

Carib Collection

Social Studies worksheets about the Caribbean Islands.

These worksheets are designed with children of the diaspora in mind, but can be used as a fun learning activity for any child. They are meant to be done as a family and includes discussion questions throughout. Our past has been passed down through oral history and I hope these worksheets help to spark some great conversations.- CML



Supplies:

- pencils
- erasers
- pencil crayons and/or markers
- highlighters
- computer for on the fly research!

*do not print the "Link" page, just open it on your screen to click on the links as you work through the sheets.

*ensure you customize the pages in your print box so that you're only printing the worksheets and not the answer keys, to save your ink.

*you can print multiples of the colouring and drawing activities for each family member so that everyone can have fun!

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The AuthaGraph World Map by Japanese architect Hajime Narukawa is believed to be the most accurate projection to date.

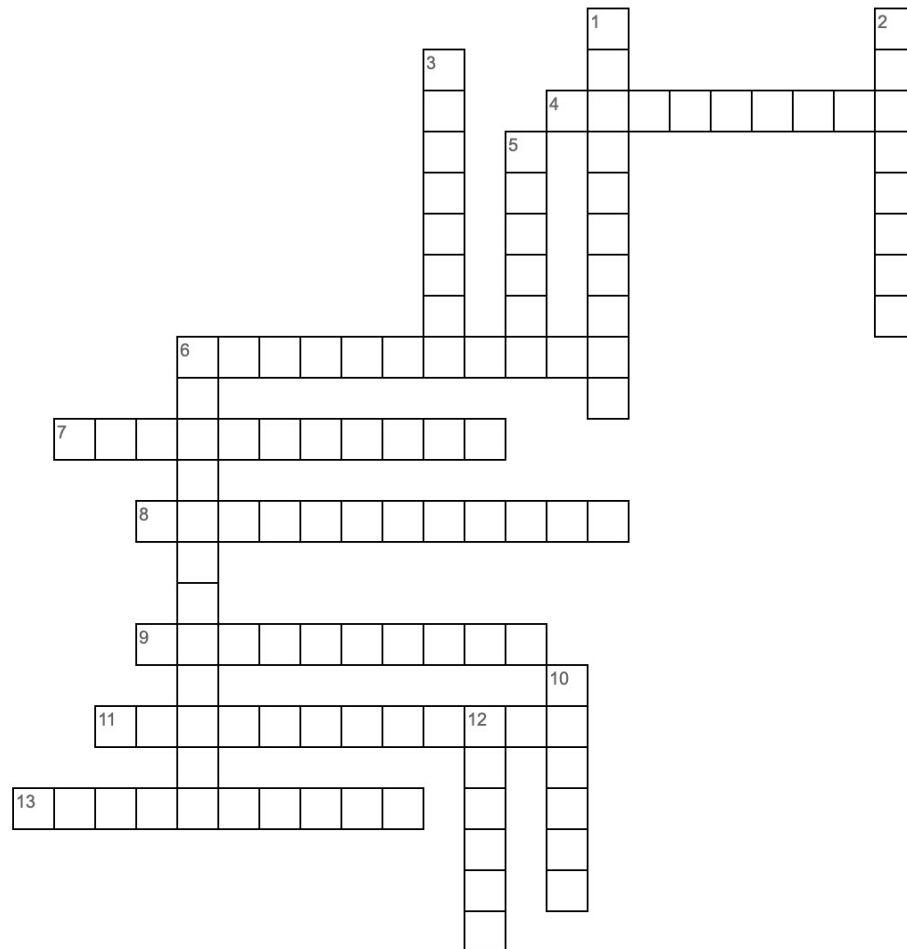
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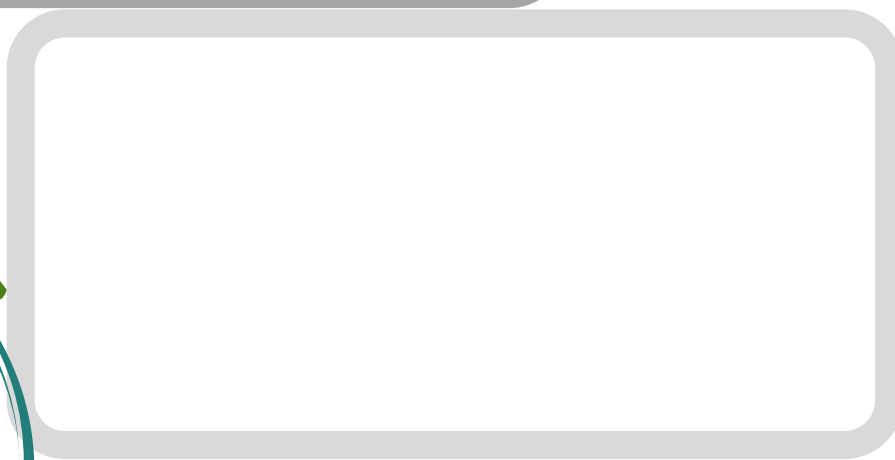
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Flags of the Caribbean

