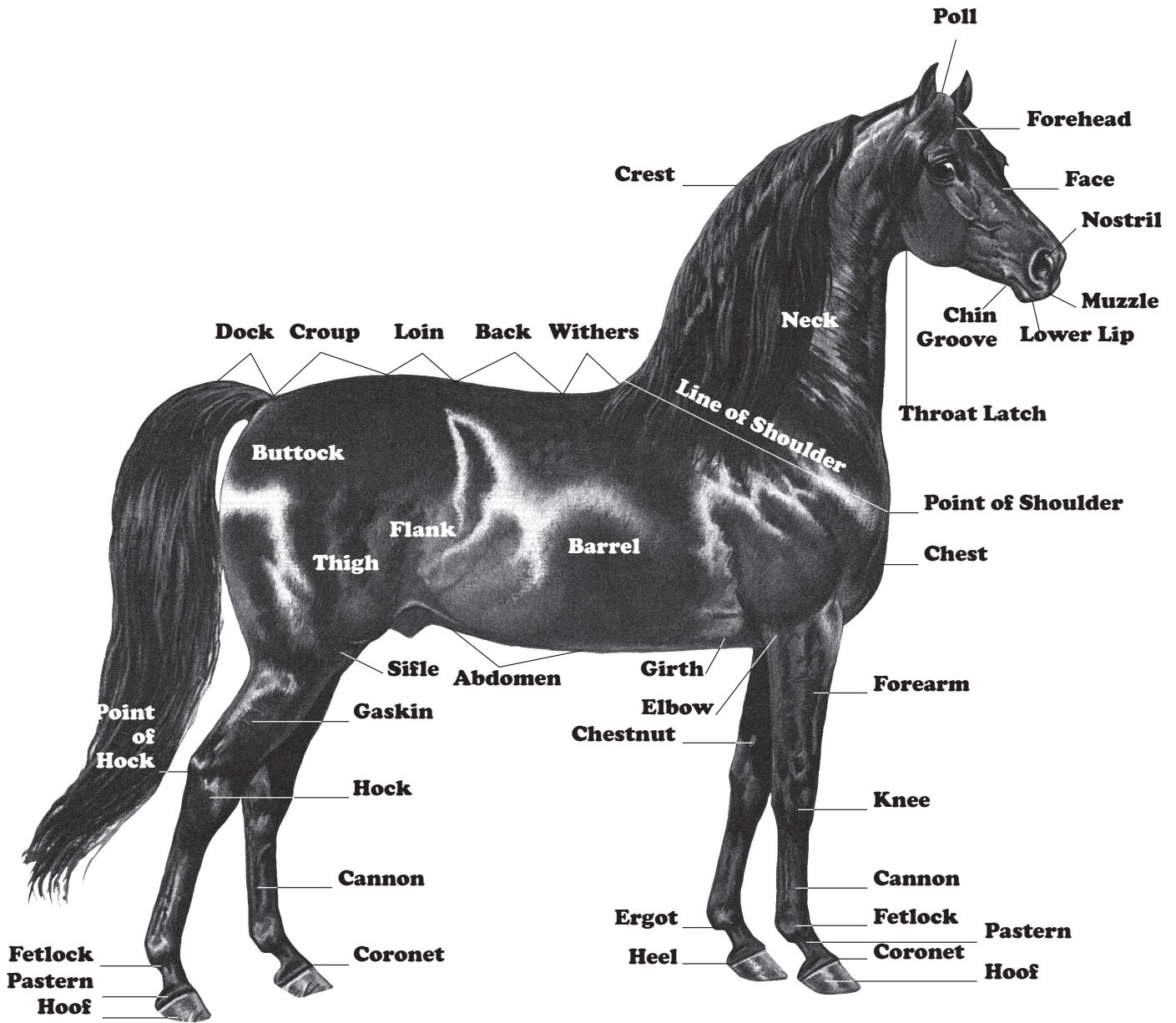
As a breed organization, the American Morgan Horse Association, Inc., is dedicated to the perpetuation and promotion of one of America's most personable, goodwill ambassadors—the Morgan horse—"Pride and Product of America Since 1789."



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THE ANATOMICAL CHART OF THE MORGAN HORSE

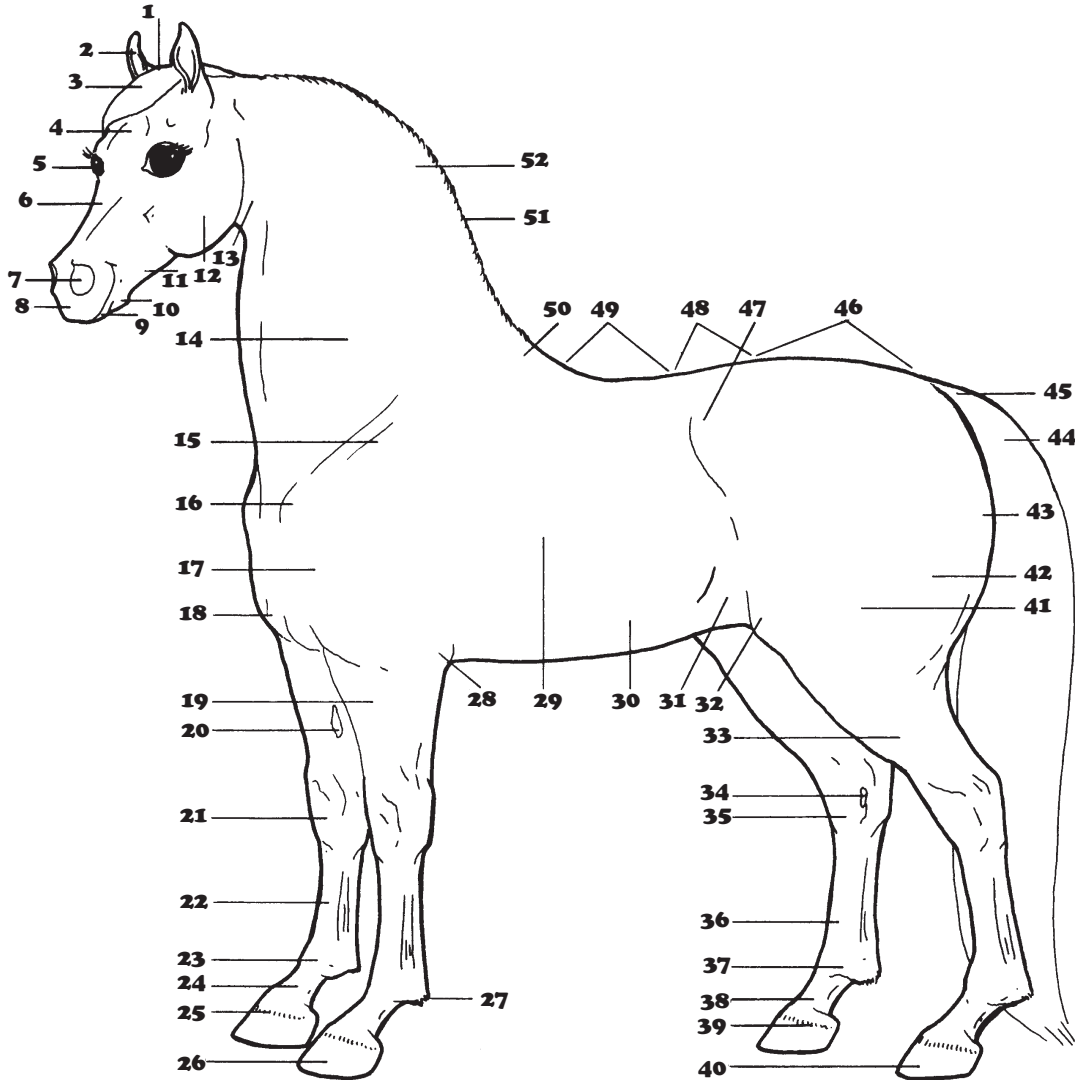


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PARTS OF THE HORSE

Put the correct number in front of the correct part.

