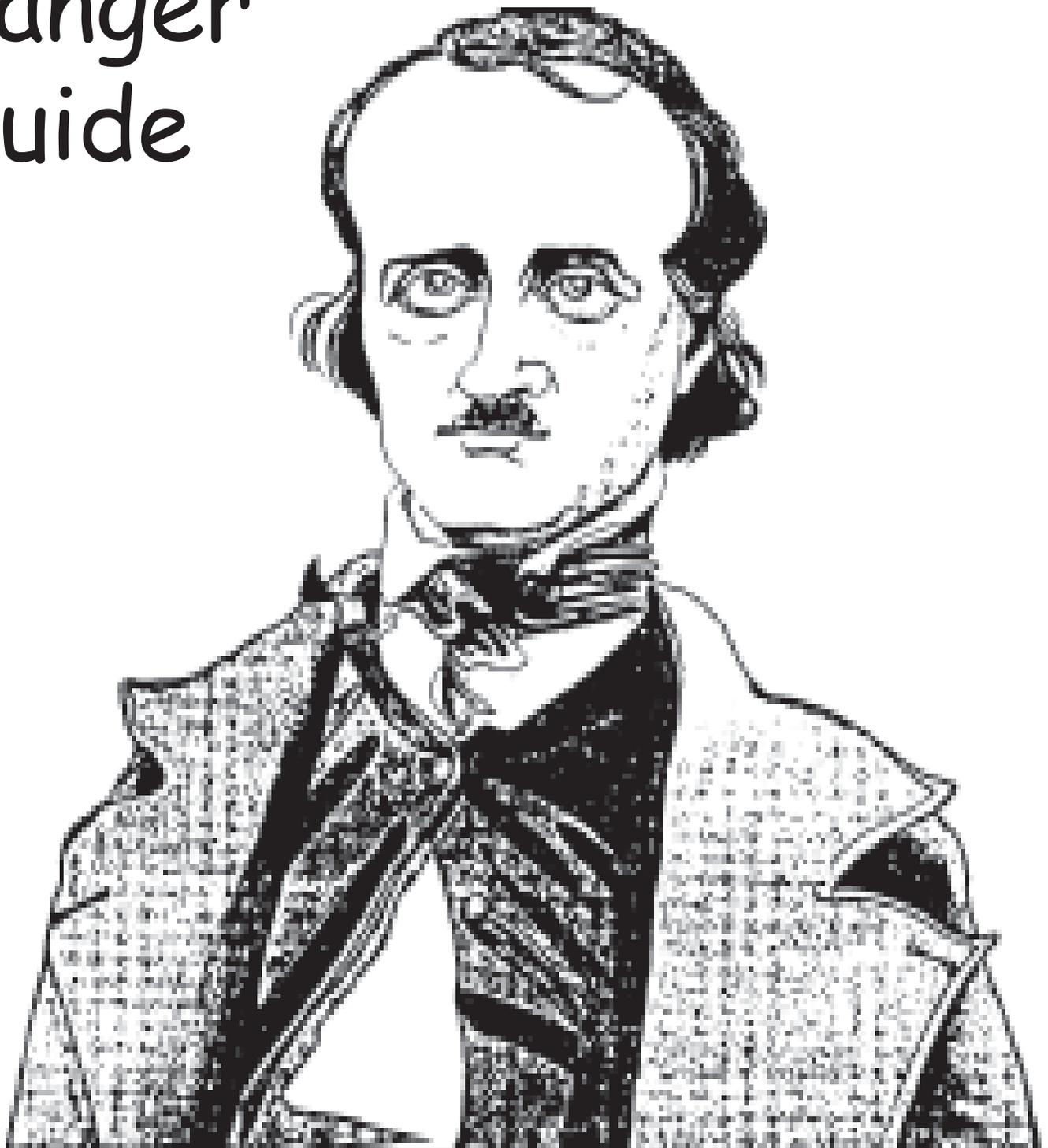


Junior Ranger Guide



Edgar Allan Poe
National Historic Site



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Edgar Allan Poe had a great imagination. People still enjoy his lovely poetry and scary stories. Today his home is a national historic site. It belongs to all of us. By becoming a Junior Ranger you can learn more about Poe's life and times. You can also help the National Park Service take care of his home. The house is very old and fragile. Please treat it gently during your visit.