There are a variety of flags across the Caribbean. Draw and colour the ones that represent your heritage the best.

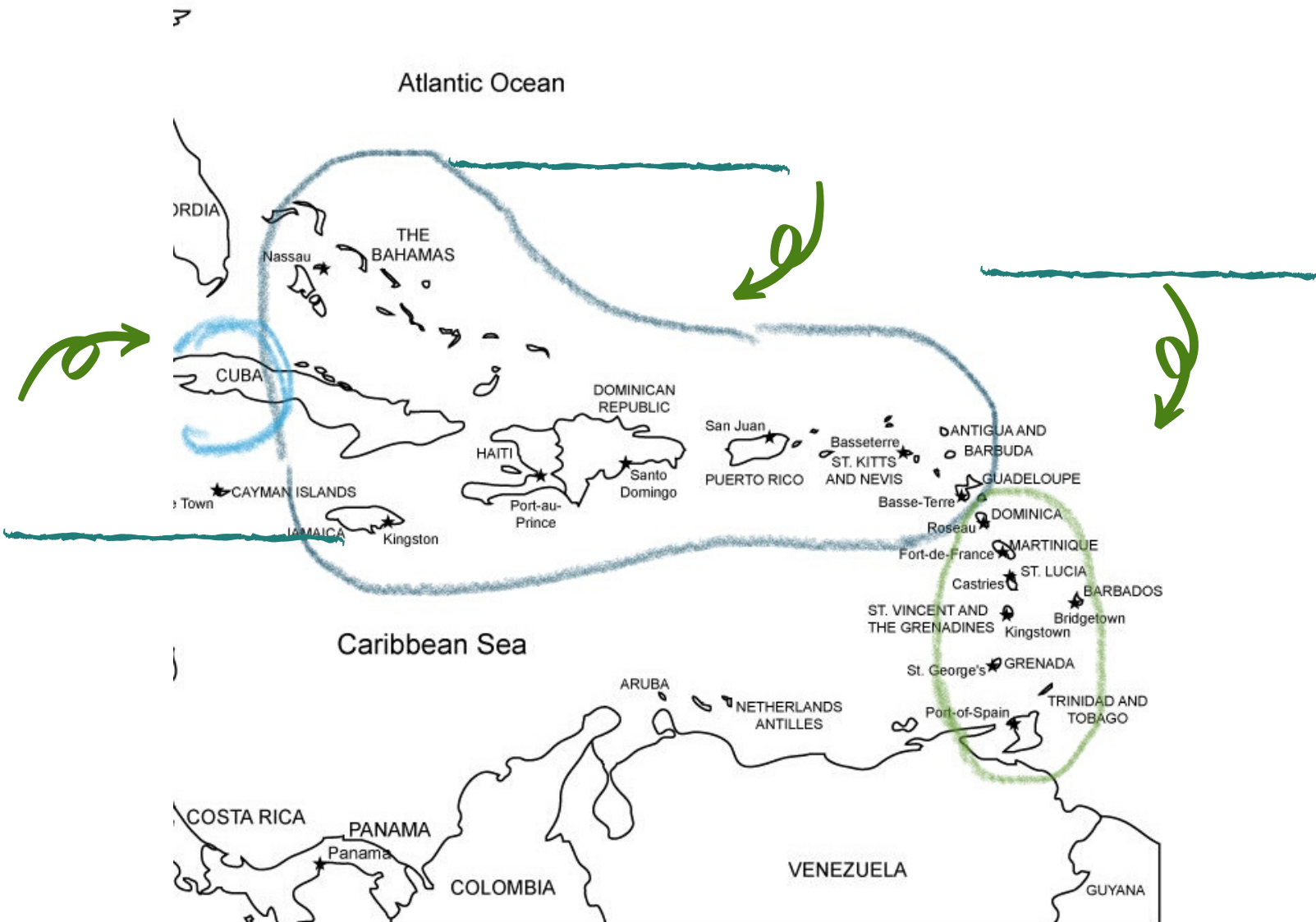


Many of us are
apart of the
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map of the country
you live in here!

