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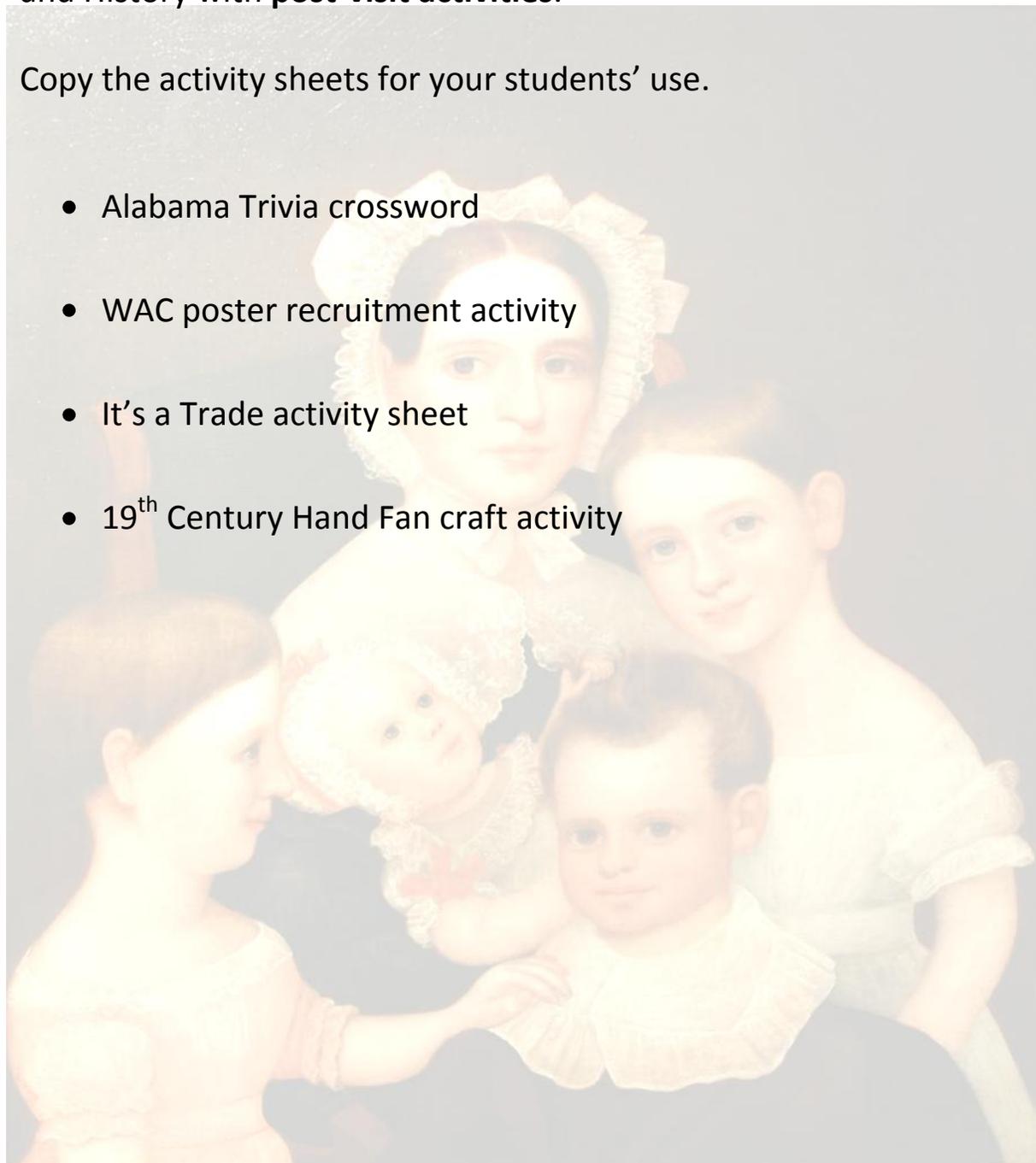
