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America is a great country in which to live. In America, all children get an education. There are opportunities to get higher education in vocational schools and colleges. There are lots of opportunities to work in a variety of jobs available in America. This county has large chain stores and shopping malls filled with food, clothing, toys and more. In America, everyone can worship freely. There are many churches to choose from.

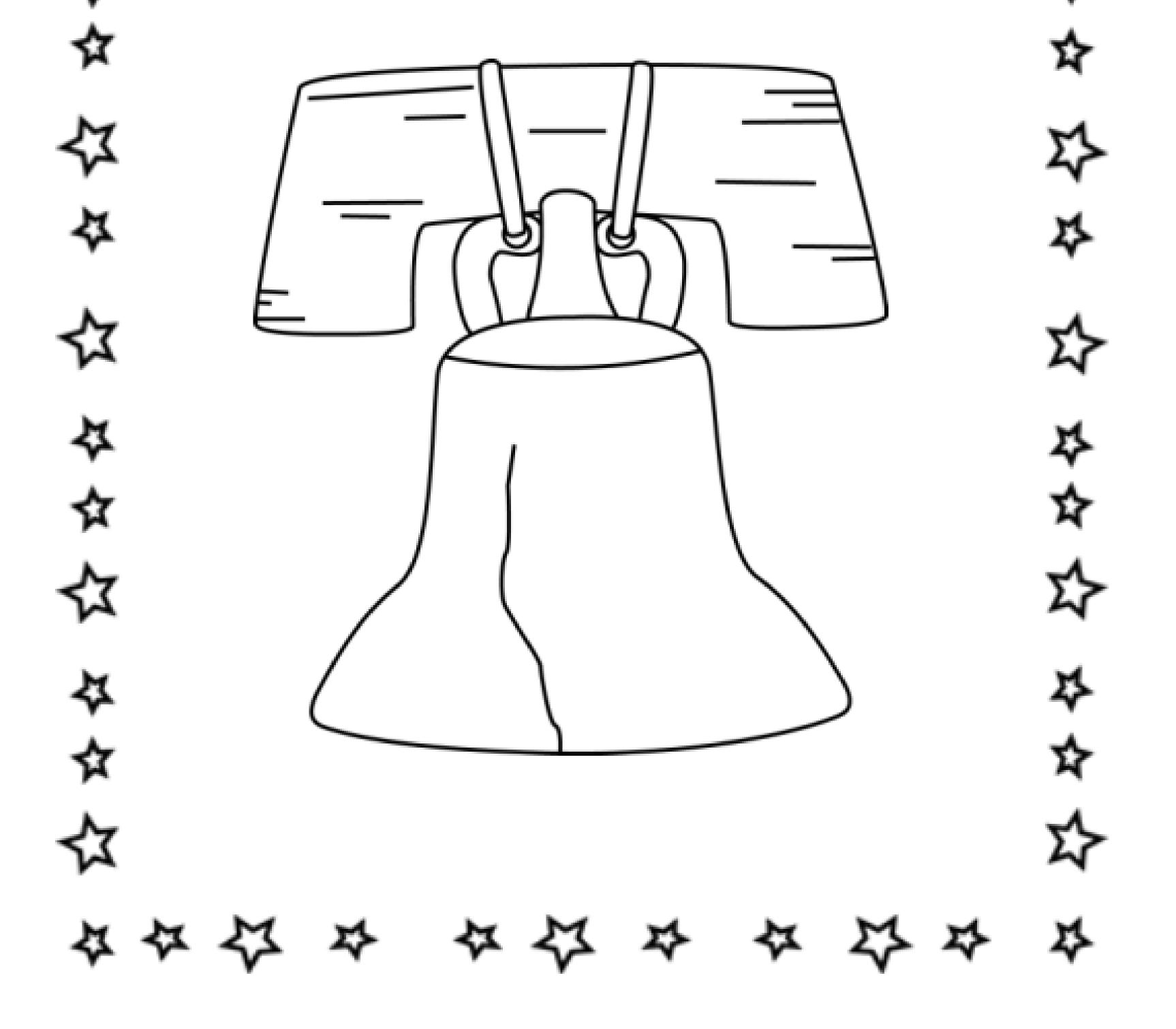
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Most people in other countries admire America.
Some try to be like America and even call
themselves "Westernized." Other groups of people
hate America. One particular group, known as AlQaeda, hates America. Their hatred is so great that
they decided to do something very terrible to
America.