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☐ kana:wa (dug-out)

maíze ☐

☐ wayaba

canoe ☐

☐ hamaka (fish net)

guava ☐

☐ mahís

potato ☐

☐ hurakán (God of storm)

hurricane ☐

☐ batata

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M_squer_d_

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M_k_J_mb_e

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A_an_ie St_ri_s

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C_l_pso

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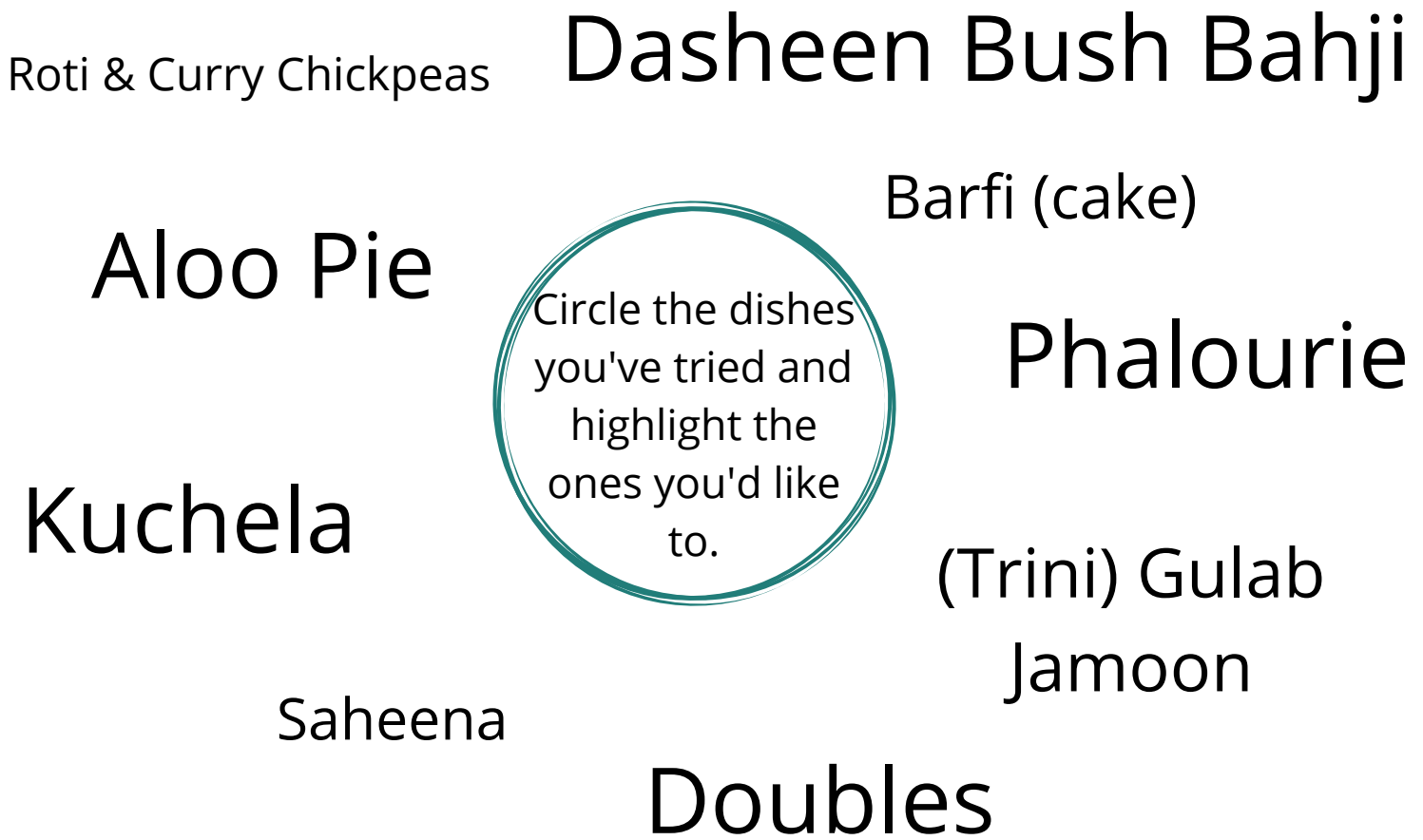
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Legacy of the Indo-Caribbean

