

Crossword Puzzles

Objective: To learn about James Madison while practicing writing skills; to learn about the three branches of the government by using a crossword puzzle.

Materials

- Pencil
- James Madison illustration with Narrow Double Lines
- Crossword puzzle

Activity

1. Discuss the image.



What do you see in this illustration? Discuss the image and do some research on the fourth president as a class. Next, suggest some independent writing prompts for children to write on the double lines at the bottom of the page. Here are some ideas for independent writing prompts:

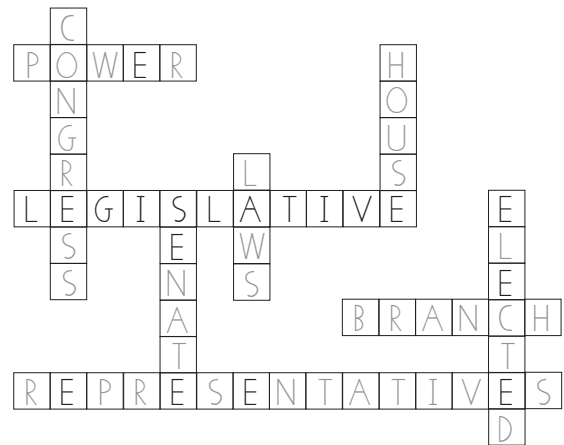
- James Madison was called the Father of the Constitution. What does that mean?
- Write something interesting we found out today about President James Madison.
- Write the three branches of government that the Constitution formed.

2. Explain the crossword puzzles.

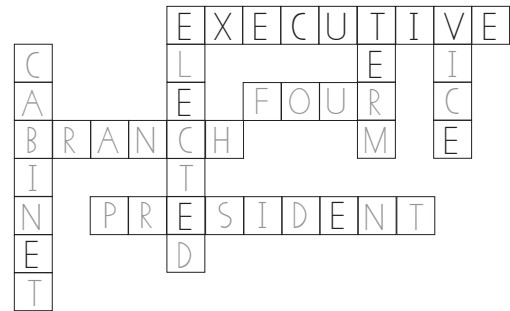
Crossword puzzles use capitals. Look at the sentences underneath each puzzle. We are going to use these sentences to solve the puzzles. You will notice some of the letters are bold. Find those letters in the crossword. Look, the words legislative, executive, and judicial are already written for you to help you find the other words.

3. Help children complete the crossword puzzles.

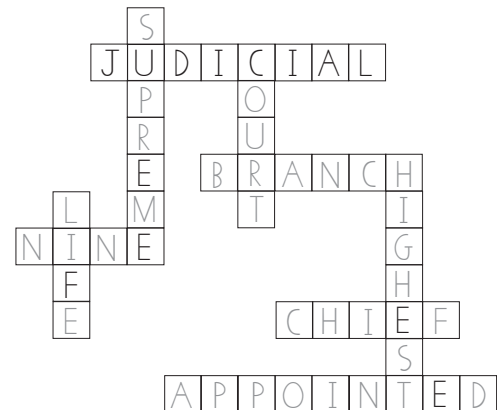
Observe and help as needed.



