

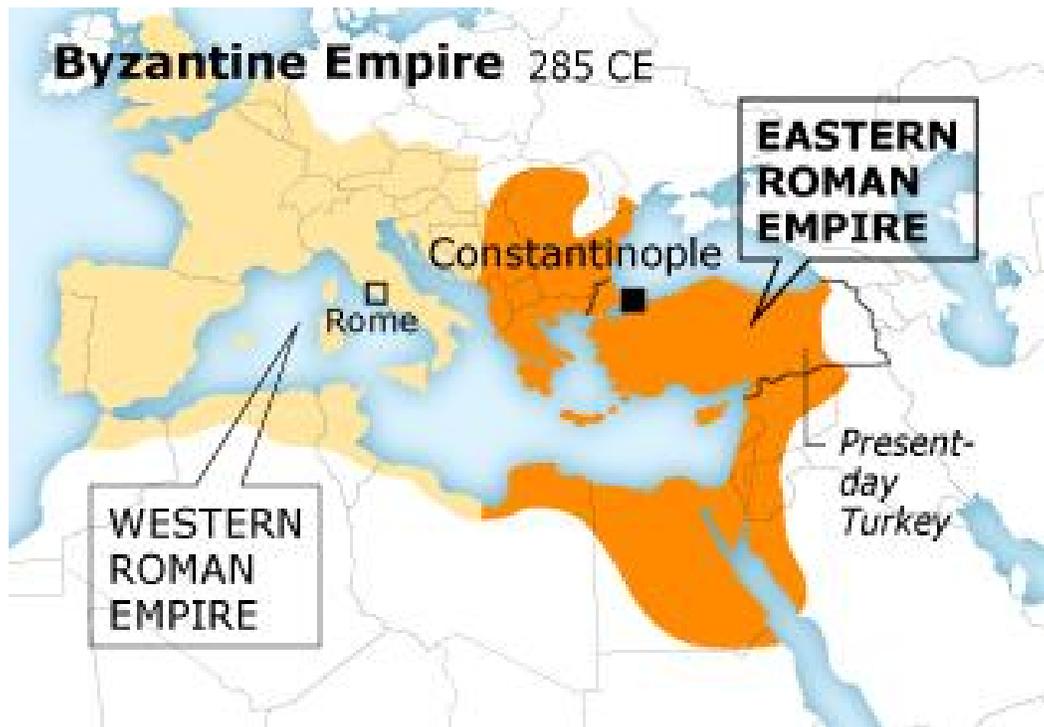
Byzantine Empire

Active Reading Packet, Mosaic Craft, and Coloring Page.



Great Homeschool or Multi-grade Learning activity.

Name: _____



In ancient times, Rome became an unbelievably powerful empire. Hungry for more and more, Rome continued to conquer territory and grow until she became too for one ruler to handle. It is at this time in history that Rome divided into two empires: the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire (the Byzantine Empire). While Rome herself remained the capital of the Western Roman Empire, Constantinople became the capital of the Eastern Empire.

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Constantinople was an incredibly beautiful city. A type of artistic display that made Constantinople so stunning was the mosaic.

Mosaics were intricate designs made from

pieces of stone, glass, marble, wood, clay, or

even gold and silver. These individual pieces, called tesserae, were arranged by artists to form some of the most incredible works of art imaginable.



This was not a one day art project. Creating mosaics took time and diligence.

In Constantinople, artists decorated a church called the Hagai Sophia with mosaics made of glass pieces covered in gold so that when the light shines on the mosaics the pictures almost glow.