After the Slavery Abolition Act was passed in 1833 many freed African's refused to work on the sugar plantations. The British created a "legal" loophole that involved forcing Indian's living under British rule into indentured servitude to create a new free labour force.

The Indo-Caribbean legacy can be seen woven into the modern fabric of the islands through art and musical influence, but especially through food. Some of our favourite dishes have Indian roots.



Which dish are you going to make as a family?

Produce of the Caribbean

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Carnival in the Caribbean

Carnival is celebrated in many countries and is called by many names. Highlight the one that your family uses.

Carnival

Jump Up

Fête

Crop Over

Caribana

Carnaval

(other)

Traditional costumes worn during Carnival are called Regalia. Participants are called Revelers or Masqueraders. Design your own here!

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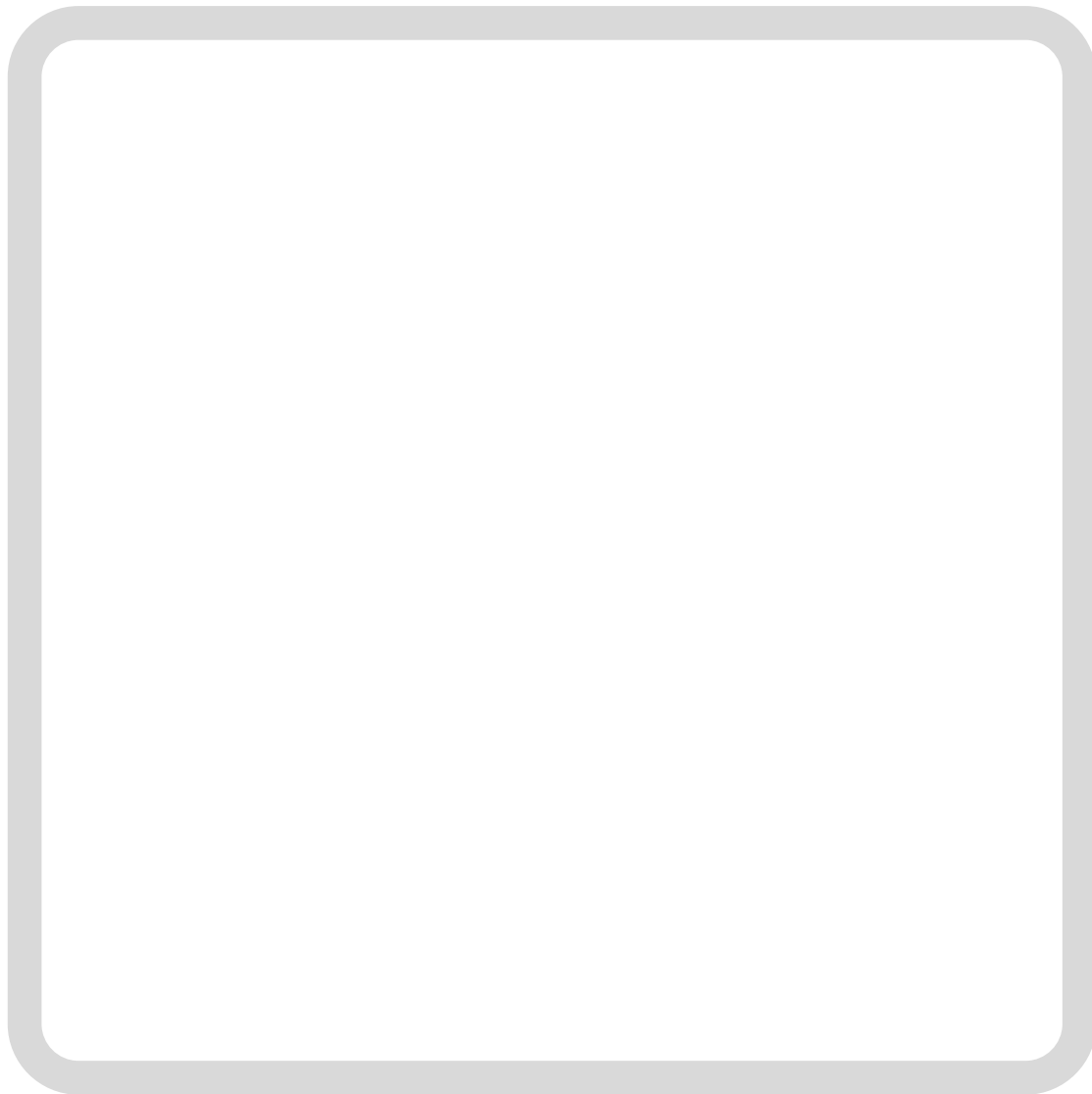
Mammy

