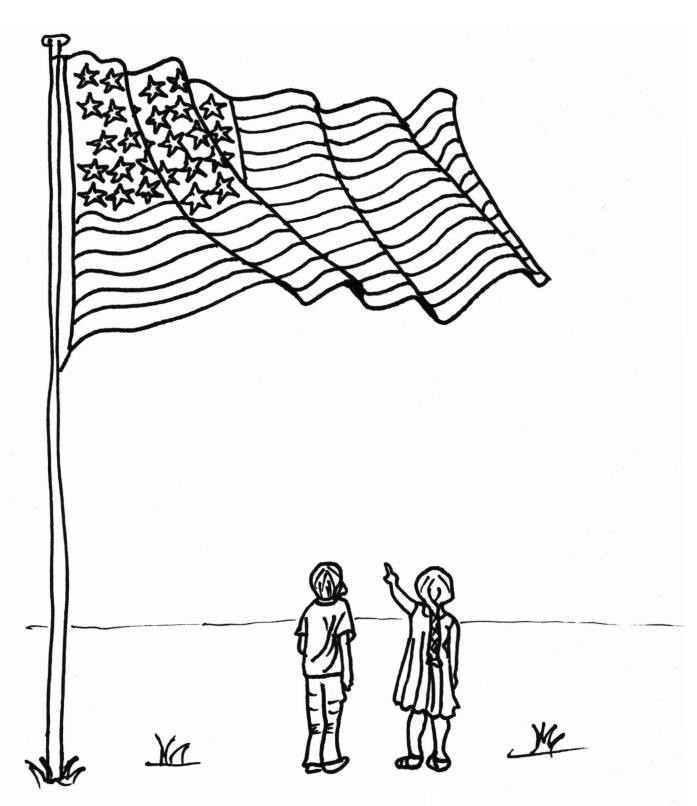
THE UNITED STATES FLAG



The flag of the United States of America has 13 red and white stripes that symbolize the 13 original states. 50 white stars symbolize the 50 states.

A WESTERNER PLAYING THE BANJO



In the 1800s, many Americans played instruments and sang.



Americans in the west often had dances in barns where they would sing and dance to "Skip to my Lou."

THE STAGECOACH



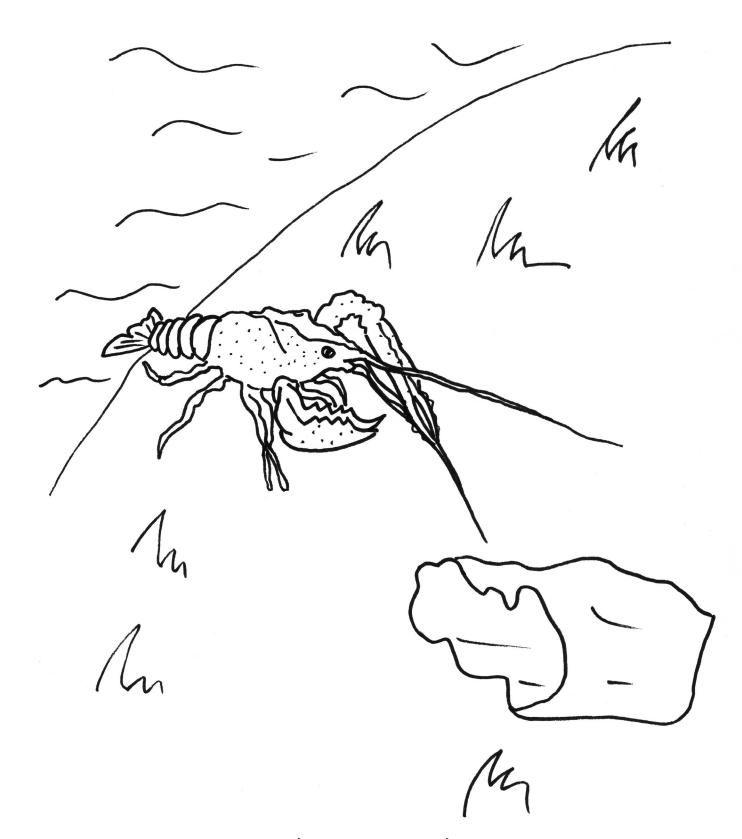
When the stagecoach came into town, people were excited to get letters from friends and family, receive a dress or hat they bought, and to learn of news of the country and world.