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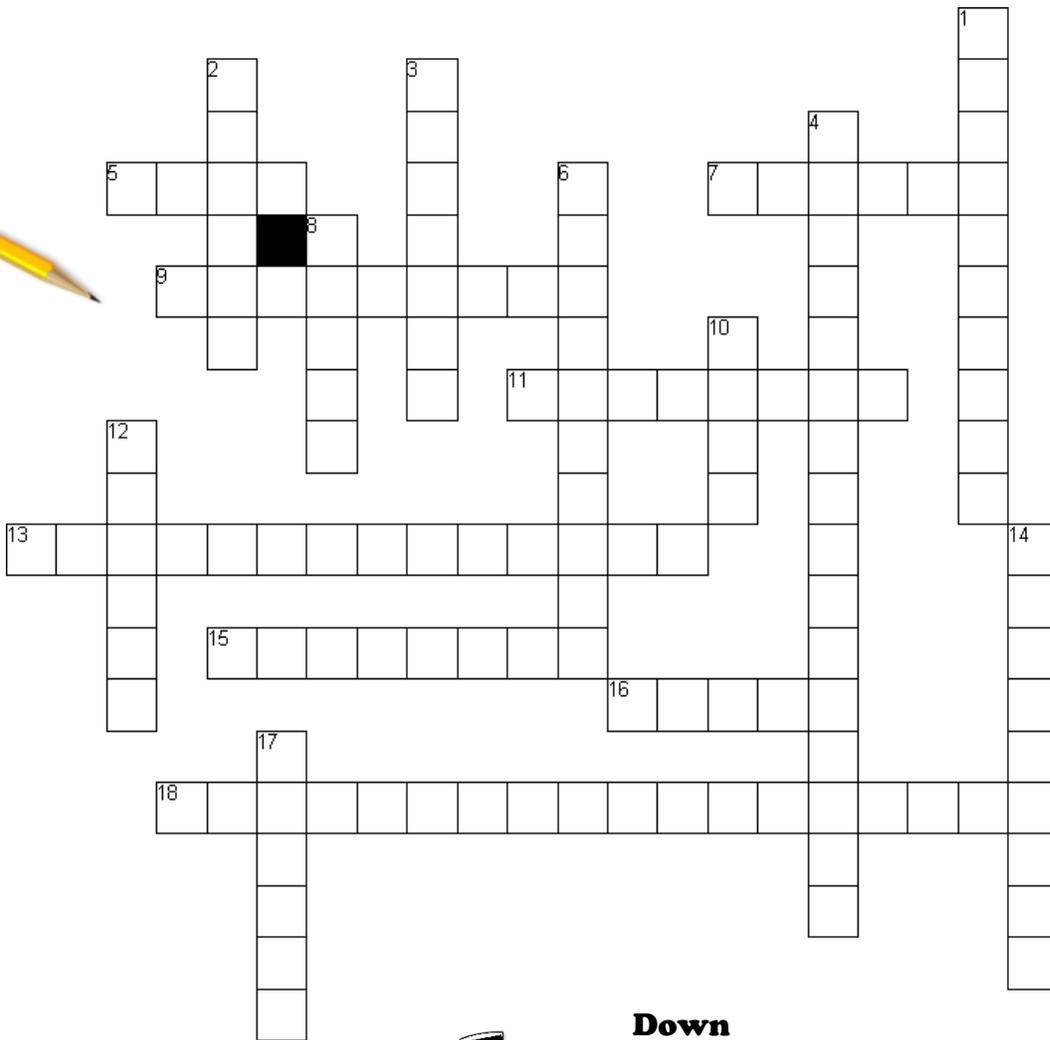
Copy the activity sheets for your students' use.