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A portrait captures the likeness of a person and usually only depicts the head, face, and shoulders.

Pirates of the Caribbean

From the 1500's to the 1830's there really were Pirates of the Caribbean. Tortuga in Haiti, Port Royal in Jamaica, and Nassau in The Bahamas were popular ports utilized by pirates, buccaneers, and privateers alike. It's estimated that nearly 1/3rd of the approximately 2600 pirates active during the "Golden Age" of piracy were of African decent. Pirates had their own ways of governing their crew and for the most part crew members were treated equally regardless of ethnicity. Spoils were divided based on position and any man could rise to higher positions, even Captain.



Lack of portraiture or even historical mentions means many pirate's lives are left to legend, especially those of African decent. What do you think they might have looked like? Draw a portrait of yourself as a pirate in the 1700's.

The Big Drum Dance Of Carriacou



Learning Links

A few links to help parents facilitate learning.

The Caribbean Dictionary

12 English Words Derived From An Extinct Caribbean Language

socamom.com

Which Is The Most Accurate Map Projection?

IndigenousPeoplesUnited.org

HistoryToday.com

Elements Of Caribbean History

Wikipedia.org

TorontoCarnival.ca

Fun YouTube Videos For Kids

Callaloo: A Jazz Folktale (storybook collection)

Exploring The Coral Reef

Kiddies Carnival In Port of Spain

Dancing With 10 ft Stilts

Making A Steel Pan (Drum)