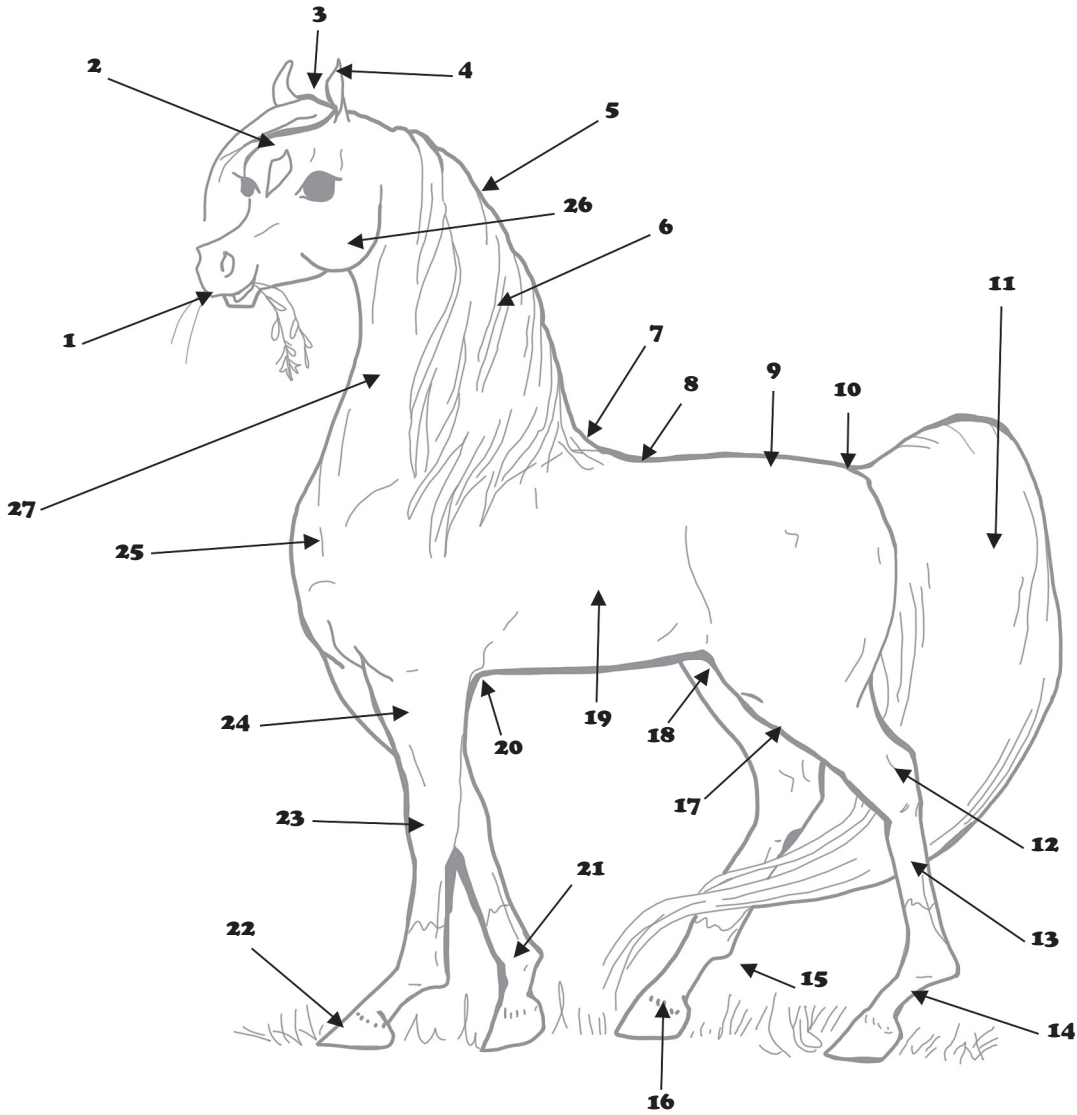


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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| ___ Barrel | ___ Back | ___ Chest | ___ Neck | ___ Chin |
| ___ Foretop | ___ Coronet (Fore) | ___ Point of Hip | ___ Quarter | ___ Hoof (Fore) |
| ___ Hock | ___ Ergot | ___ Fetlock (Hind) | ___ Dock | ___ Shoulder |
| ___ Face | ___ Pole | ___ Mane | ___ Cannon | ___ Buttocks |
| ___ Fetlock (Fore) | ___ Flank | ___ Elbow | ___ Pastern (Hind) | ___ Forearm |
| ___ Jaw | ___ Chestnut | ___ Ears | ___ Hoof (Hind) | ___ Loin |
| ___ Throatlatch | ___ Cannon | ___ Forehead | ___ Chestnut | ___ Withers |
| ___ Point of | ___ Lower Lip | ___ Gaskin | ___ Abdomen | ___ Crest |
| ___ Shoulder | ___ Coronet (Hind) | ___ Croup | ___ Stifle | ___ Nostril |
| ___ Tail | ___ Thigh | ___ Pastern (Fore) | ___ Eyes | |
| ___ Knee | ___ Arm | ___ Cheek | ___ Muzzle | |



ANATOMY WORKSHEET

Put the number in the blank in front of the correct term.



- ___ Coronet
- ___ Croup
- ___ Tail
- ___ Barrel
- ___ Elbow
- ___ Withers
- ___ Forehead

- ___ Stifle
- ___ Crest
- ___ Hock
- ___ Knee
- ___ Neck
- ___ Cannon
- ___ Ear

- ___ Dock
- ___ Muzzle
- ___ Pastern
- ___ Hoof
- ___ Poll
- ___ Ergot
- ___ Back

- ___ Chest
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- ___ Forearm

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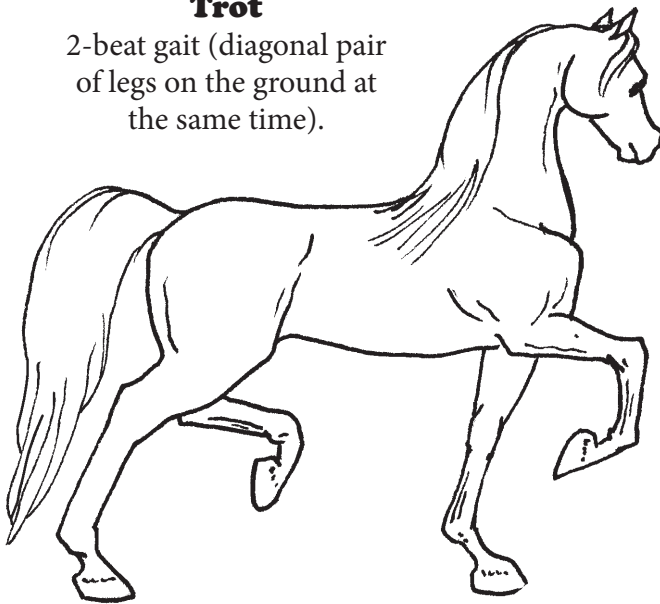


GAITS

Color these horses in motion. Learn their gaits.

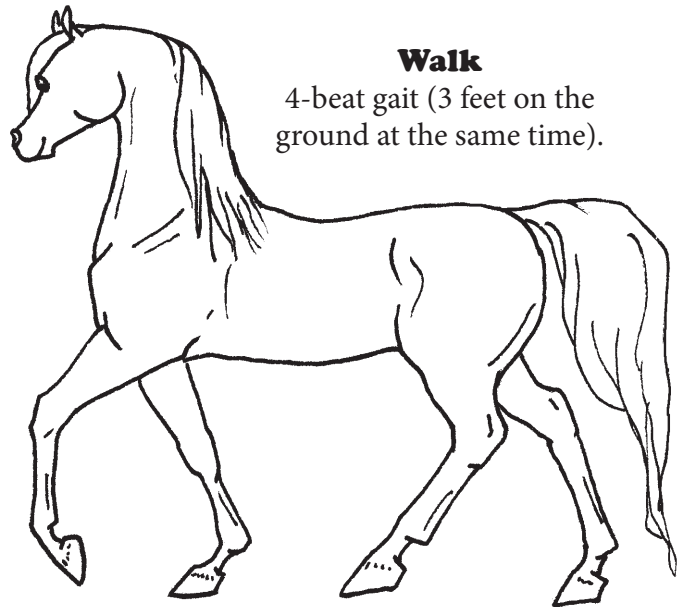
Trot

2-beat gait (diagonal pair of legs on the ground at the same time).



