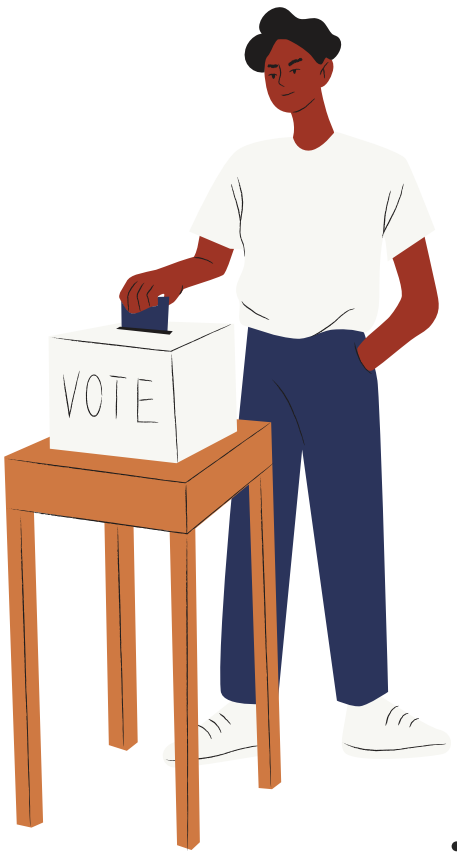
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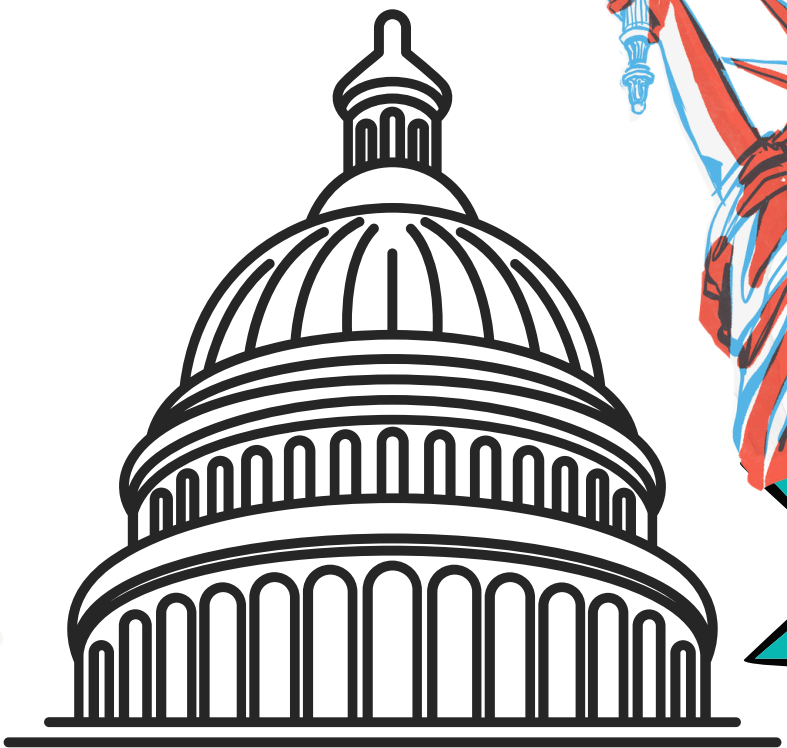
A 4-H EXPLORATION ACTIVITY SERIES FOR CLOVERBUD MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 2026

PROJECT EXPLORATION:

SERVICE LEARNING & CITIZENSHIP







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CITIZENSHIP TEST

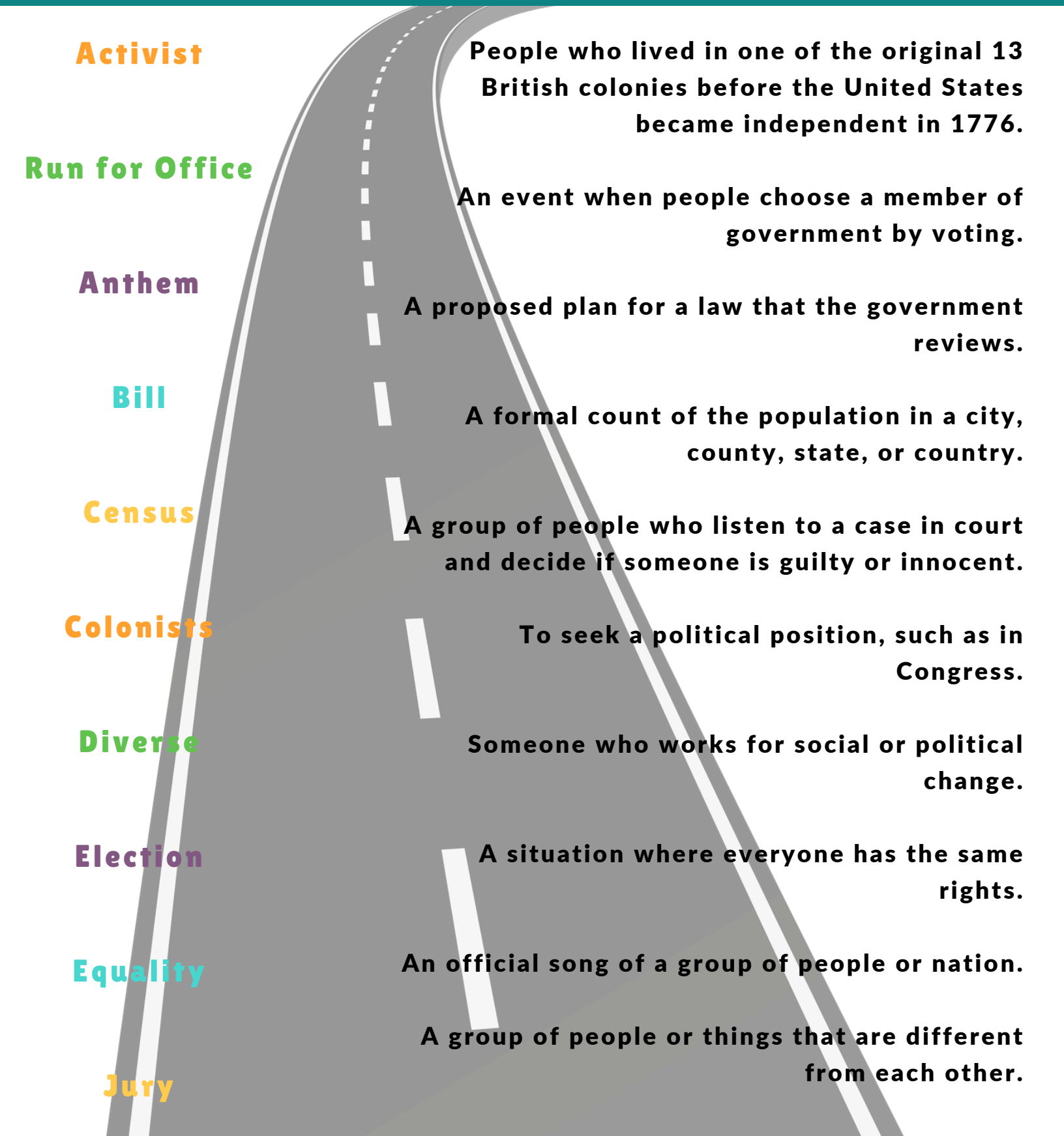
Anyone who was born in the United States is automatically considered a U.S. citizen and has all the rights of a citizen. Some people, called immigrants, travel to the U.S. for many different reasons. Those that want to also become citizens but were not born here must take a Citizenship Test and pass. This test shows that the immigrants know some general knowledge about the country they are trying to be a citizen of. Some sample questions are below - as a U.S. born citizen, you should know a few of them already. How many questions can you get right?