Big Drum Dancers Of Carriacou

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EUROPE

ASIA

AFRICA

ANTARTICA

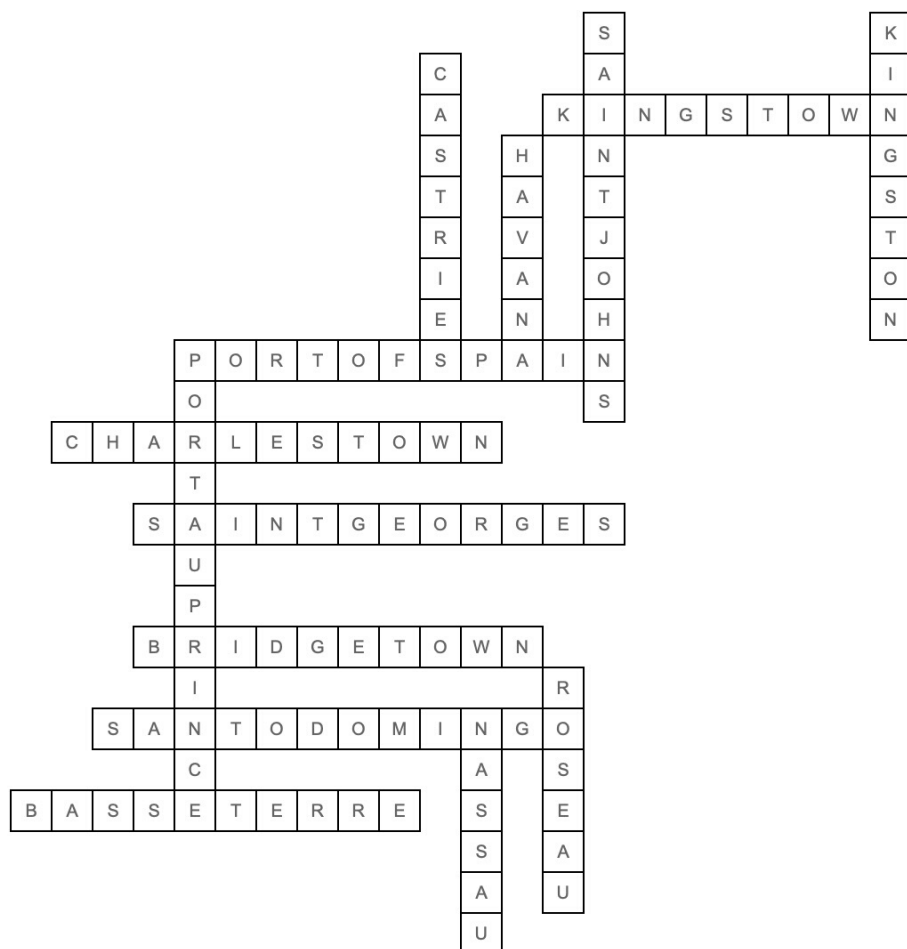