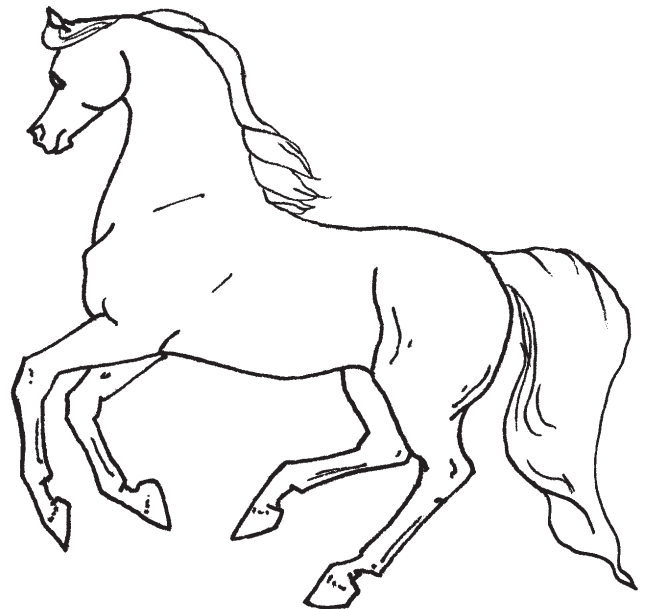
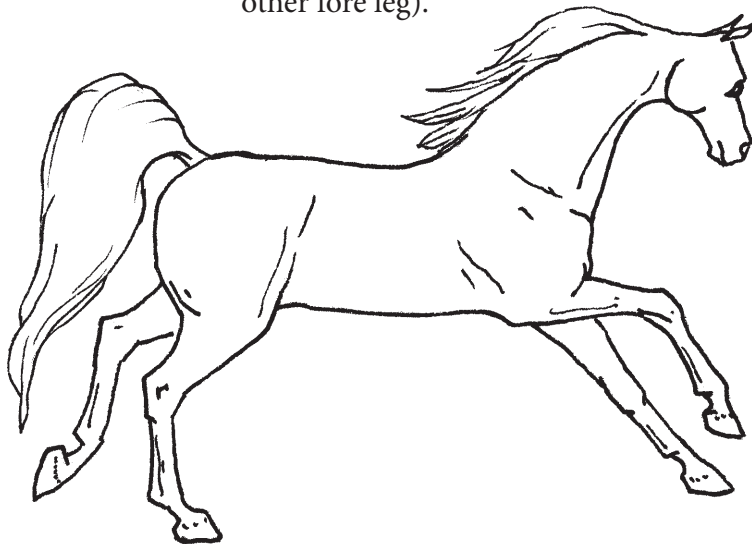
Walk

4-beat gait (3 feet on the ground at the same time).



Gallop

4-beat gait (sequence: hind leg, other hind leg, opposite fore leg, other fore leg).

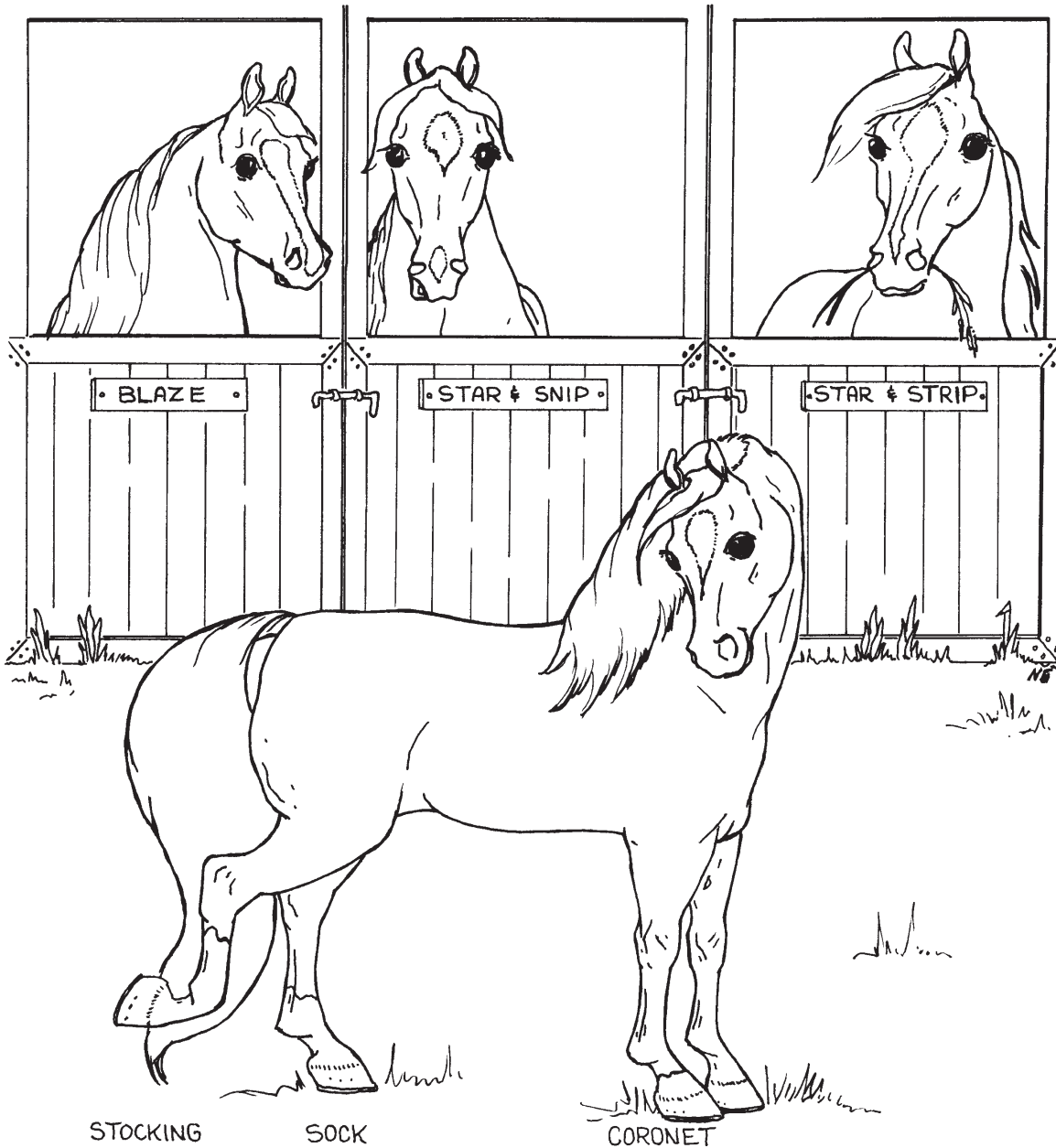


Canter

3-beat gait (sequence: hind leg, other hind leg and opposite fore leg at the same time, other fore leg, moment of suspension).



MORGAN COLORING AND MARKINGS



Color White: Face Markings (Star; Blaze; Snip; and Strip)
Leg Markings (Stockings; Sock; and Coronet)

Center Horse: Bay (Reddish Body; Black Mane, Tail, Legs)

In Barn: Left Horse: Chestnut (Reddish-Tan)

Center Horse: Black

Right Horse: Brown (Dark Reddish-Brown with Lighter Muzzle)

Morgans are also sometimes palomino, buckskin, or dun.

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HORSE TERMS

Horse Terms

- Mare:** A female horse over four years old.
- Stallion:** A mature male horse over four years old.
- Gelding:** A male horse that has been castrated and cannot breed.
- Foal:** A newborn colt or filly.
- Filly:** A female horse under four years of age.
- Colt:** A male horse under four years of age.
- Suckling:** A foal of either sex that is still nursing.
- Weanling:** A foal of either sex that has been separated from its dam, but not past December 31st of the year born.
- Yearling:** A horse that is one years old. (All horses have a birthday on January 1st).
- Sire:** The father of a horse.
- Dam:** The mother of a horse.
- Pedigree:** A record of the horse's ancestry.