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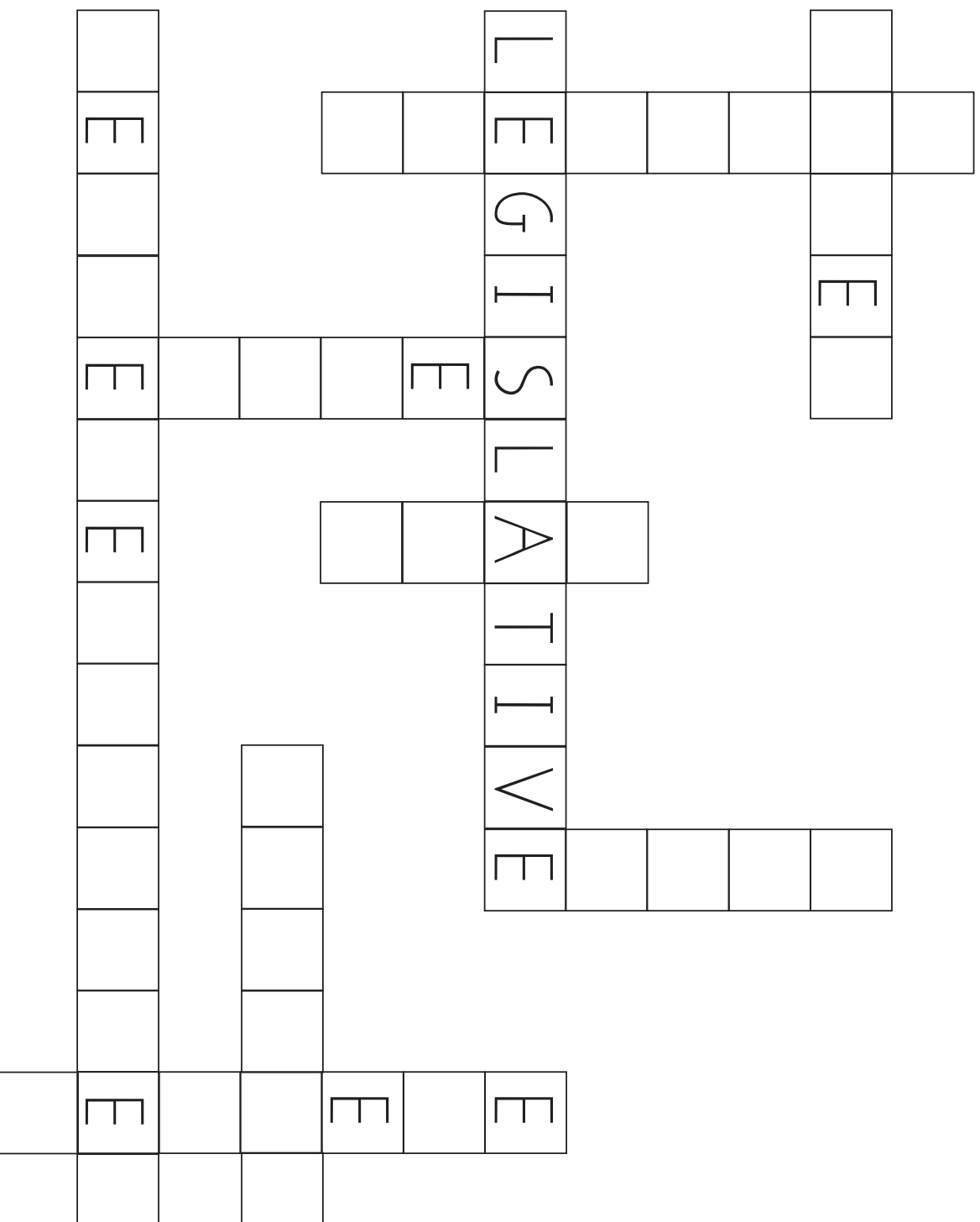
Illustration by George Bates