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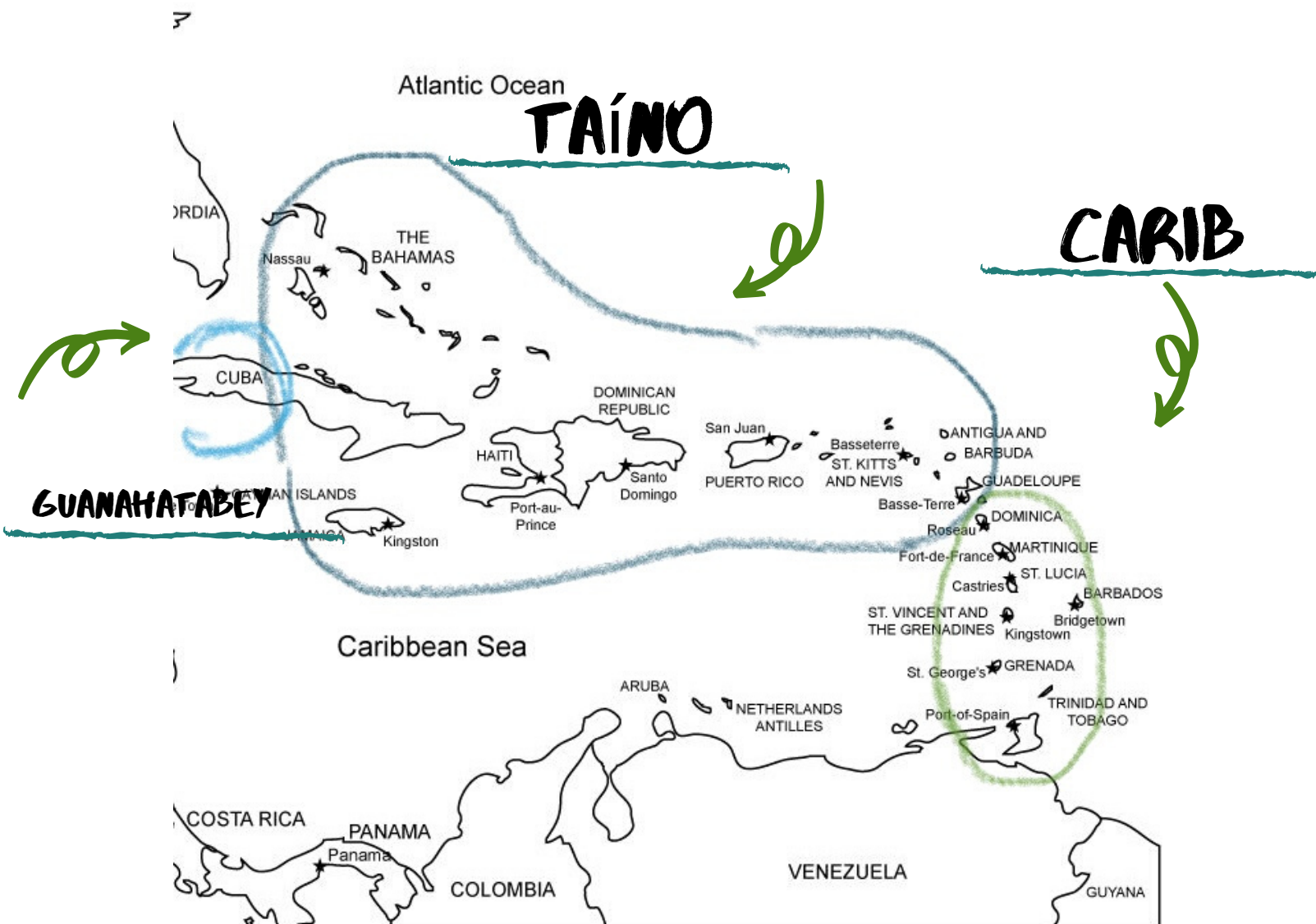
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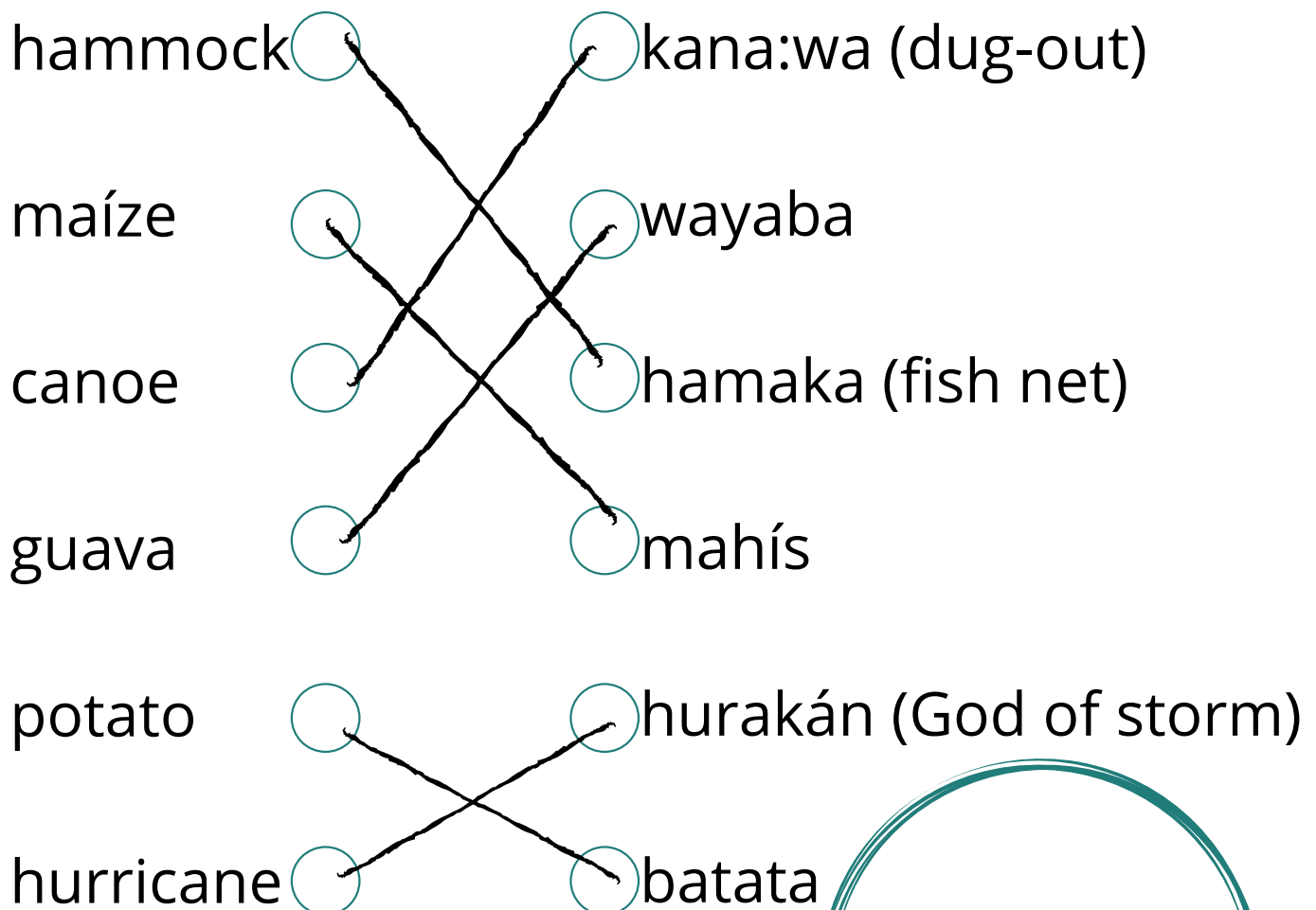