More Terms

- Tack:** Equipment used in riding and driving horses (saddle, bridles, etc.).
- Green:** An untrained or inexperienced horse.
- Near Side:** The left side of the horse.
- Off Side:** The right side of the horse.
- Conformation:** The build of the horse. The ideal conformation of the Morgan horse is described in "The Morgan Horse Judging Standards."
- Hand:** The way a horse is measured. A hand is four inches.

Gaits

- Walk:** The walk is a slow, flat-footed, four-beat gait.
- Trot (jog):** The trot is a two-beat diagonal gait.
- Canter (lope):** The canter is a three-beat gait with suspension.

Face Markings

- Star:** A white marking on the forehead.
- Strip:** A long, thin, vertical white mark running down the length of the face.
- Blaze:** A wide strip of white down the face.
- Snip:** A white mark between the nostrils.

Coat Colors

- Chestnut:** Reddish brown body with mane and tail basically the same color as the body.
- Bay:** A reddish brown horse with black mane and tail. The lower legs also are usually black.
- Brown:** The body color is brown or black with lighter areas at the muzzle, eyes and inside of the legs.
- Black:** The body color is a true black without light areas.
- Palomino:** The body color is a golden yellow. The mane and tail are light colored.

Morgan horses can be several other colors as well, these, however, are the most common horse coat color terms.



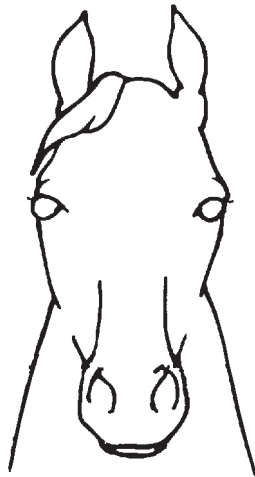
DRAW THE CORRECT FACE MARKINGS

Morgan horses have many different coat colors. They can be chestnut, brown, bay, black, buckskin, gray, palomino, dun or creme.

Draw the correct face markings on each diagram.

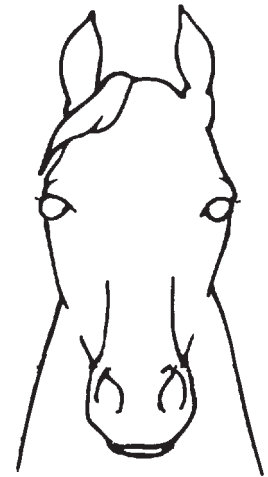
Star

A white mark on the forehead, located above a line running from eye to eye.



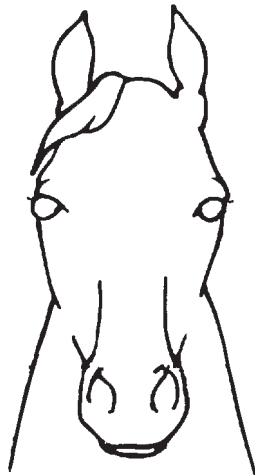
Snip

A white or flesh mark between the nostrils or on the upper lip.



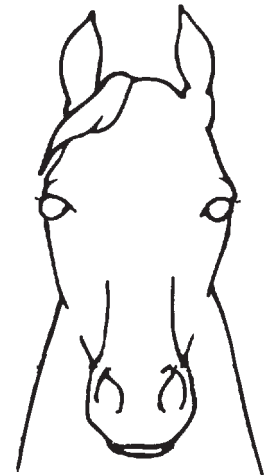
Strip

A white marking extending from the line of the eyes toward the line running from nostril to nostril.



Blaze

A wide strip of white down the face.



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DRAW THE CORRECT LEG MARKINGS

Now that you know some of the correct face markings for a Morgan horse, draw the leg markings on each diagram. Remember the accepted Morgan colors.

Coronet

A white marking extending to 1" above the hoof.



Sock

A white marking extending to midway on the cannon.



Stocking

A white marking extending above midway on the cannon.



Pastern

A white marking extending to the top of the pastern.



Fetlock

A white marking extending to the top of the fetlock (ankle).



Heel

A white marking found on the back of the foot.





FIGURE IT OUT

Find the missing terms by unscrambling the words below. Write the words on the blank lines. The circled letters will spell out the mystery name of a breed.

A baby horse is called a _____ **C** _____.

All horses have feet called _____ **H** _____.

A _____ **A** _____ **S** _____ **E** _____ is a grown up boy horse.

A boy horse is a _____ **B** _____.

A girl horse is a _____ **G** _____.

A _____ **A** _____ **I** _____ **R** _____ is a grown up girl horse.

In a pasture, horses eat _____ **F** _____.

All horses must have _____ **W** _____ to drink.

Baby horses drink _____ **M** _____.

Horses eat their "cereal" called _____ **O** _____.

The _____ **T** _____ and _____ **A** _____ are long hairs on a horse.

Horses see with their _____ **E** _____.

Horses hear with their _____ **E** _____.

The circled letters spell the first American breed

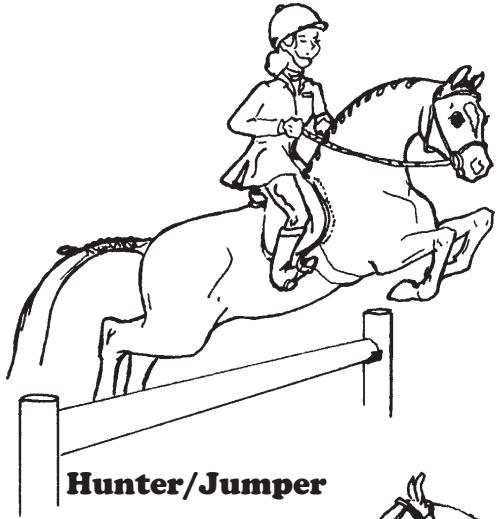
The _____ **M** _____ _____ **N** _____

_____ **G** _____ Horse.

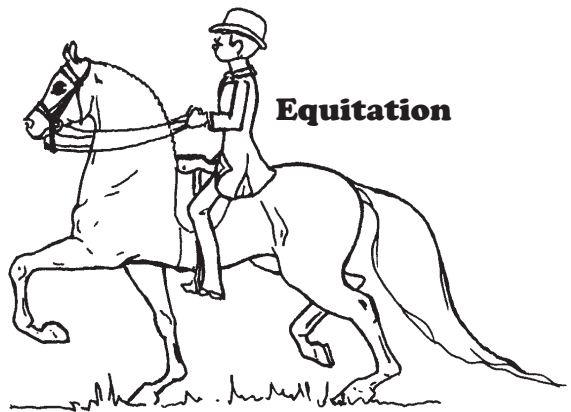
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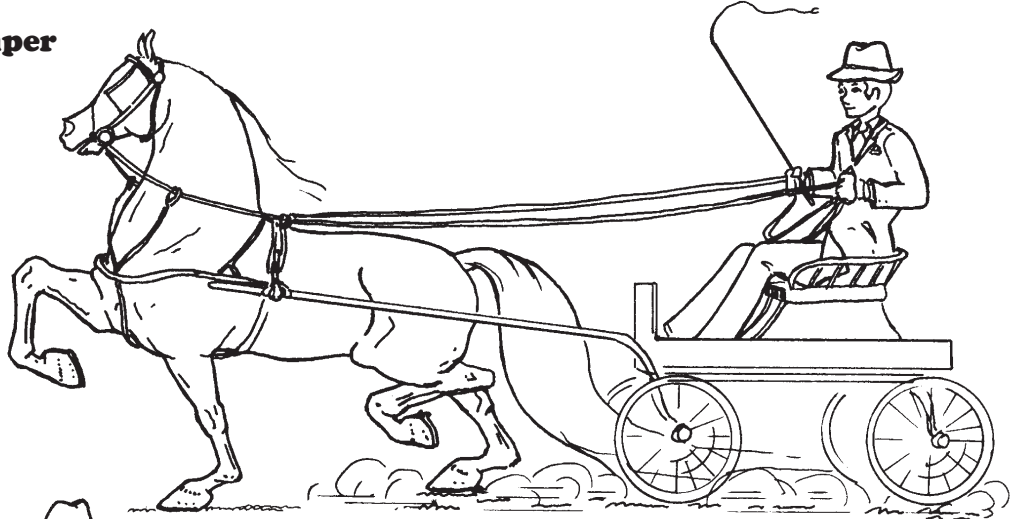
THE MORGAN IS VERSATILE: HE CAN DO IT ALL!