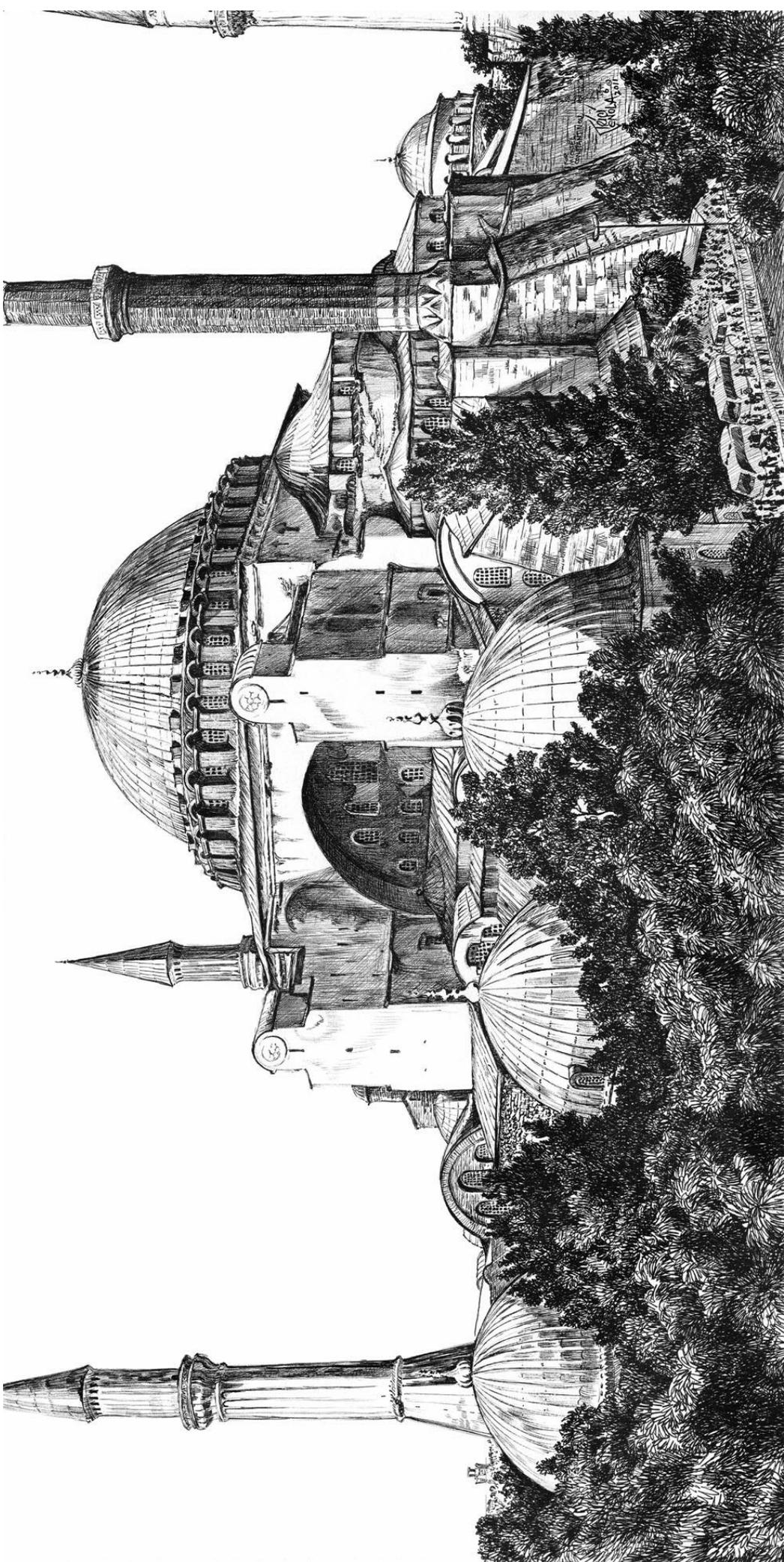
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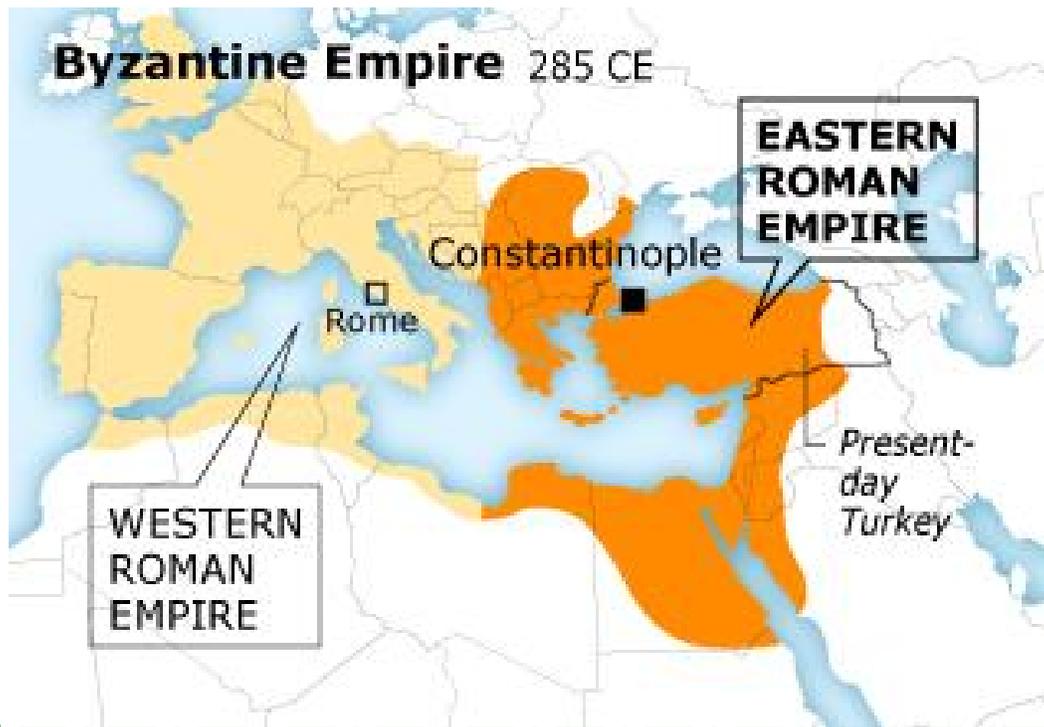
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The Hagai Sophia