- Alabama Trivia crossword
- WAC poster recruitment activity
- It's a Trade activity sheet
- 19th Century Hand Fan craft activity



Alabama Trivia Crossword

Test your Alabama knowledge! Complete the crossword using the clues below



Across

- 5. Julia Tutwiler wrote Alabama's State _____ 
- 7. These Brothers made the first night flight in Alabama
- 9. Started the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- 11. Cherokee Indian who invented the Cherokee Alphabet
- 13. First battle of Creek Indian War 1813-1814
- 15. Author Fannie Flag wrote *Fried Green* _____
- 16. NBA star Charles Barkley was from this Alabama town
- 18. Preached at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church

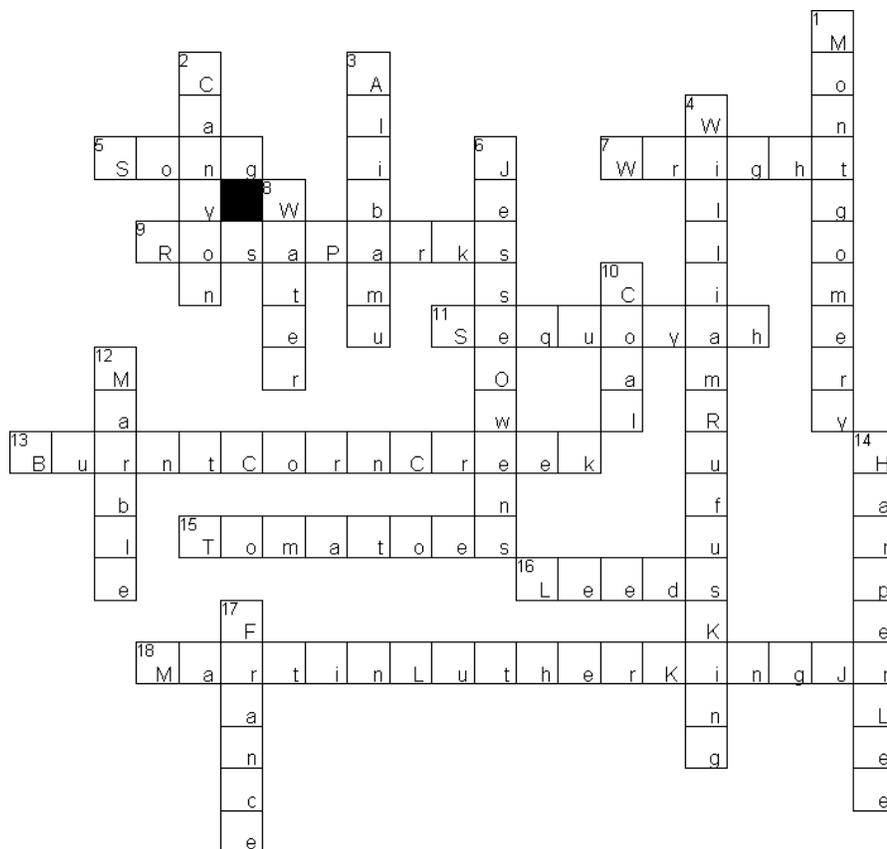


Down

- 1. *Cradle of Confederacy* city
- 2. Little River _____
- 3. Indian word for Alabama which mean "Thicket Clearers"
- 4. Alabamian vice president
- 6. Olympic track star from Oakville
- 8. Helen Keller's first word
- 10. Alabama's largest mining industry
- 12. Alabama's official state rock
- 14. Wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- 17. The first European country to settle in Alabama in 1702

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Answers!



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WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