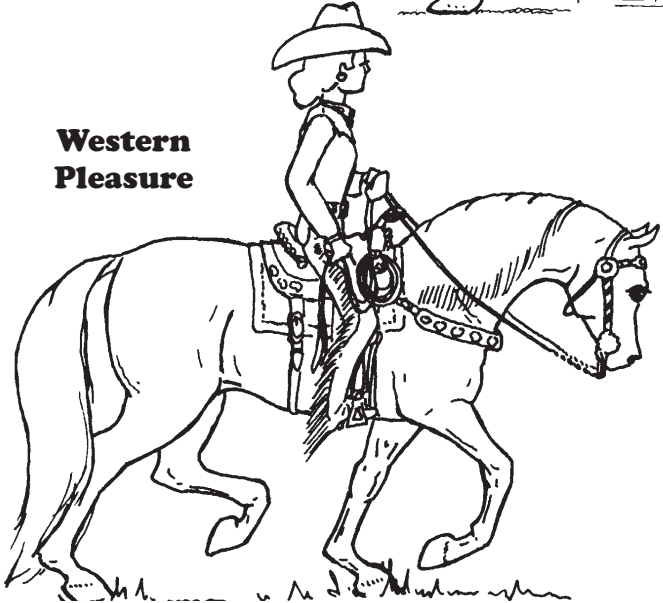
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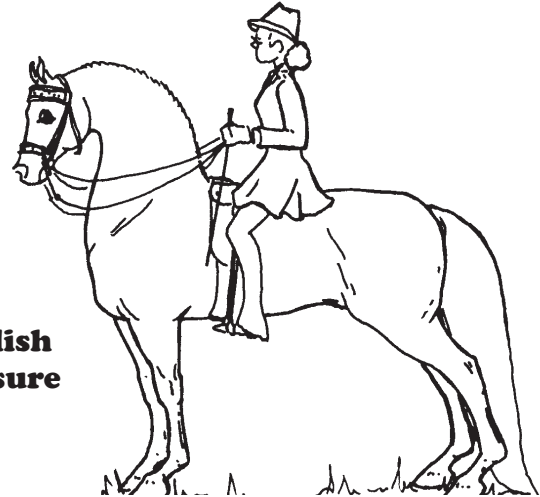
Equitation



Park Harness



**Western
Pleasure**



**English
Pleasure**

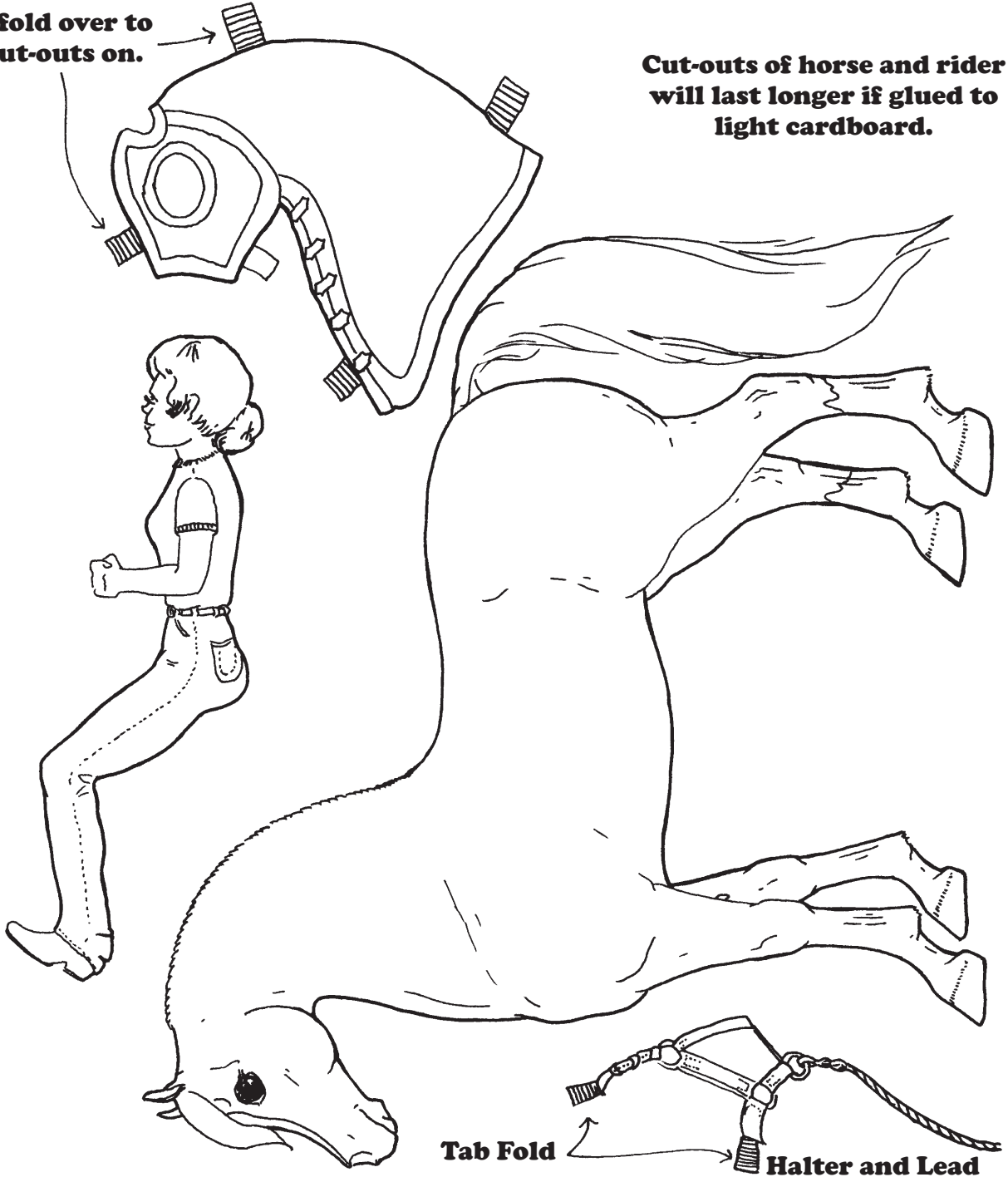


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MORGAN AND RIDER CUT-OUTS

You may either trace or cut out the Morgan and rider with their accessories found on pages 24 and 25. Color them your favorite colors. Use your imagination and create more things for them.

Tabs – fold over to hold cut-outs on.



Cut-outs of horse and rider will last longer if glued to light cardboard.