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Fill in the blank:

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Circle the capital of western Roman Empire **green** and the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire **red**.

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Make Your Own Egg Shell (or paper) Mosaic!

Visit these sites online and look at the mosaics of the Hagai Sophia

<http://www.hagiasophia.com/>

<http://app.discoveryeducation.com/search?Ntt=hagai+sophia#Ntt=hagia%20sophia&Ntk=All>

Then do some more research to view other mosaic creations.

Supplies:

- terra cotta pot (or 4x4 ceramic tile)
- cleaned egg shells
- paint (or nail polish)
- elmers glue
- toothpicks
- modge podge
- pattern
- paper towel

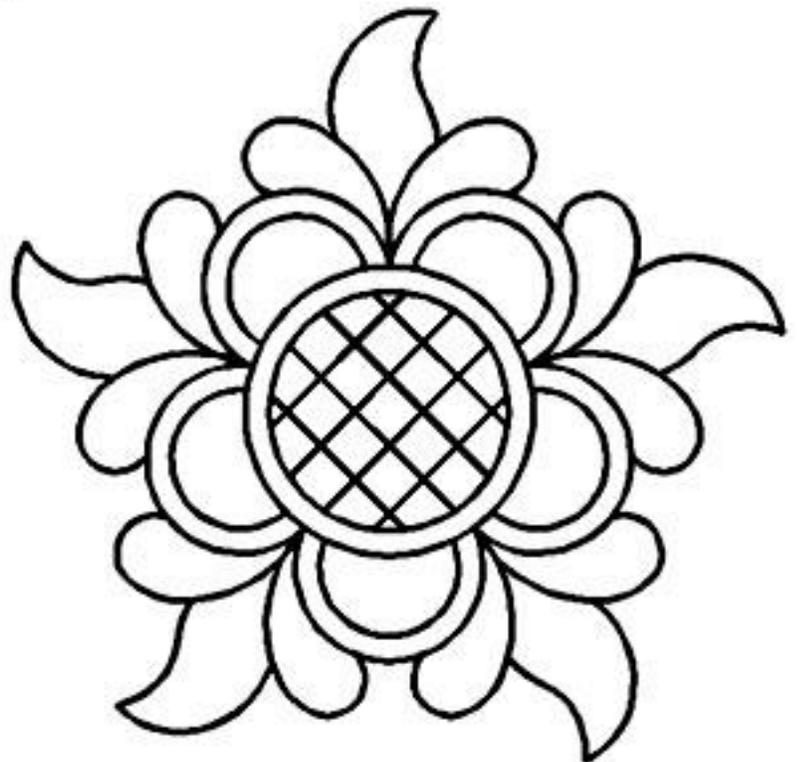
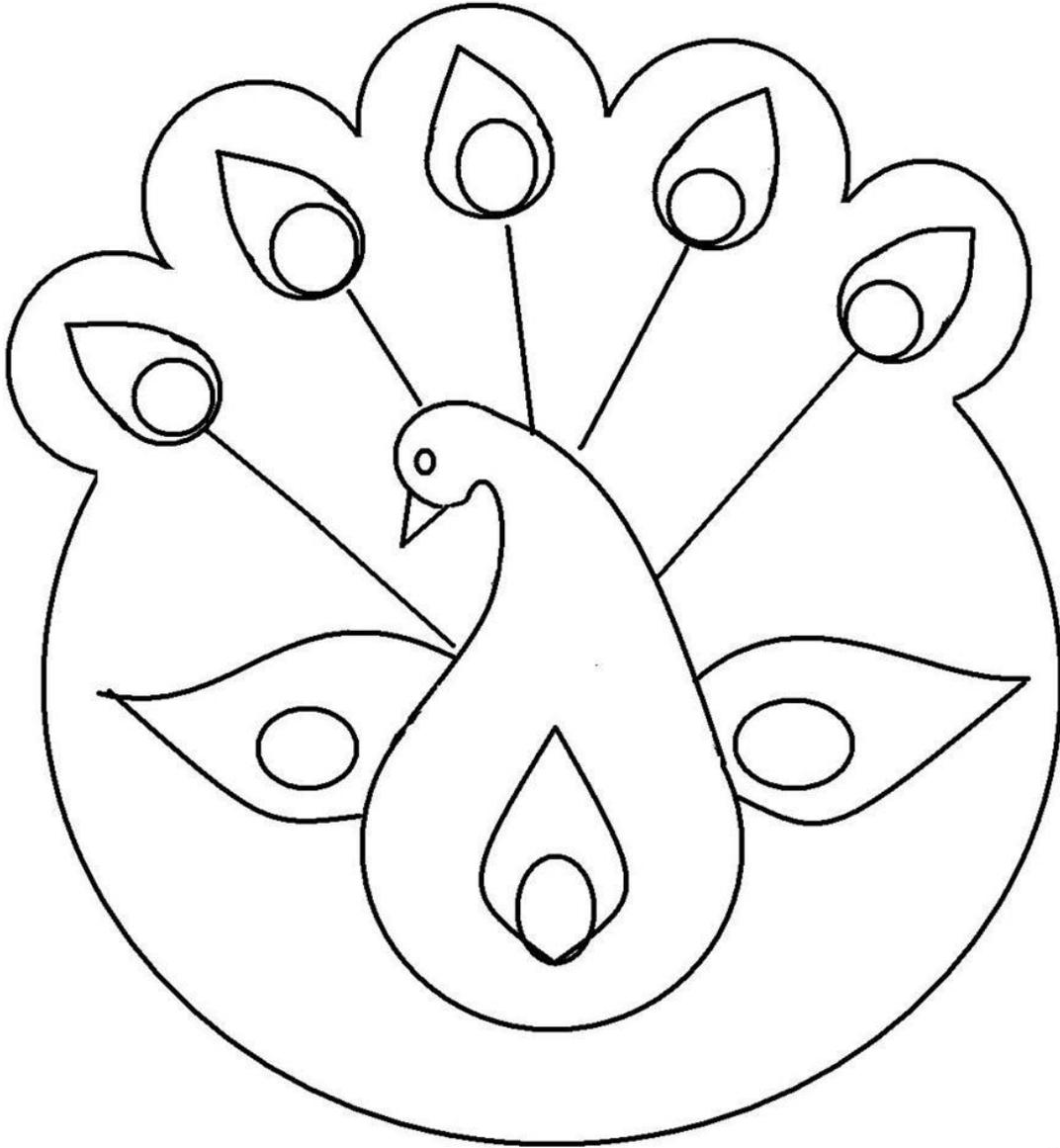