1. **Why does the flag of the United States have 13 stripes?**
2. **When do we celebrate Independence Day?**
3. **Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?**
4. **Name one American Indian tribe in the United States**
5. **Where is the Statue of Liberty?**
6. **If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?**
7. **What is one reason colonists came to America?**
8. **What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?**
9. **During the cold war, what was the main concern of the United States?**
10. **What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?**
11. **We elect a president for how many years?**
12. **What did Susan B. Anthony do for the United States?**
13. **How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?**

To test yourself more, visit: https://americanhistory.si.edu/citizenship/learn

HELPING ACROSS

Assisting members of our community sometimes includes helping people or animals to cross a street or intersection. Help the words below cross the street to their correct definitions!



Activist	People who lived in one of the original 13 British colonies before the United States became independent in 1776.
Run for Office	An event when people choose a member of government by voting.
Anthem	A proposed plan for a law that the government reviews.
Bill	A formal count of the population in a city, county, state, or country.
Census	A group of people who listen to a case in court and decide if someone is guilty or innocent.
Colonists	To seek a political position, such as in Congress.
Diverse	Someone who works for social or political change.
Election	A situation where everyone has the same rights.
Equality	An official song of a group of people or nation.
Jury	A group of people or things that are different from each other.

Tis' the Season

An important part of Service Learning is learning how to give back to your community. Lots of people feel really good about themselves after they give back to others - let's practice together! During the upcoming winter, many local food pantries are in desperate need of non-perishable food items, even right here in La Crosse County. If you would like to donate on your own to a food pantry of your own choosing, we would love to see a picture of you with your goods to be featured in the Cloverline! Please send pictures to LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org or to 212 6th Street North, Suite 2200 in La Crosse, WI 54601.

ITEMS IN GREAT NEED IN LA CROSSE COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES:

Meats/Proteins:

- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon
- Peanut butter
- Beans (dried or canned)



Extras:

- Canned Soups
- Mac-n-Cheese
- Canned or dried fruit

Side Dishes:

- Pasta/rice packets, boxed meals
- Boxed potatoes, stuffing, canned potatoes
- Rice

Personal Care Products:

- Shampoo/Soaps
- Deodorant,
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Razors
- Baby products
- Feminine hygiene items





Special Dietary Foods:

- Low-sugar, low-sodium, gluten free



SOLO BINGO

There are many ways for someone to be a good citizen. From helping someone to picking up after yourself, acts of citizenship do not have to be big or hard. Let's practice being a good citizen together! Using the Bingo sheet below, mark off each square as you do the activity in it. Are you able to get a Bingo?

***Starred items are potential Fair exhibits for Cloverbuds come July—hang on to your work!**

B	I	N	G	O
*Write a poem or a rap about citizenship.	Read a book relating to citizenship. (e.g. I am America, It Takes a Village, etc.)	Play a game where you practice taking turns.	*Take or find a picture of someone being a good citizen.	Go with an adult to the polls when they vote, or watch them fill our their ballot from home.
Help pick up litter.	Donate something to someone in need.	Make a new friend from a different country.	Do something nice for a neighbor.	Share something with others (e.g. toys, snacks, stories, etc.)
Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.	*Take or find a picture of the United States flag.	FREE SPACE	Thank a service person. (police officer, military member, etc.)	Name the town of our country's capitol. (Hint: Where the White House is)
*Write a letter to a pen pal (real or imaginary) from another country.	*Draw a picture or design a poster about citizenship.	Attend a public meeting or your next club's meeting.	Offer to help with a chore you don't normally do.	Sing or listen to "The Star Spangled Banner," our national anthem.
Complete pages 3 & 5 of November Cloverbuddies.	Talk about what you've learned about citizenship this month to someone else.	Call a distant friend or relative.	Do something helpful for a family member.	Volunteer to do something for your school.

Every Vote Counts

November is traditionally the "voting month," and many very important positions are up for election this year, including that of the President and Vice President of the United States.

But ALL positions in government are important. They make decisions on behalf of the public who voted them into office. It's important to know who represents your family in local government.

Interview your family and see if they know the answers, and if they don't ask an adult to help you find them!

Who is our mayor?

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Who represents our district in our county?

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Who represents our district in our township, village or city?

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Do we elect our local sheriff?

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When does our city/township/county council or board meet?

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Bonus points if you go with your parent to vote!

NATIONAL BIRD!