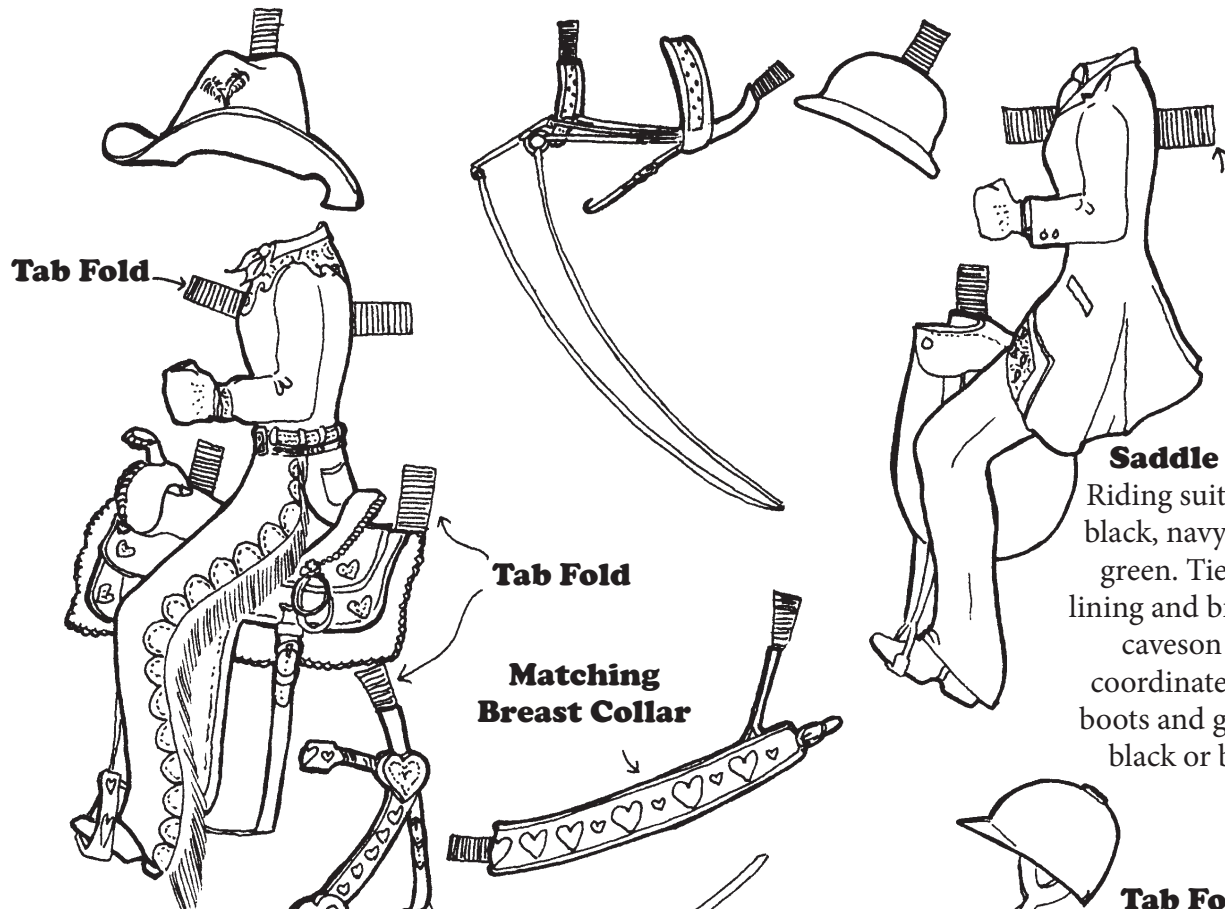
Tab Fold

Halter and Lead

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OUTFIT CUT-OUTS



Tab Fold

Tab Fold

Matching Breast Collar

Saddle Seat:

Riding suit: brown, black, navy, or dark green. Tie, jacket lining and browband-caveson color coordinate. Derby, boots and gloves are black or brown.

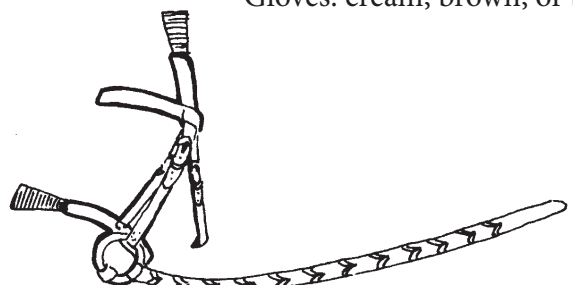
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Western Seat:

Color coordinate the shirt, pants, hat, tie, gloves, chaps, boots, and saddle pad. Be creative.

Hunter Seat:

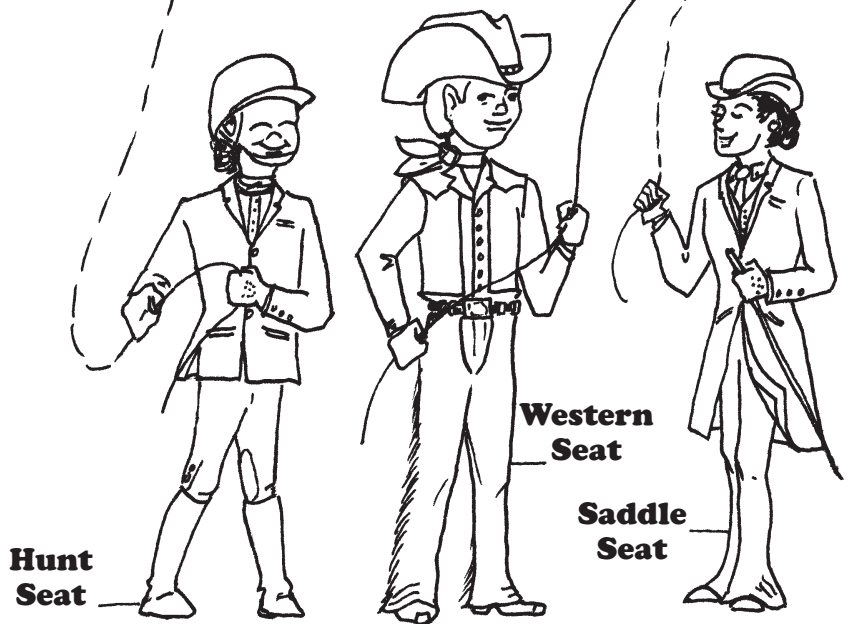
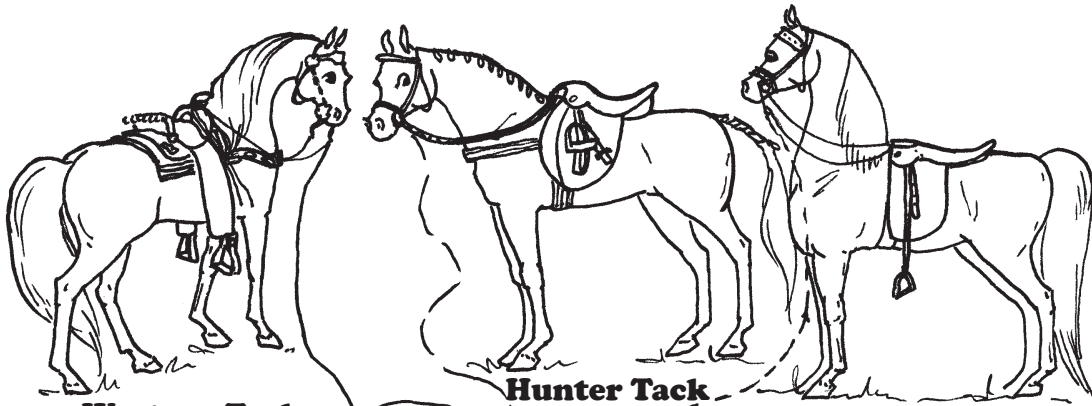
Hard Hat: brown, black, or dark blue.
Jacket: tweed or melton.
Breeches: cream or off white.
Boots: brown or black.
Gloves: cream, brown, or black.





UNTANGLE THE REINS MAZE

Untangle the reins and get each rider with the horse wearing the correct tack (equipment). Color the riding attire.