James Madison—U.S. Constitution

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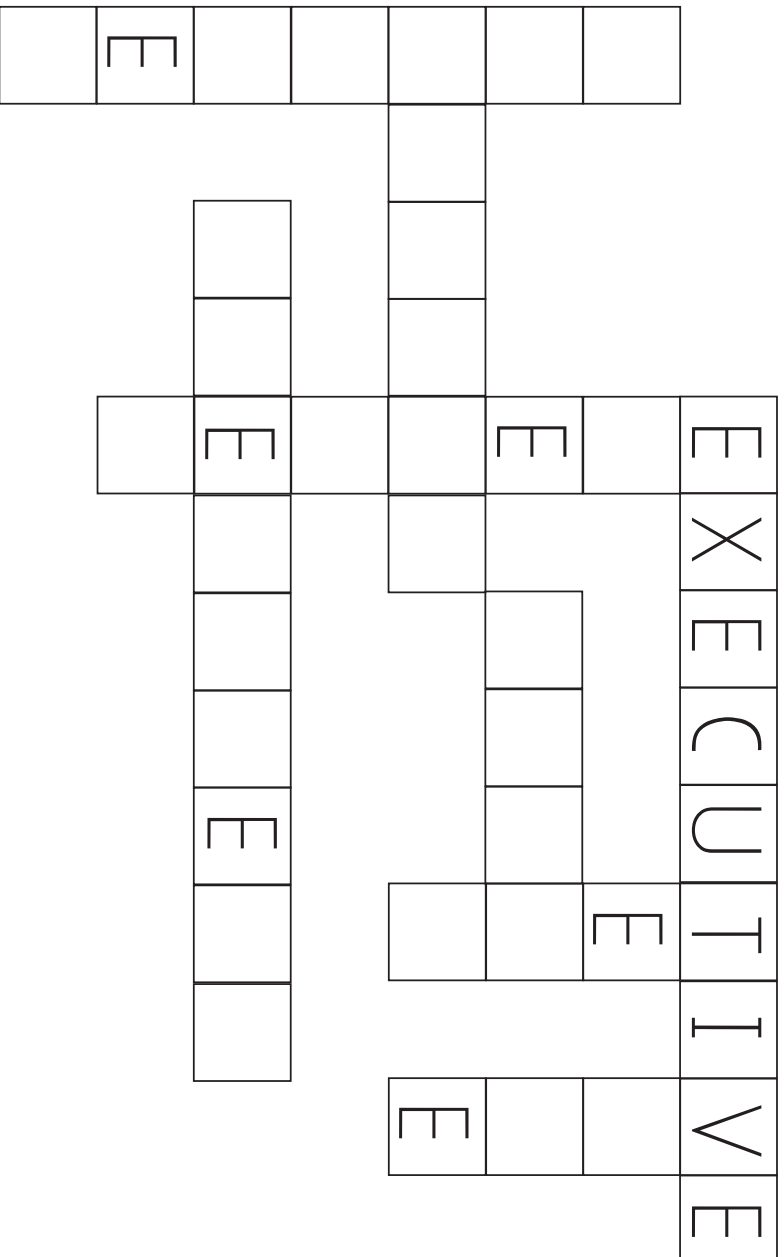
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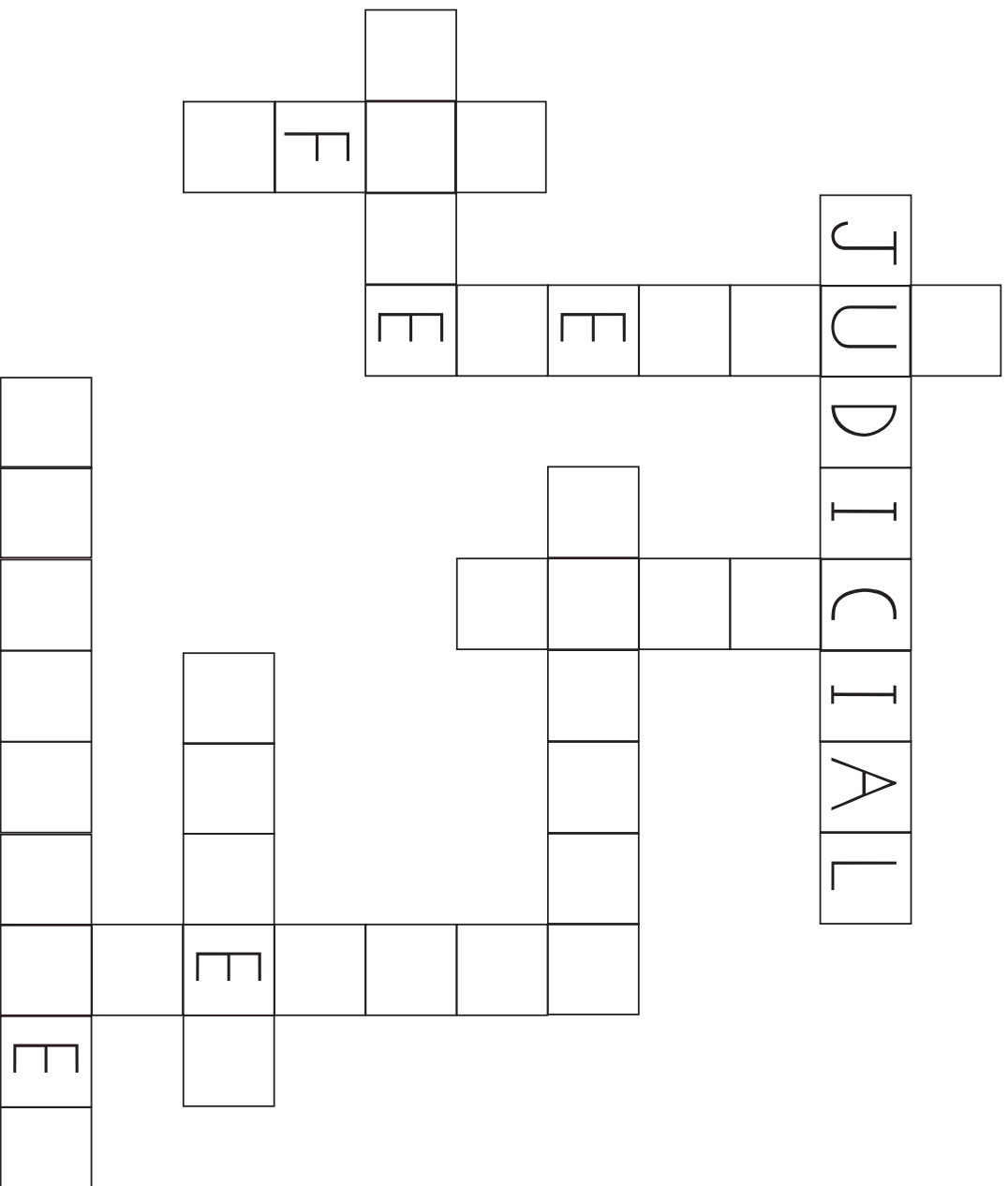
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