The national bird of the USA has been the bald eagle since 1782, when it was placed with outspread wings on the Great Seal of our country. It appears in many government institutions and on official documents, making it the most pictured bird in all of America. Color in the USA's greatest symbols below



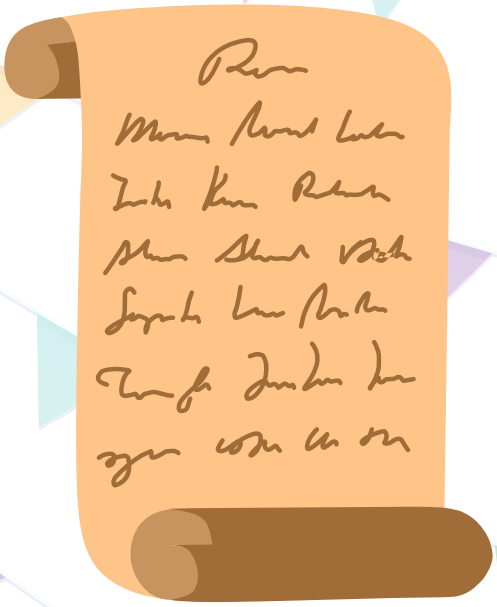
YOUR FAIR PROJECT!

Let's make a...

AN ORIGINAL CRATIVE WRITING PIECE

(Dept 17, Class A, Item 42)

Welcome to a new section of Cloverbuddies, where we share how to complete one fair project for each area highlighted. It's not required, but it's fun!



An original creative writing piece can be a poem, story, letter, or other piece of writing.

This can be a fair exhibit! Visit www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com after June 1st, and you can enter this exhibit on the registration.

- **Select Dept 17 for Cloverbuds, Class A for Cloverbud, and Item 42, An original creative writing piece.**
- **Youth who exhibit in the Cloverbud department participate in face-to-face judging at the fair. The judge will ask age-appropriate questions of the youth to determine their knowledge and enjoyment of the project they completed. Cloverbuds get special Cloverbud ribbons at the fair.**
- **For bonus points with your judge, explain why you chose this country and any other cool information you found out!**

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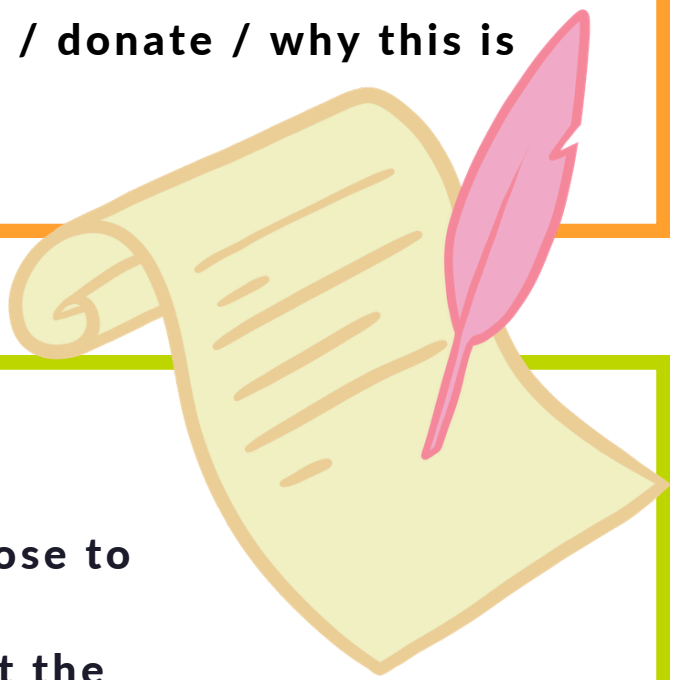
MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Paper
- Writing or typing utensil

INSTRUCTIONS:

Make your own original creative writing piece - like a poem, letter, story, etc. Here are a few ideas:

- Write about a time you saw someone being a great citizen.
- A poem or a rap about citizenship.
- Write a letter to a pen pal (real or imaginary) from another country.
- Write a story about going to vote / donate / why this is important