DUTY ASSIGNMENT: RECRUITMENT POSTER



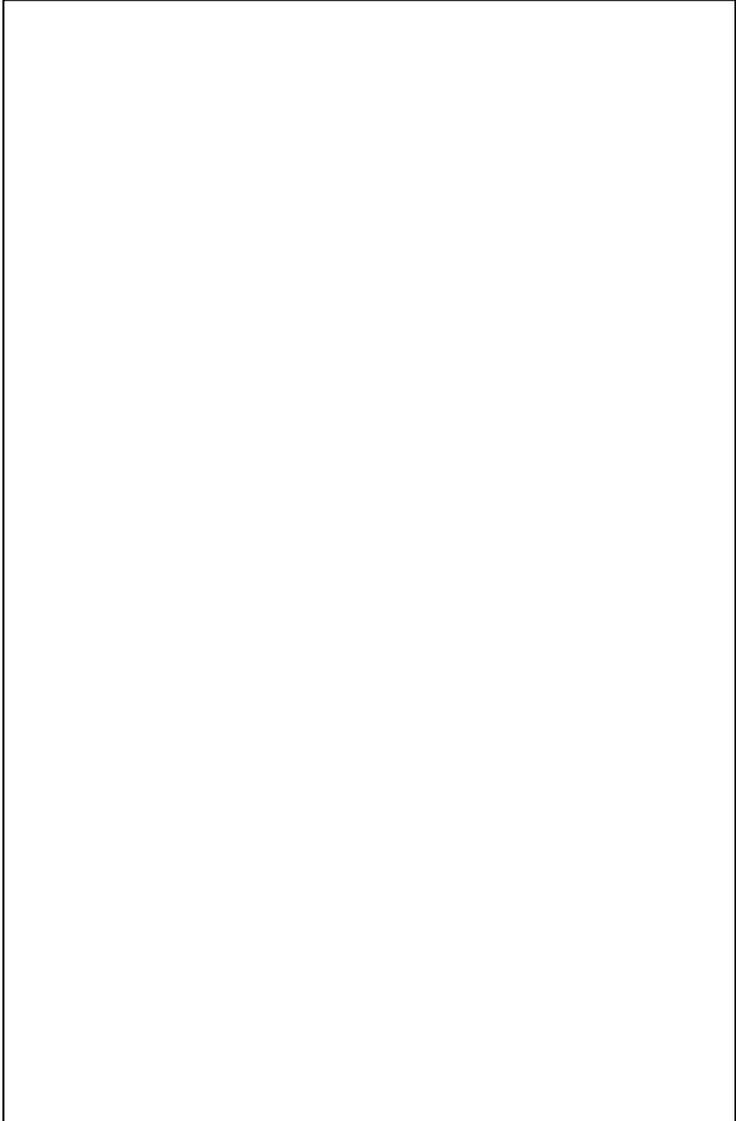
ASSIGNMENT:

The year is 1943 and the United States is fighting in World War II. Alabama Governor Chauncey Sparks has just issued an announcement calling all patriotic women of Alabama to enlist in the Women's Army Corps. You have been assigned to the Governor's

committee for recruiting women into the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

Create a recruitment poster that makes Alabama women want to sign up for WAC. Pick one of the titles below and write it at the top of the rectangle. Then draw a picture and add additional slogans (sayings).

- **You are Needed Now!**
- **This is Your War Too! Join the WAC**
- **Are you a Girl with a Star Spangled Heart?**
- **Bring Him Home Sooner**
- **Do Your Part, Join the WAC**