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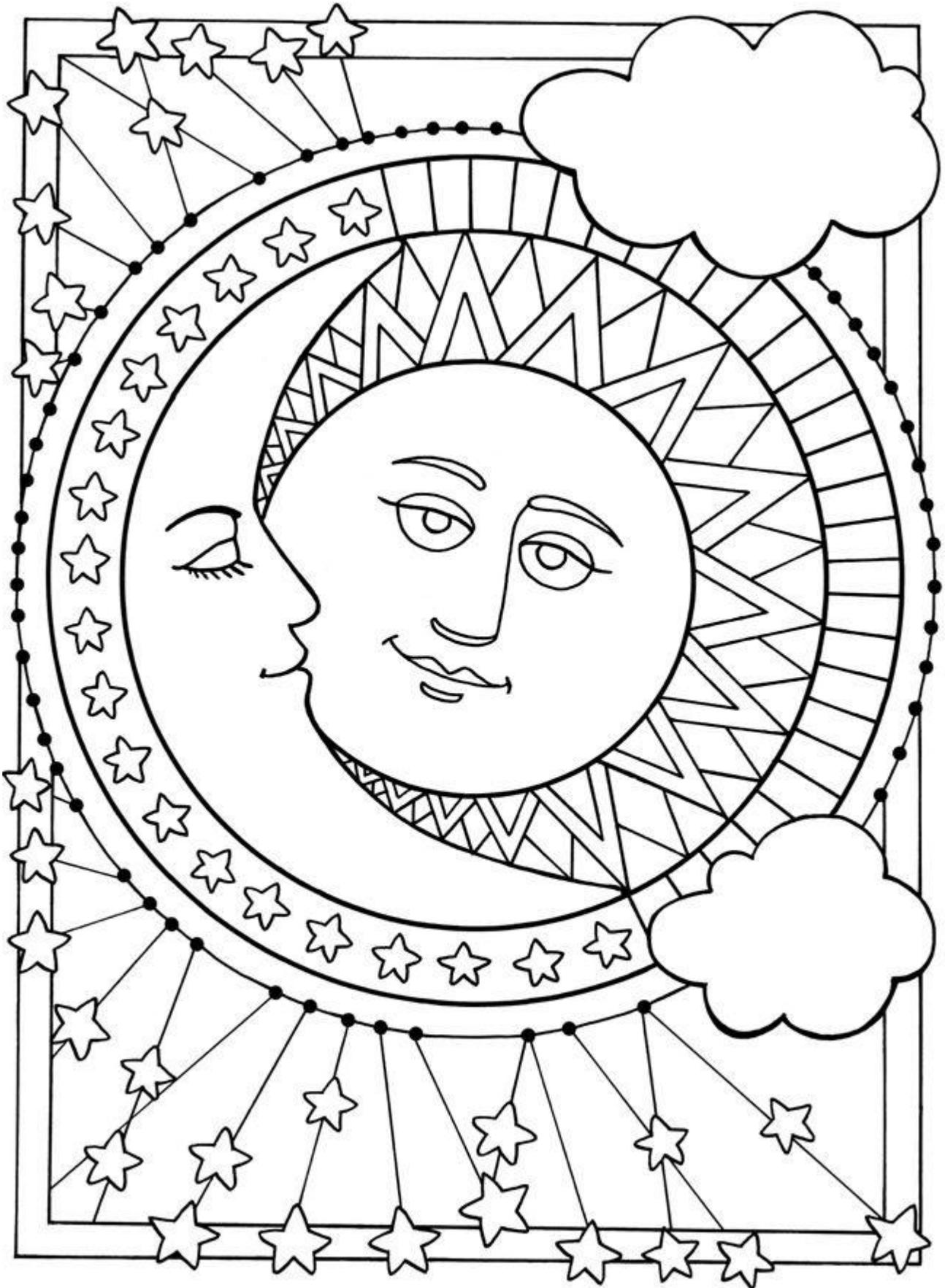
- collect at least 12 egg shells per student, wash with warm water and let dry on paper towel.
- Paint shells with paint(or nail polish) and allow to dry. Take a few days to prepare the egg shells. (If you are using colored paper, cut into tiny pieces of scraps)
- transfer your pattern onto your pot (ot tile) with pencil.
- carefully fill in design with eggshell pieces, or paper using glue. allow time to dry.
- Fill in design with smaller bits to complete design (younger children may need a few days to complete this project)
- Using a different color than the design, fill in the area around the design with egg shell or paper.
- Cover all of the surface with Modge podge and allow to dry.

Mosaic pots make beautiful keepsakes, pencil holders, planters, and gifts!