To become a Junior Ranger:

Ages 5 to 7 years old.
See the 8-minute video program.
Explore his home with your parents or a park ranger.
Complete the activities in this guide.
Show this guide to a park ranger to receive your award.

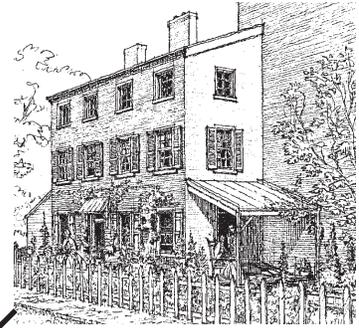
Parents and Guardians:

You are encouraged to join your child in exploring Edgar Allan Poe's life and times.

This activity takes about 45 minutes.

Edgar Allan Poe lived here with his wife, mother-in-law, and the family cat. They had a special name or nickname for each other. Do you have a special nickname?

Below are pictures of the family. Try to match the person with their favorite thing. Draw a line as shown.



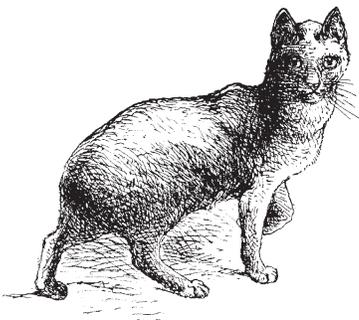
Eddie writes stories and poetry.



Sissy likes to sing.



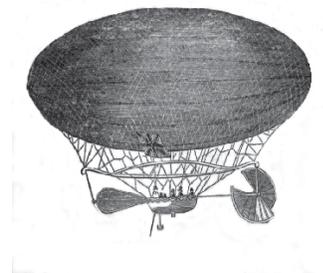
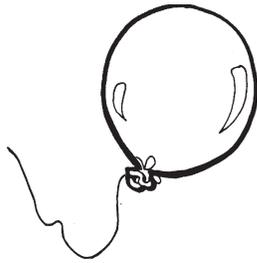
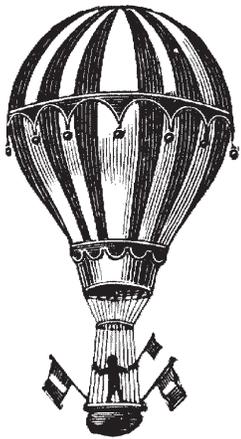
Muddy takes care of the house.



Catterina chases mice.

Explore the Exhibits!

Eddie wrote a story about a balloon trip across the ocean. Look in the exhibits for the picture of a balloon. Put a big X on the balloons that you do not find.



Eddie's friend Mrs. Sarah Hale wrote the poem below.
Do you know this poem?



Mary  had a little lamb  , little ,  little 

 had a little  . Its fleece was white as  .

