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5th Star Challenge

READ:

The city's flag has changed over time. Our first flag featured a Y design to stand for the shape of the Chicago River. Then in 1917, a competition was held to design a new flag for Chicago. A man named Wallace Rice won the competition. His flag had a white background, two blue stripes and two red stars.

Two more stars were added (in 1933 and 1939), giving us the flag we recognize today. Over the years, people have wanted to add a fifth star to the flag. Some have wanted to recognize famous people, big events, important accomplishments or sports championships.

DO:

If you could add a fifth star to the Chicago flag, what would it stand for?

- Talk to your family about the things you love about Chicago, and what makes it special. Go online to find out more if you can!
- Draw a picture to go along with your choice.
- Write about why that should go on the Chicago flag!

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

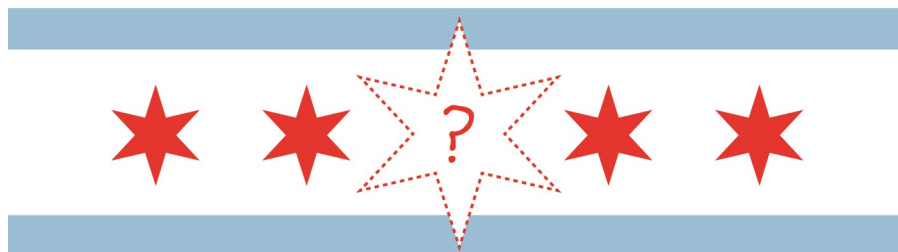
Materials:

- ⇒ Paper/pen
- ⇒ Drawing materials
- ⇒ My 5th Star Sheet

SHARE:

- Hang a picture of your drawing in your windows or the fridge for all to see!
- Post a picture of your 5th Star on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies!

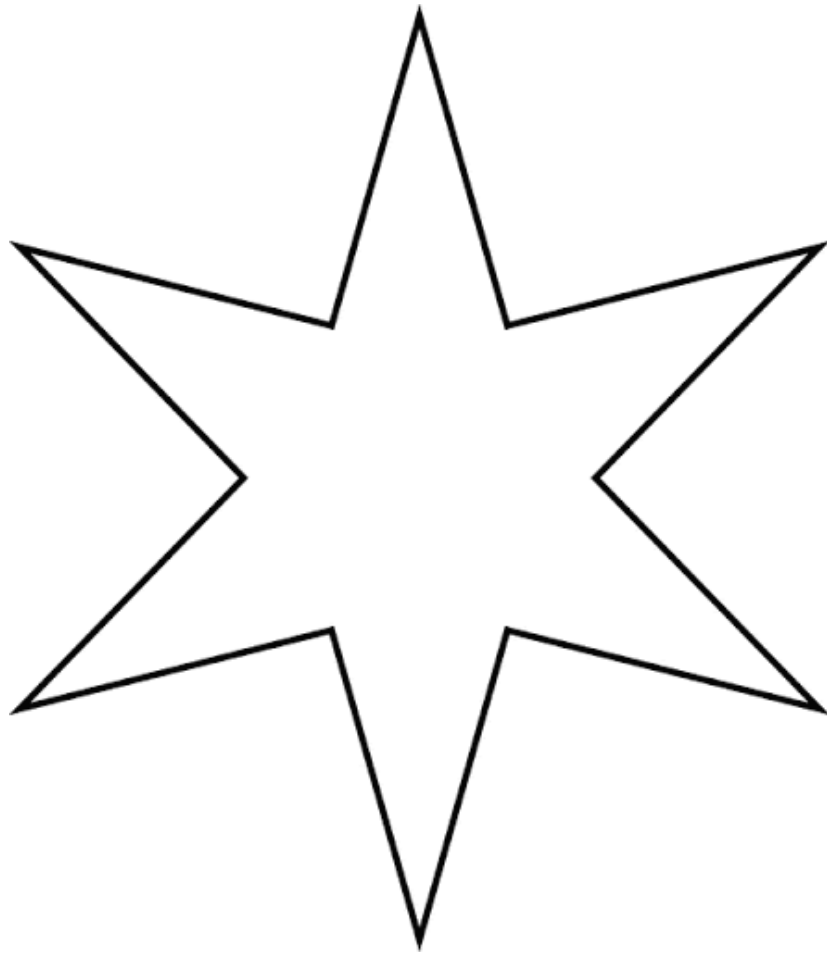
THE FIFTH STAR



CHALLENGE

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The 5th star should be:



This should be the 5th star because: _____