GOLD MINER PANNING FOR GOLD



In the 1800s, many American men tried to get rich by mining for gold.

CRAWDAD



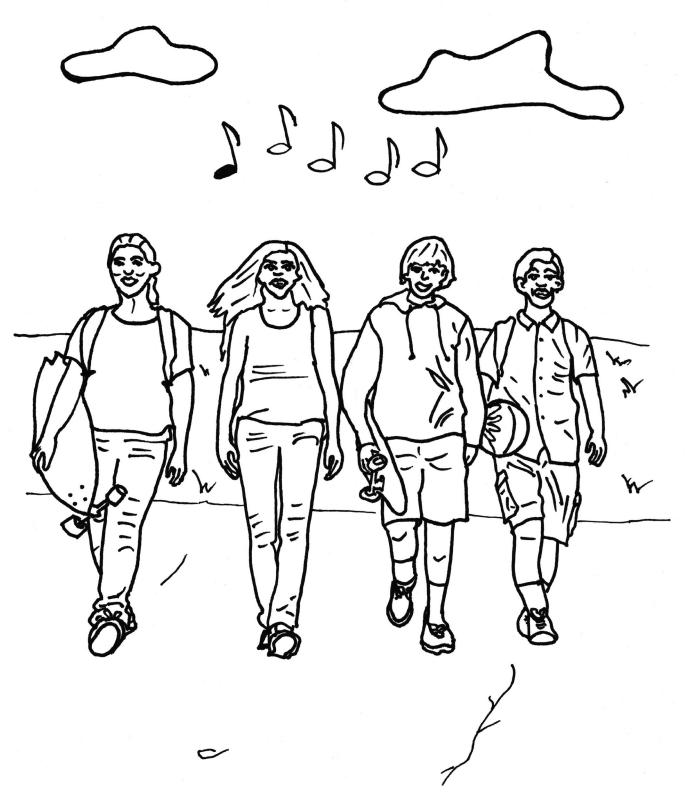
Crawdads are found in the southern states of the United States of America.

MONDAY, WASH DAY!



This song helped young kids learn the days of the week.

FRIENDS



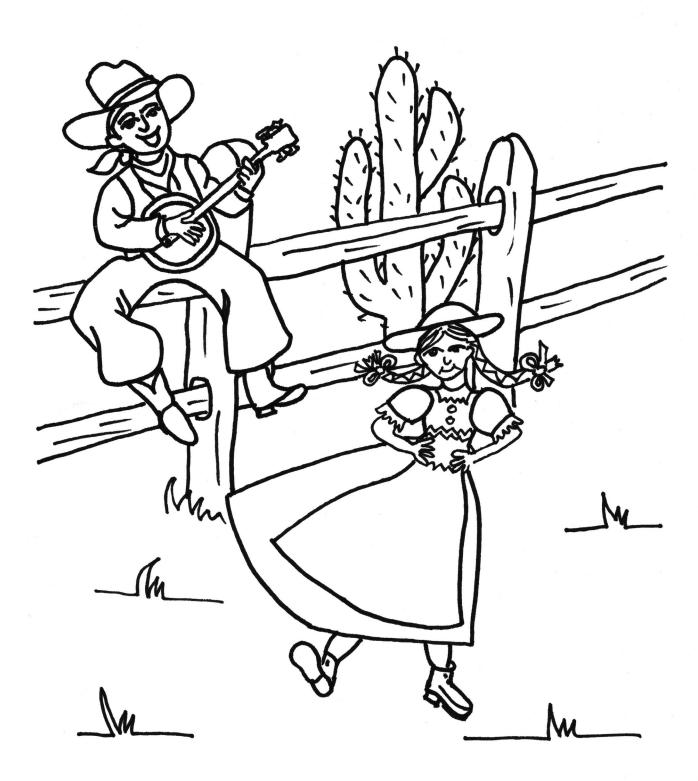
Having good friends is one of the greatest treasures in life.