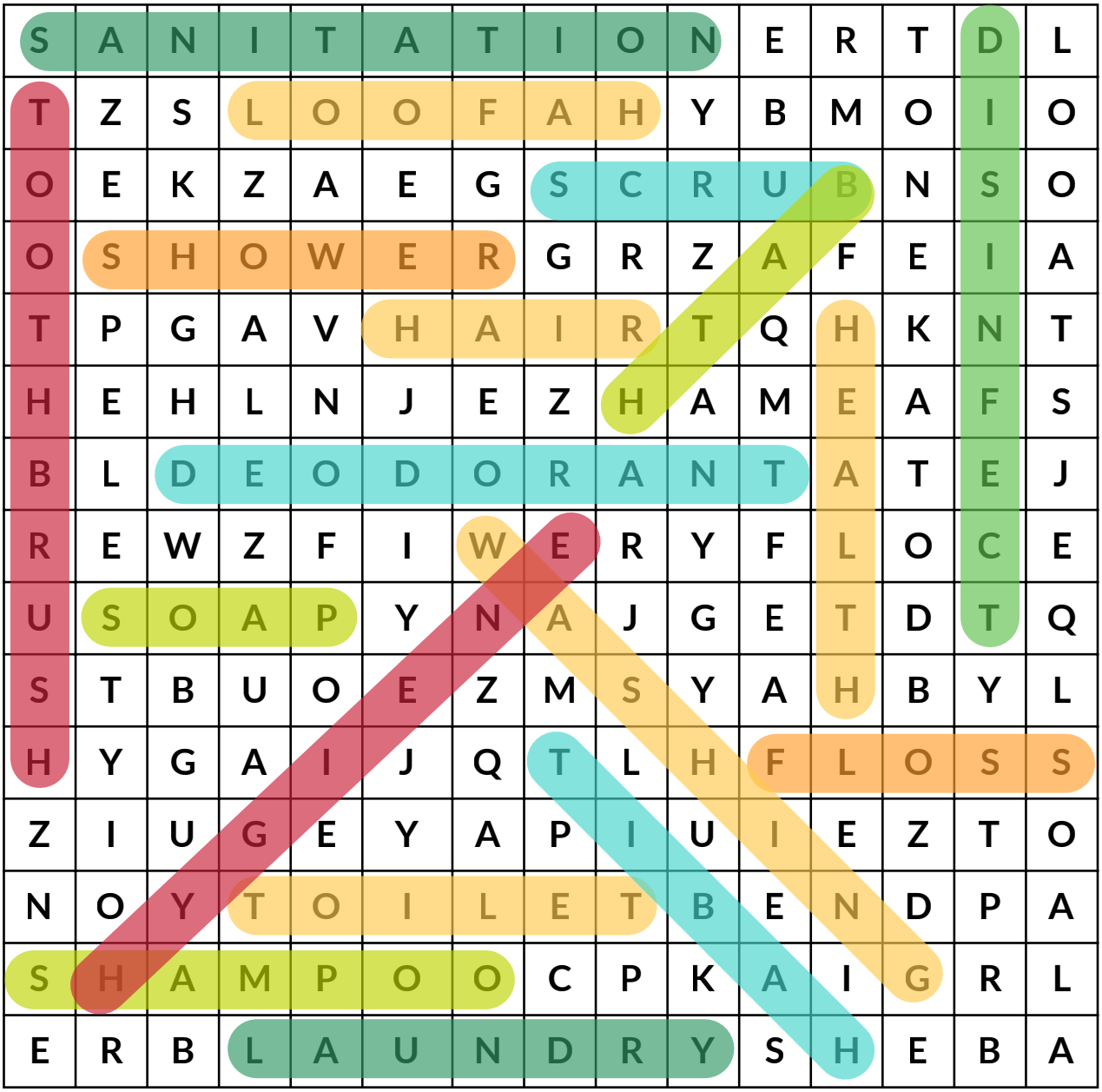


AT JUDGING

- At judging talk about why you chose to write about this specific topic.
- Also mention how you are good at the topic you wrote about.

OCTOBER ANSWER KEYS

Answers to all Cloverbuddies activities will appear on the back cover of the following month's issue. For answers to this issue, watch for next month's installment of Cloverbuddies!



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