Supreme Court of the United States
Coloring Booklet
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Welcome
to the Supreme Court of the United States!

We hope you have fun coloring while also learning about the Supreme Court! This coloring booklet highlights some of the notable artworks and architectural features of the interior and exterior of the Supreme Court Building, including the Courtroom. It will also introduce you to some of the Court’s history and traditions. If you enjoy what you learn here and want to explore more about the Court’s art, architecture, and history, we encourage you to visit the Supreme Court’s website, www.supremecourt.gov.

Happy Coloring and Learning!
Symbolizing **majesty** and **strength**, lions appear in the architecture both inside and outside the Supreme Court Building. This lion’s head is an example of a metope (*meh-toe-pee*), a sculpted architectural element that appears high up on the walls of the Great Hall, not far from the entrance to the Courtroom.
Identified as “Scales and Lamp,” by the Supreme Court Building’s architect, Cass Gilbert, the image above symbolizes **justice** and **wisdom**. This carving and many other symbols associated with the law appear in the Great Hall.
Color your own Ceiling Rosette!

The ceiling in the Courtroom features a repeating pattern of four different rosettes, or flowers, set against a dark red background, like the rosette shown on the right. You can recreate this flower or choose colors of your own!
Color the Courtroom!
Notice anything unusual about Chief Justice Jay’s judicial robe? From 1792 to 1795, the Justices wore colorful robes similar to those worn in the portrait above. An all-black robe was adopted sometime between 1796 and 1799, a tradition that continues today.

John Jay, President George Washington’s appointee as the first Chief Justice, played an influential role in the development of the new nation. He resigned from the Court in 1795 when he was elected Governor of New York.
One of the very first orders of the Supreme Court was to create a seal. It is similar to the Great Seal of the United States, with the exception of a single star placed beneath the eagle. The use of the Seal is restricted to official Supreme Court documents.
Color your own Tortoise!

Tortoises appear in several locations around the Supreme Court Building. This one appears at the bottom of a lamppost near the visitor entrance; another one appears high up on the East Pediment in the back of the building. They represent the slow and steady pace of justice.
Color a Ram’s Head!

Representing **strength**, rams’ heads are found in several places around the Supreme Court. This ram’s head, found on an urn, faces the back of the building where only Court employees can see it. Rams’ heads also form handles on the two marble urns visible from the sidewalk behind the building.
The Supreme Court’s bronze front doors illustrate significant events in the evolution of justice in the Western tradition. The sculptors described this panel as Chief Justice John Marshall and Justice Joseph Story discussing the 1803 *Marbury v. Madison* opinion in front of the U.S. Capitol. *Note: Justice Story did not join the Court until 1812, nine years after this historic decision was handed down.*
Color the Supreme Court Building!
This architectural detail is a carved marble relief found on the West Portico (front) of the Supreme Court Building. The Scales of Justice are centered above a festoon, a decorative swag hanging in a swooping curve. An eagle appears at each end.