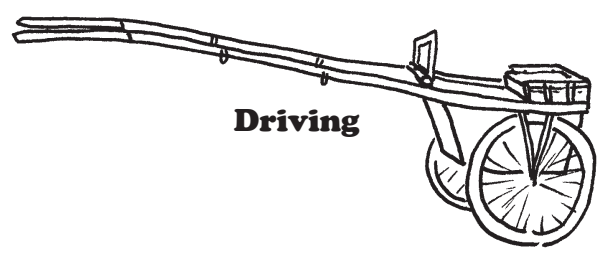
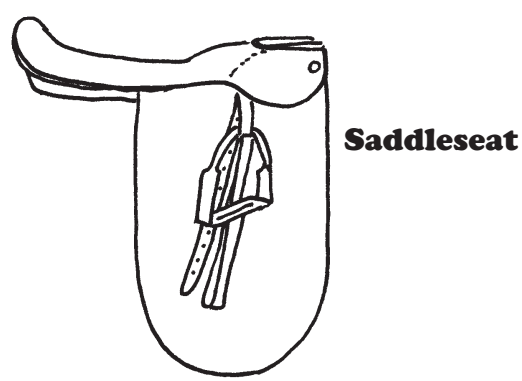
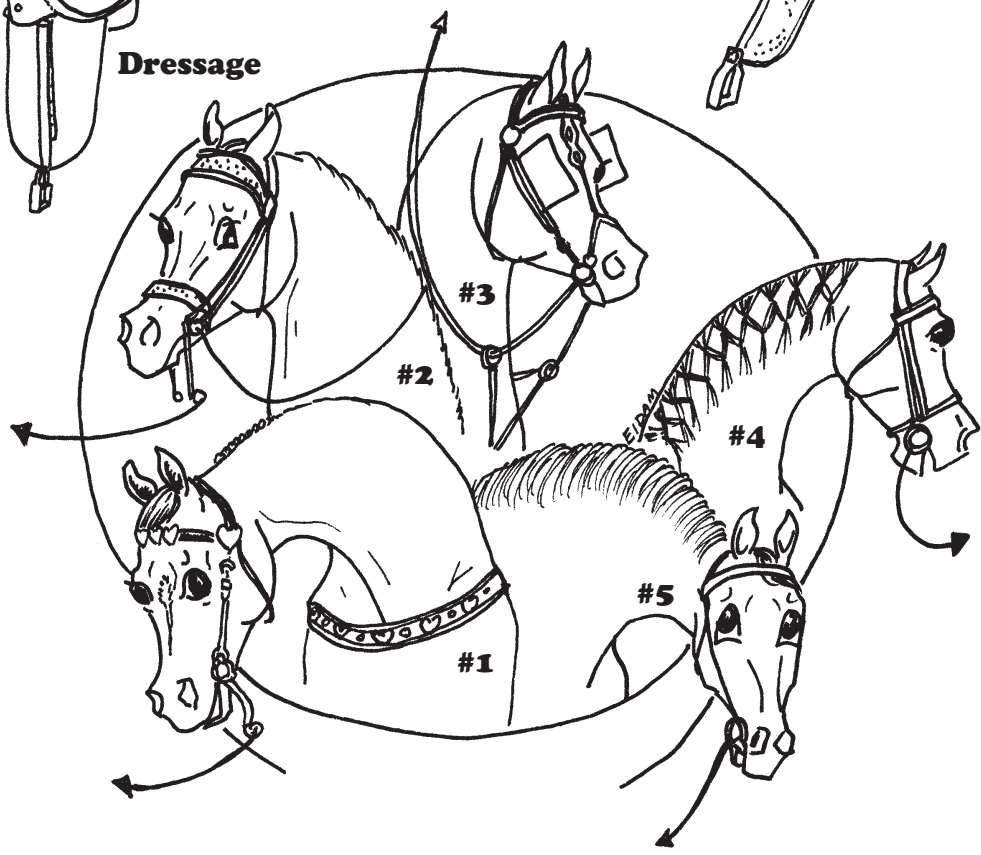
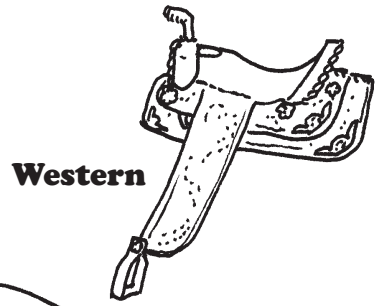
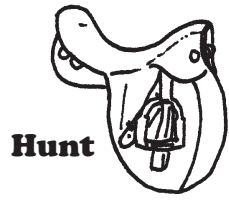


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EQUIPMENT MATCH-UP

Help us find the correct tack — draw a line to the matching equipment.





PARTS OF THE HORSE FILL IN THE BLANKS

How well do you know the parts of a Morgan horse?

Rearrange the letters to find the word which fits the definition.

The letters in the circles will fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page!

The entire foot of a horse.

O H F O



The middle of the body, between the forehead and the rear end.

B L A R E R



The upper part of the horse's hind limb.

G S K A I N



The long hair growing from the top sides of the neck.

N E A M



The highest part of a horse's back.

T R W H S E I



The external opening of a horse's nose.

L R O N S I T



America' Most Stylish and Versatile Horse is the

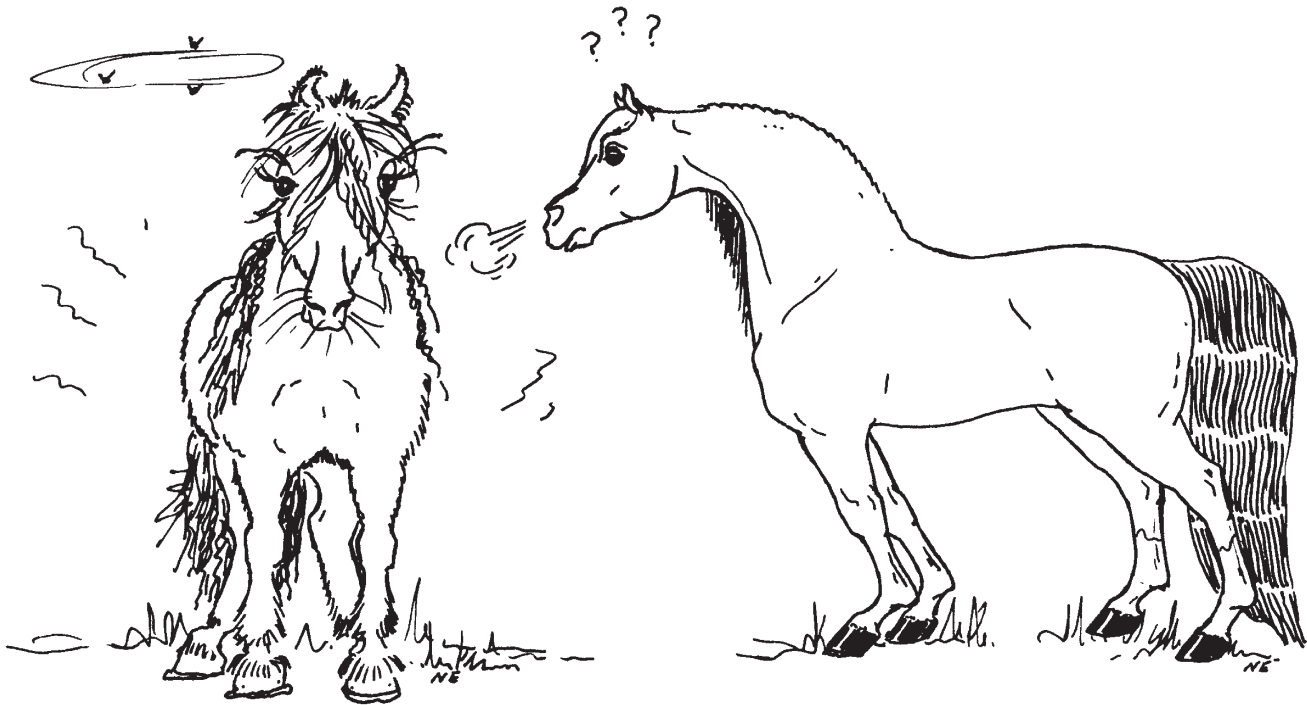
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GROOMING THE MORGAN

Find the underscored words below (hold up to mirror for help).
To measure: a "Hand" equals 4 inches. If a Morgan is 15.1 hands, he is 60 inches plus 1 inch or 61 inches from the ground to his withers.



Take pride in keeping your Morgan at his very best. Daily grooming keeps his coat healthy and shiny. Begin with a curry at his poll and work to his hindquarters. Repeat with the body brush. Use a soft brush on his long mane and tail being careful not to break any hair. Clean his face with a soft cloth or sponge. With clippers, carefully trim his bridlepath, muzzle, underjaw, fetlocks, and inside of ears. Bathe him in warm water using a lanolin-based soap. Rinse well! Pick out his feet.

Finish with equine fly spray. For shows, use special hoof polish for the walls of his feet.

Lightly oil (baby or Vaseline) his muzzle.

T A O C O I L E O C O A T
U Y L F T A E C L E A N T F L Y
S R U S H E Y I S O A P U T E U N C L I P P E R S
Y C L O T H T H O F N I P O L I S H O S H I N Y



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MORGAN WORDSEARCH

The Morgan is a versatile horse which means they can be found doing many different things.

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

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Reining

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Sidesaddle

Stock

Therapy

Trail

Vaulting

Versatility

Western

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HORSEY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Can You Fill In This Morgan's Cooler? Test your horsey knowledge by trying this puzzle. Complete it to the best of your ability.