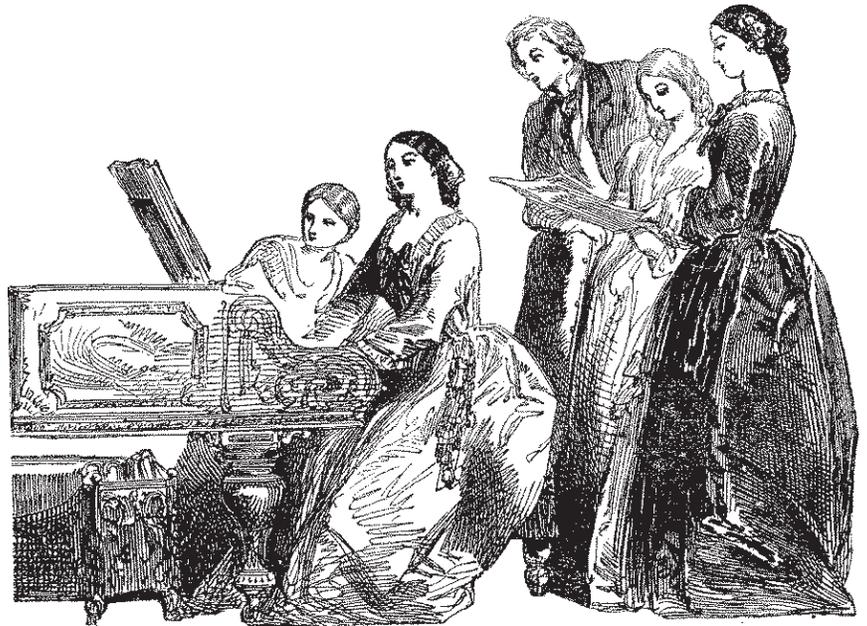
Everywhere that  went,  went,  went,

Everywhere that  went the  was sure to go.

Explore the Home!

First Floor *the parlor*

The first room you enter was probably the parlor. A parlor was like a living room.



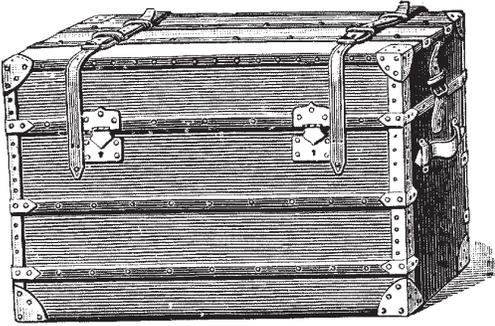
Eddie and Sissy visited with their friends here. Sissy liked to sing for her friends. Eddie liked to read poetry.

One day Sissy made a special dessert for their friends. She sliced some peaches and covered them with sugar and cream.

If you were going to make a dessert for your friends, what kind would you make?
Draw a picture of your dessert below.



Travel Trunk!

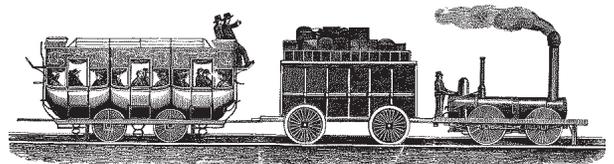
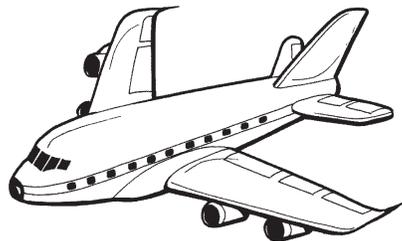
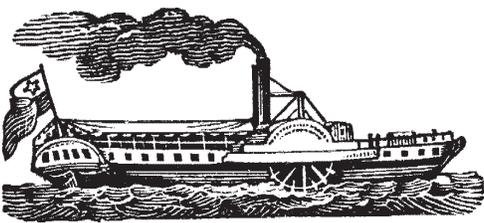


Inside the trunk are things that Eddie and Sissy might have packed for their trip.

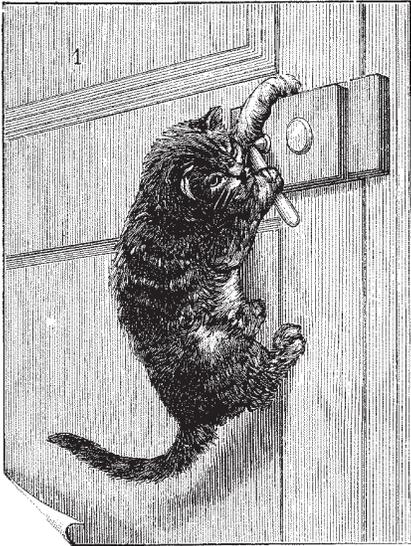
Eddie has decided to move the family to New York City. He and Sissy have started packing their favorite things. They have packed their nicest clothes. They would not mind it if you try on their clothes.

Draw a picture of one piece of clothing that you think belonged to Eddie and one that belonged to Sissy.

Look in Sissy's scrapbook for ways they could travel. Circle the ones you see in her scrapbook.