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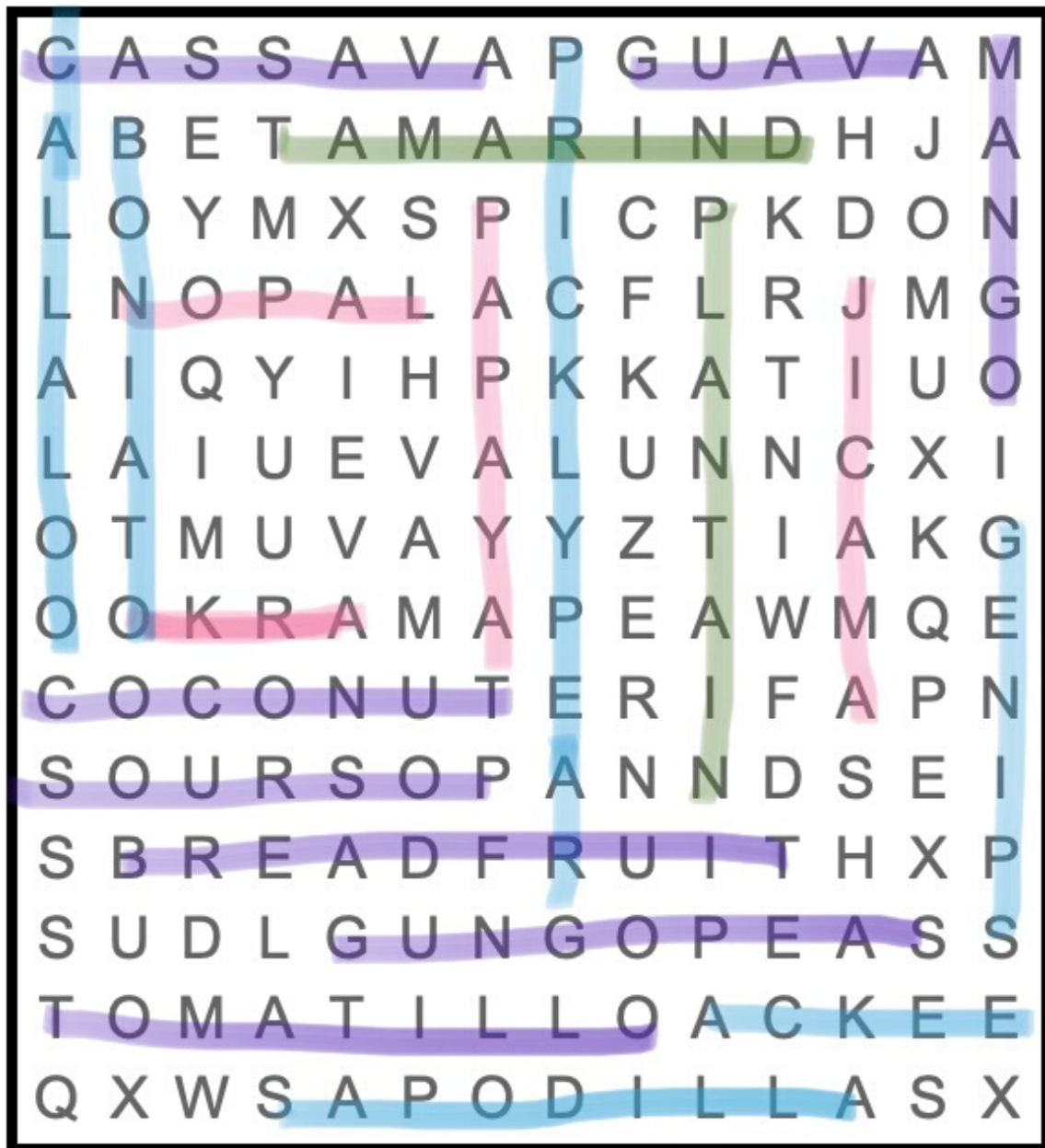
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