ACROSS:

1. A young male horse
3. A baby horse
4. Reddish body, black mane and tail
8. Who teaches a horse
10. To keep your horse healthy, he must have regular _____
12. A small patch of white on the muzzle
13. Person who takes care of a horse
16. Lockjaw
18. Baled horse feed
19. Metal on foot
20. Bucket
24. Cushion that goes under a saddle
25. Headstall with bit
28. Adult female horse
30. Singing master's first name

DOWN:

2. A two-beat gait
4. What horse wears to keep warm
7. Aid worn on boot
8. Word for equipment
9. The father of a horse
11. Figure could out _____ all other horses
14. Long hair along the top of the neck
16. Word describes distinctive breed qualities
17. Long hair attached to dock
21. Equipment you ride on back of horse
23. Article that covers head and neck
24. Top of head
26. Vermont state animal
27. Mother of the horse
29. Second place ribbon
31. Metal mouthpiece

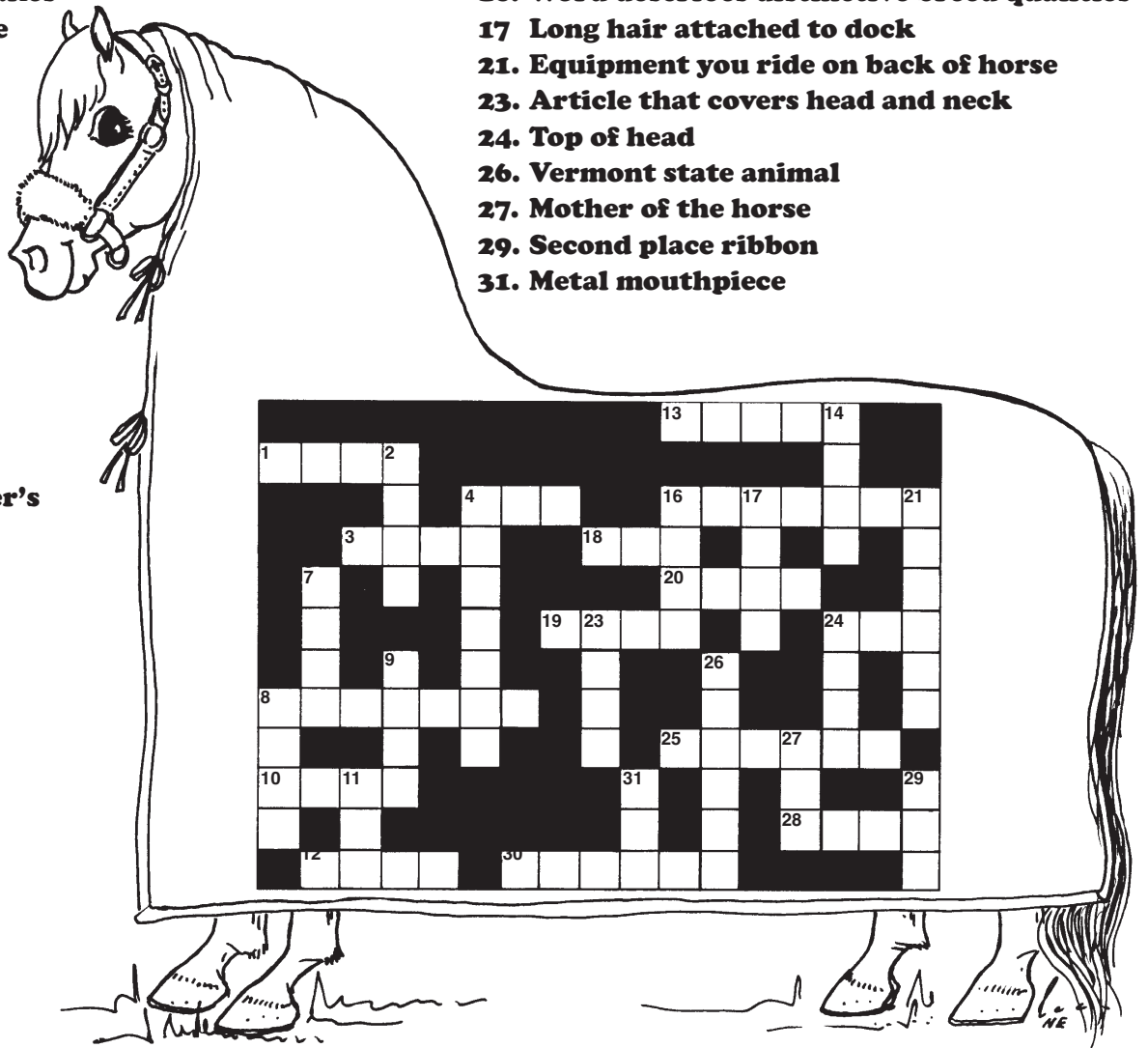




FIGURE INTRODUCTION LEVEL

Requirement Checklist

- _____ 1. Read Pages 2–14
- _____ 2. Complete Pages 15 & 16
- _____ 3. Read Pages 17–19
- _____ 4. Complete Page 20: Draw the Correct Face Markings
- _____ 5. Complete Page 21: Draw the Correct Leg Markings
- _____ 6. Complete Page 22: Figure it Out
- _____ 7. Color pages 23–25
- _____ 8. Complete page 26: Untangle the Reins Maze
- _____ 9. Complete Page 27: Equipment Match-Up
- _____ 10. Complete Page 28: Parts of the Horse Fill in the Blanks
- _____ 11. Complete Page 29: Grooming the Morgan
- _____ 12. Complete Page 30: Morgan Wordsearch
- _____ 13. Complete Page 31: Horsey Crossword Puzzle

What did you enjoy most about completing this level?

Please Check the tasks as you complete them and send this Requirement Checklist back to: AMHA, Attn: Nikki Dumas, 4037 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40511 Or email to nicole@morganhorse.com.

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AMHA YOUTH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Memberships are valid for the calendar year (January 1–December 31).
Must be 21 or under on January 1st of the membership year;
Standard Benefits apply.**

_____ I've completed the Figure Level and want to receive a complimentary AMHA Youth membership!

Name & Contact Information

Name: _____

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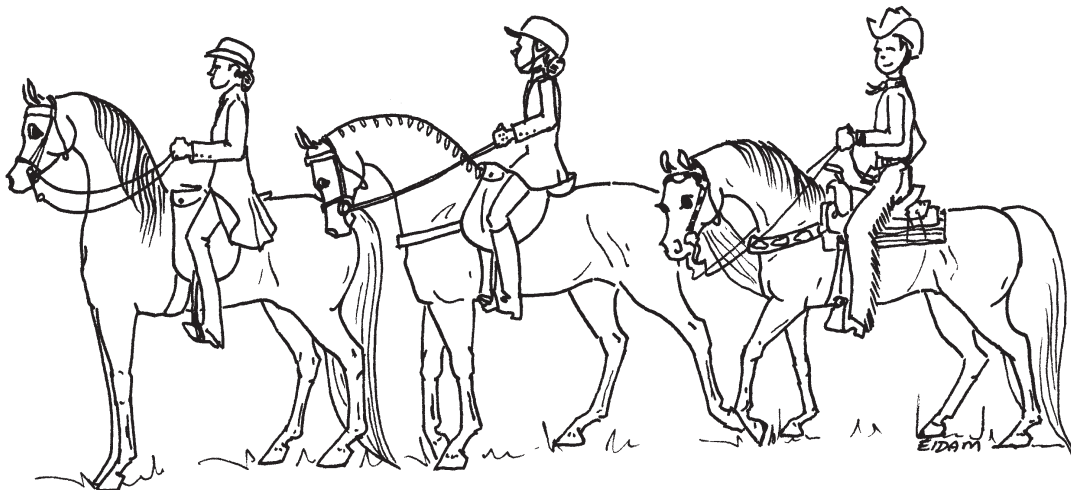
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please Send Your Completed Form To

AMHA, Attn: Nikki Dumas, 4037 Iron Works Pkwy, Ste 130, Lexington, KY 40511-8508



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