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On September, 11, 2001, nineteen men from the Al-Qaeda organization each bought tickets and boarded four different planes. Five from the group were on three planes and four were on a fourth plane. Each group included one trained pilot. The planes took off from airports heading for different destinations. However, while the airplanes were in flight, the groups of Al-Qaeda members carried out their plan. They forced their way into the areas where the pilots and co-pilots were flying the planes (cockpits). They changed the courses of the planes.

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Two of the planes began to fly toward New York City, New York. Their destinations were the two largest buildings in New York known as the World Trade Center buildings or "Twin Towers." The two towers were also known as the North and South Towers. One of the planes crashed into the side of the North Tower. Seventeen minutes later the second plane crashed into the South Tower. Both of

these tall building collapsed a short time later.



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The third plane headed for Arlington, Virginia and crashed into a building called the Pentagon, which is the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Put the following in ABC order







hero Statue of Liberty White House

September







The Pentagon was designed by the American architect George Bergstrom. It was designed to look like a pentagon shape to fit the size of the land it was originally to be built on. The location changed before construction, but the design stayed the same.

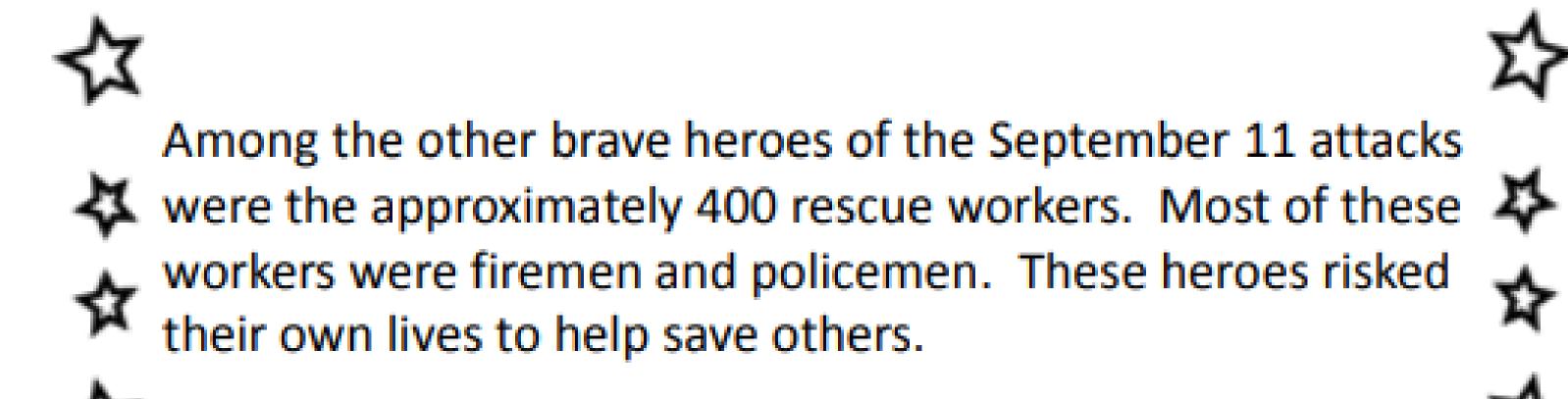
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The fourth plane made its way toward Washington D.C. This plane's destination was the White House, which is home to the President of the United States. However, some of the American passengers on this plane had gotten calls on their cell phones from family and friends telling about what had already happened with the other planes. They decided that the plane they were on would not be used to crash into another building. Some of these brave passengers decided to try to get into the cockpit and gain back control of the plane. The brave passengers were able to stop the plan of the Al-Qaeda on board. They were not able to land the plane safely. The plane went down in an empty field in Shanksville,

Pennsylvania.