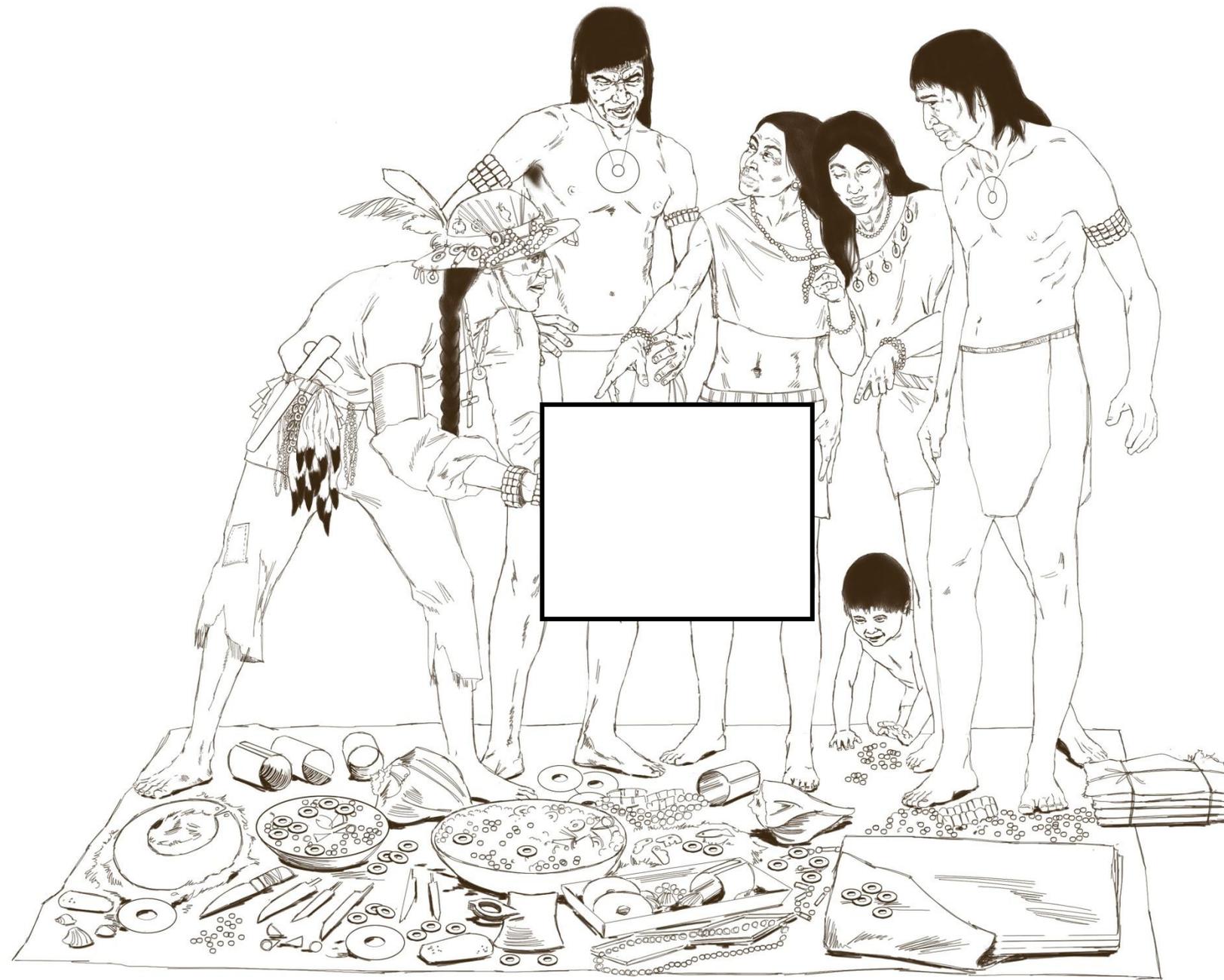
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Women's Army Corps (WAC) began in 1942 as an auxiliary (side) unit and received full military status in 1943. Members of WAC were the first women other than military nurses to serve in the ranks of the United States Army. Women were needed to perform jobs previously held by men. That way the men could leave their jobs and travel overseas to fight in battle. WAC service members worked in noncombat jobs, such file clerks, finance assistants, mechanics, and technicians. Fort McClellan in Anniston was an important WAC training and employment center. The Women's Army Corps served during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. It was discontinued in 1978 and its members were included directly into the United States Army.

It's a Trade!

Indians got some European objects from Spanish Florida through trade with other Indians. As Europeans established more settlements in the Southeast, trade with Indians increased. The Indians exchanged deerskins for cloth, ornaments, iron tools, and other European goods.

In the square below, draw a picture of a European good that the trader is showing the other Indians. Need some ideas? Look at all the items on the blanket. Which item would you choose and why?



19th Century Hand Fans



Fans have been used for a long time to keep people cool and fashionable.

Fans were really popular in the Victorian 1800s. Many were decorated with feathers and fancy designs.

Fans were also used to advertise businesses. An advertising fan had a nice picture on one side of the fan and the ad on the other side.

Fans were especially important in Alabama before air conditioning because of the long hot summers.



Paper Stick Fan

Directions:

1. Cut out the oval shape.
2. Decorate the oval shape with crayons, markers, feathers, or sparkles.
3. Glue a wooden stick to the bottom of the paper.
4. Wait for the glue to dry and you have a fan!