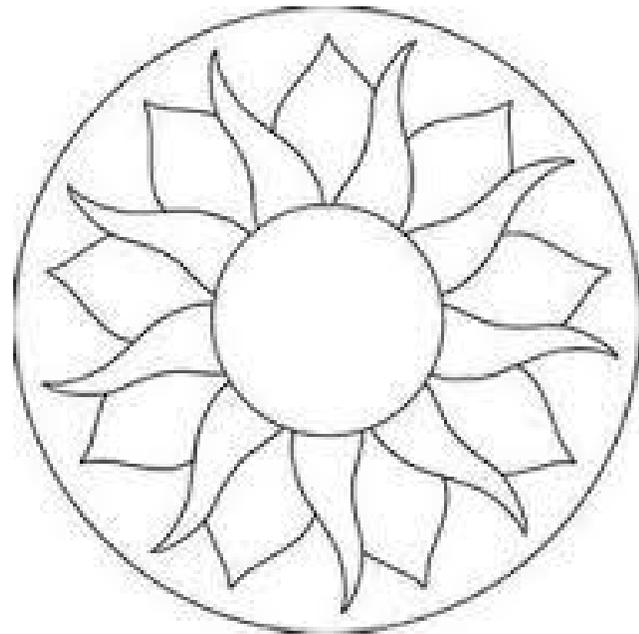
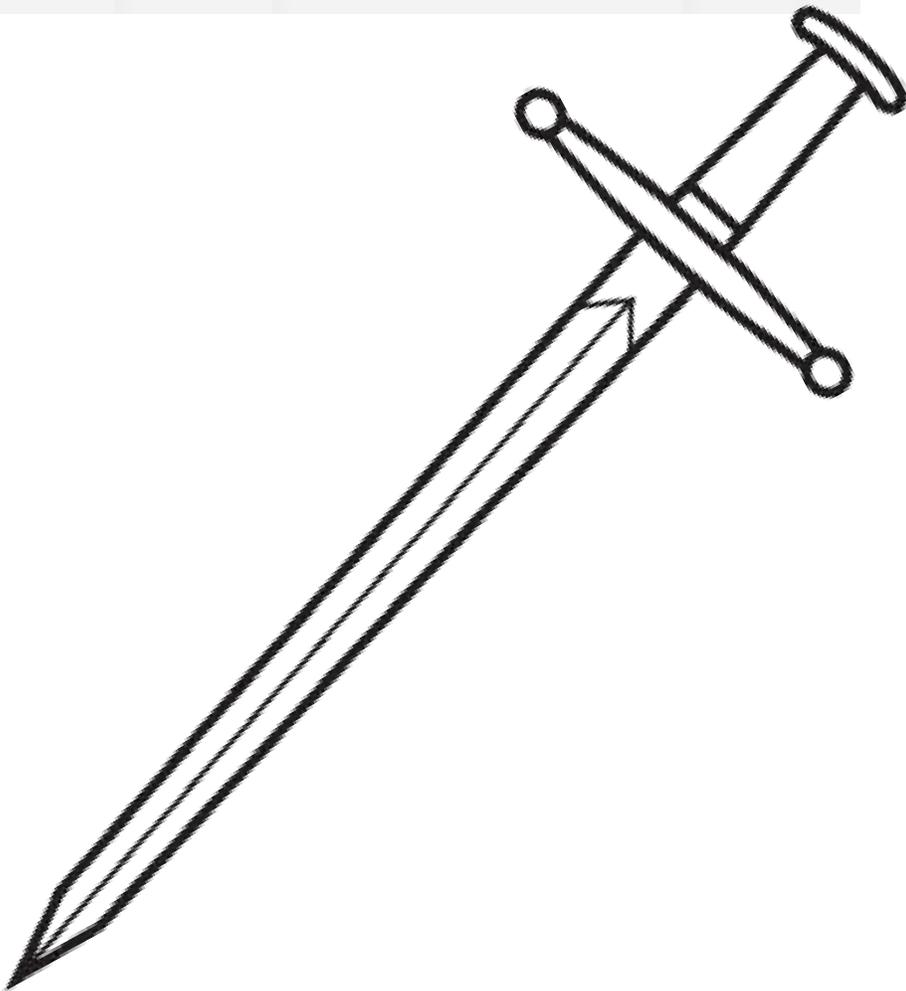
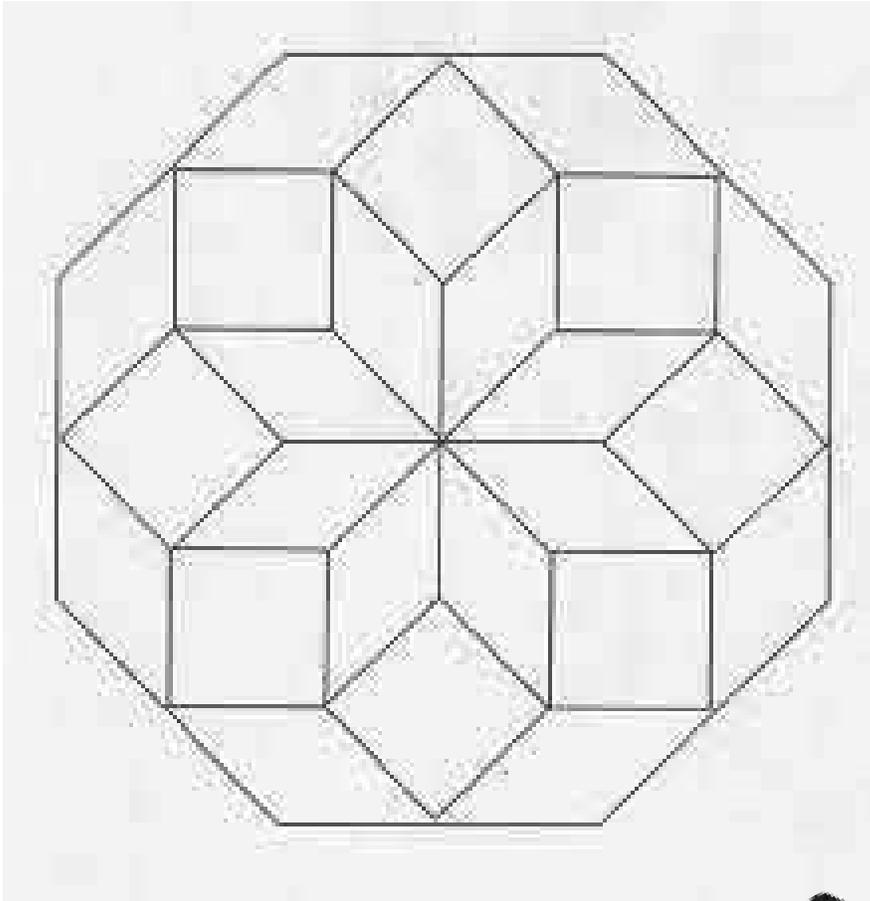