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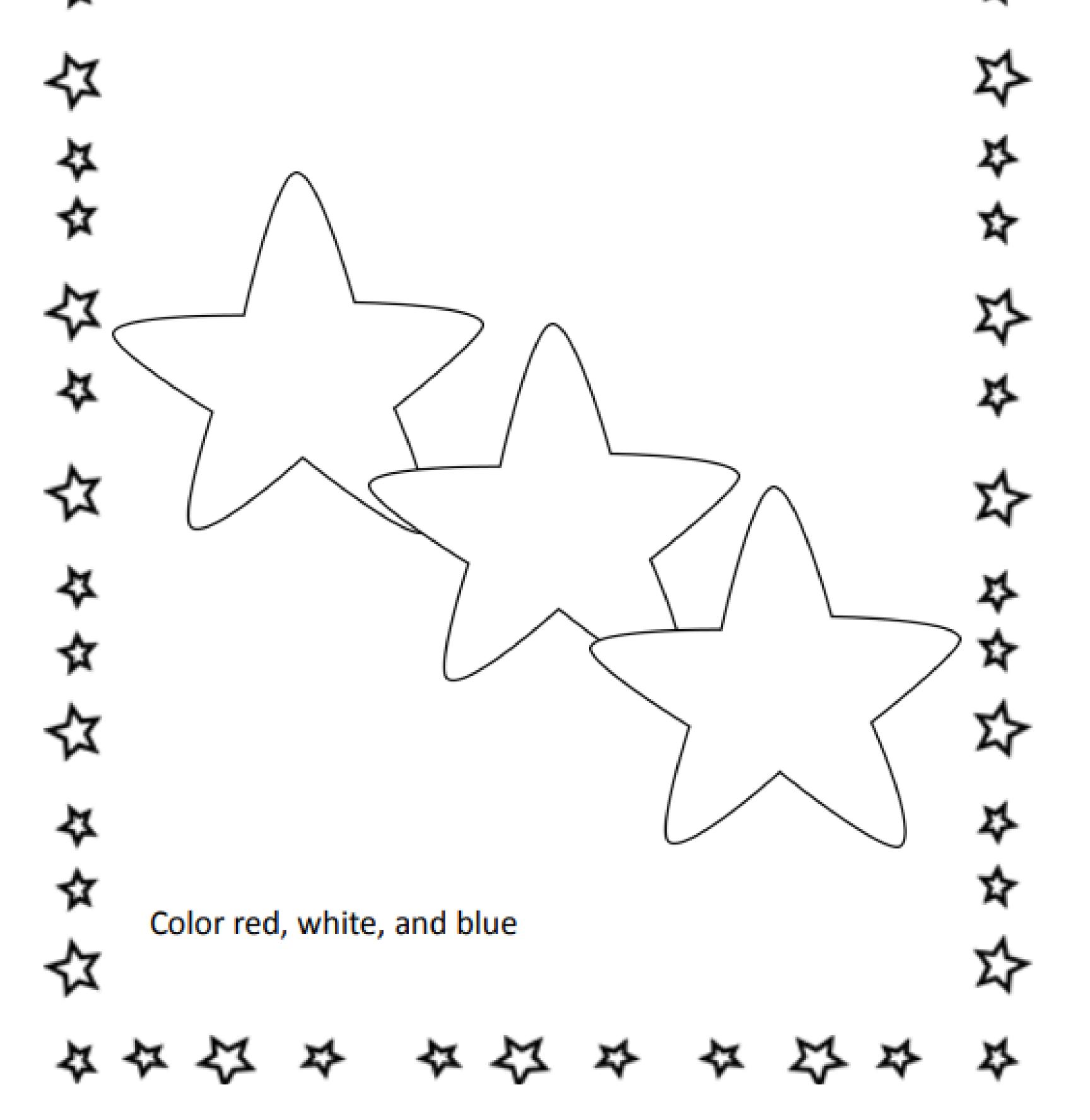
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Today, the people in America still remember the terrible tragedy that took place on September 11, 2001.
 Americans also remember good things that took place such as the demonstrations of heroism and bravery.



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