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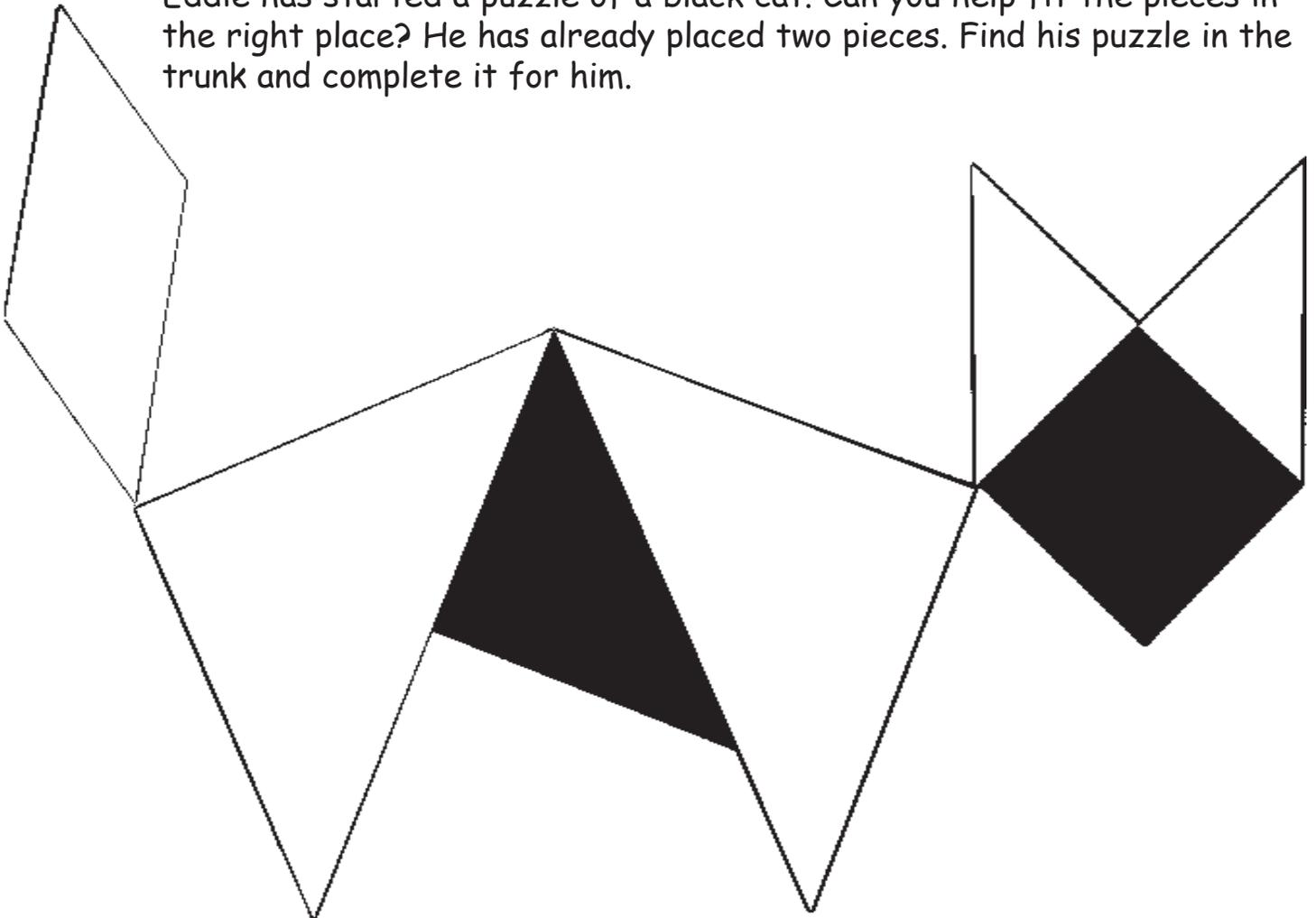