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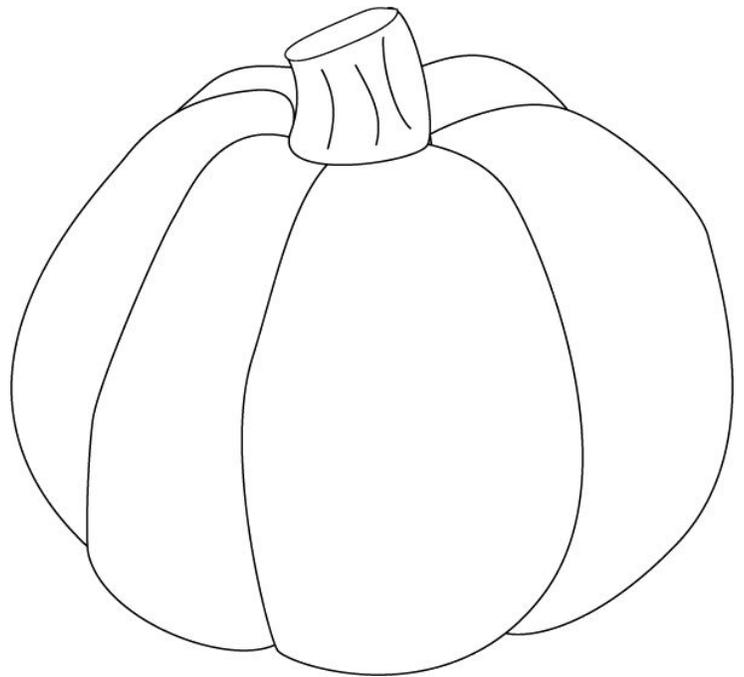
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