A SPINNING SONG



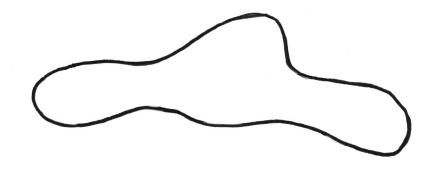
This nonsensical but fun song was sung at campfires and at the spinning wheel.

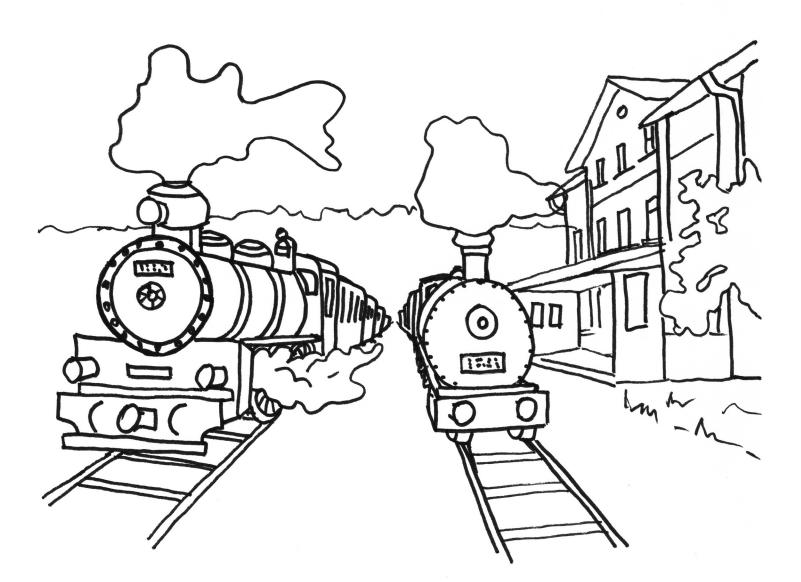
A SILLY SONG ABOUT POLLY!



Westerners loved to sing songs about their girl with fun rhymes.

PUFFER BELLIES





A puffer belly is an old slang name for a steam locomotive. Steam locomotives were used to power trains in the 1800s and 1900s.

THE CAMPFIRE



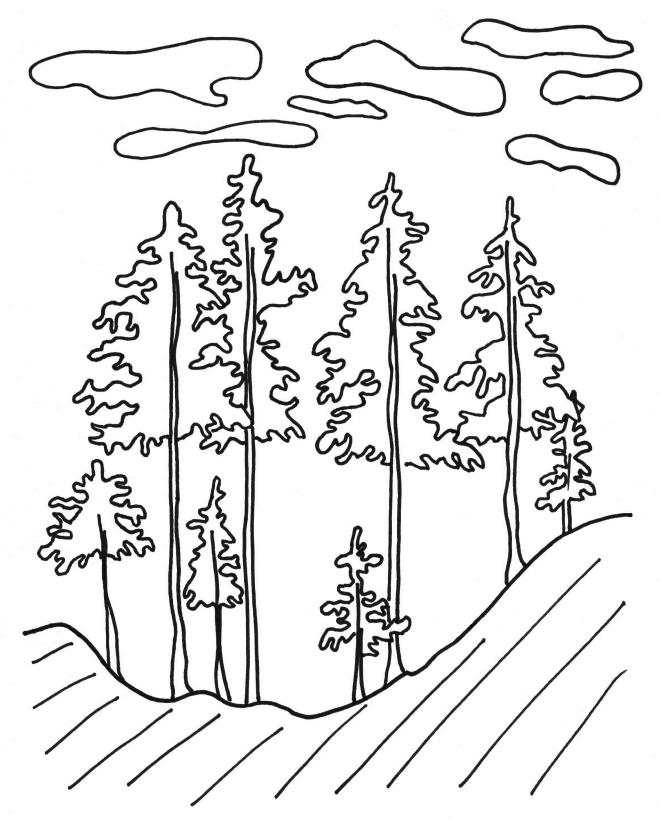
This song captures the spirit of friends staying up late at night having a good time together.

SING-ALONG!



Families that sing together have more fun together.

A GOING TO BED SONG



This song, when sung right before Taps, is a great one to sing right before going to bed, especially when camping.

TAPS



Taps is the name of the song that is played at the funeral of a soldier, and it is also the song that is played to let soldiers or campers know it is time to go to bed.