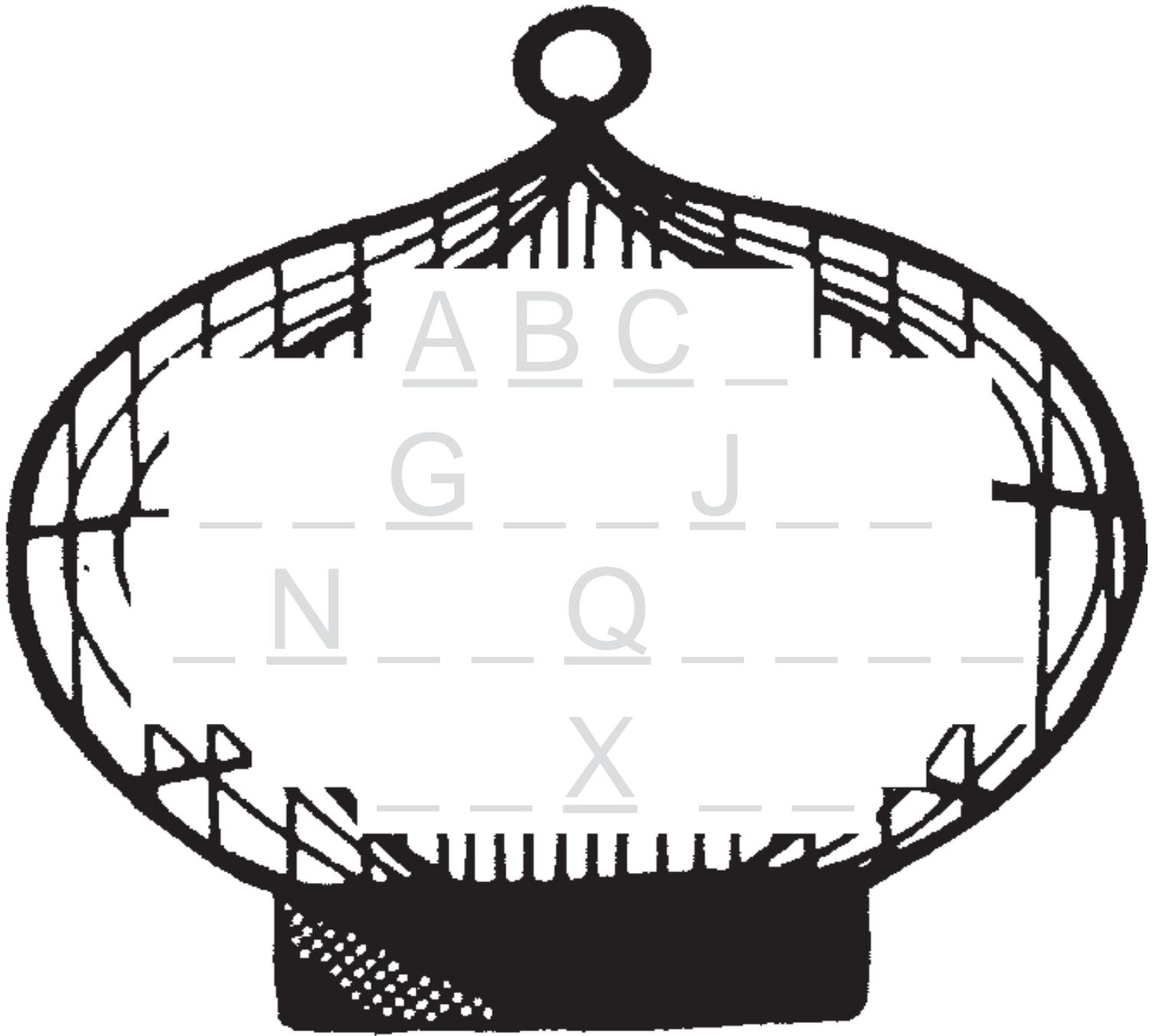
Eddie liked cats. He once owned a black cat. This cat was very smart. When she wanted to go outside she opened the door herself!

Eddie wrote a spooky story about a black cat. He said that all black cats are witches.



Eddie has started a puzzle of a black cat. Can you help fit the pieces in the right place? He has already placed two pieces. Find his puzzle in the trunk and complete it for him.





Eddie's parrot knows many of the big letters. Can you help him trace the letters and fill in those that are missing?

*To me a painted paroquet
Hath been—a most familiar bird—
Taught me my alphabet to say—
To lisp my very earliest word
from “Romance” by Edgar A. Poe*