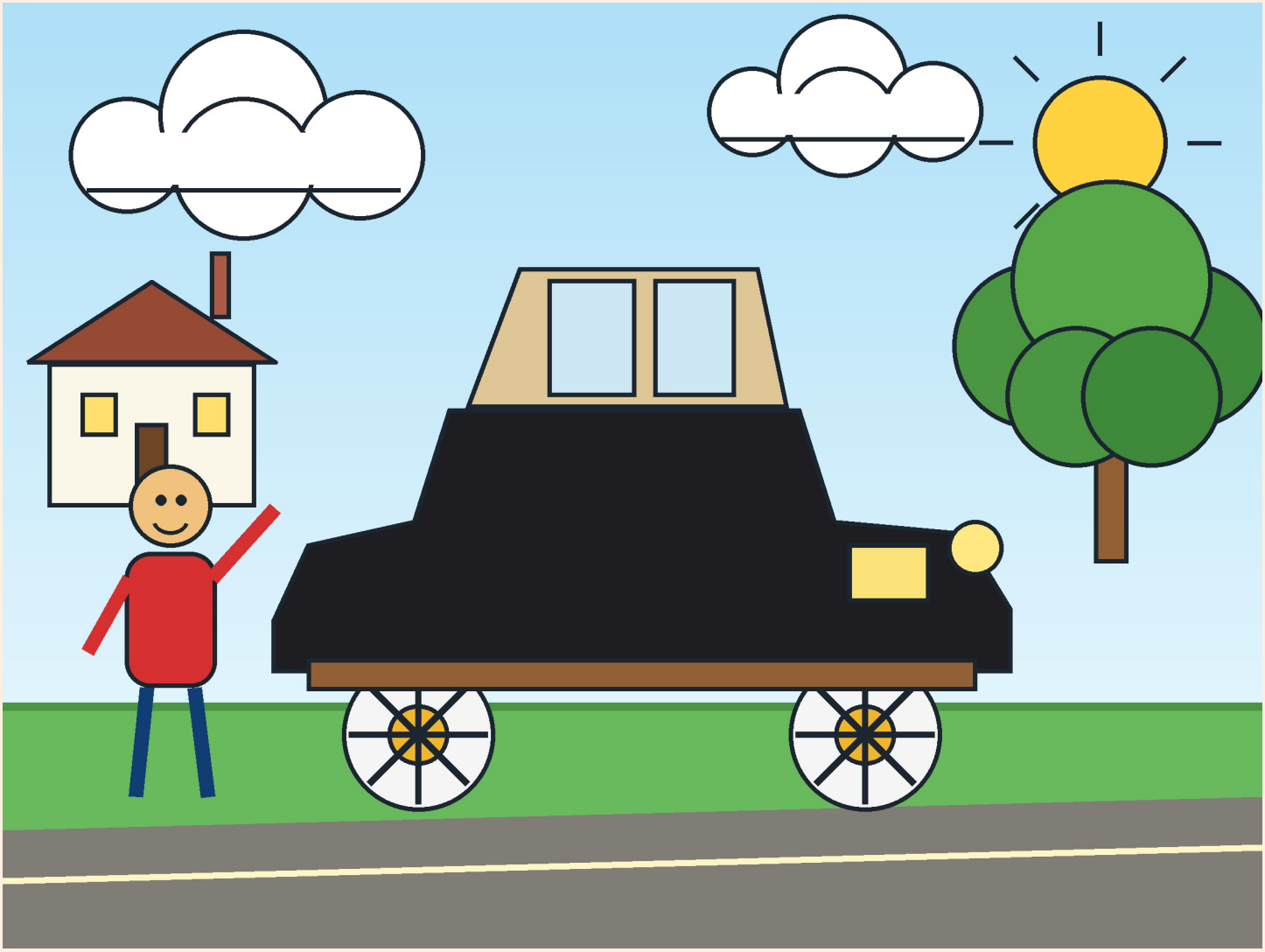
AMERICAN CARS THROUGH TIME • BOOK 1

The Car That Put America on Wheels

The Model T Story (1908–1927)



More than 15 million Model Ts built — the price fell from $850 to $260

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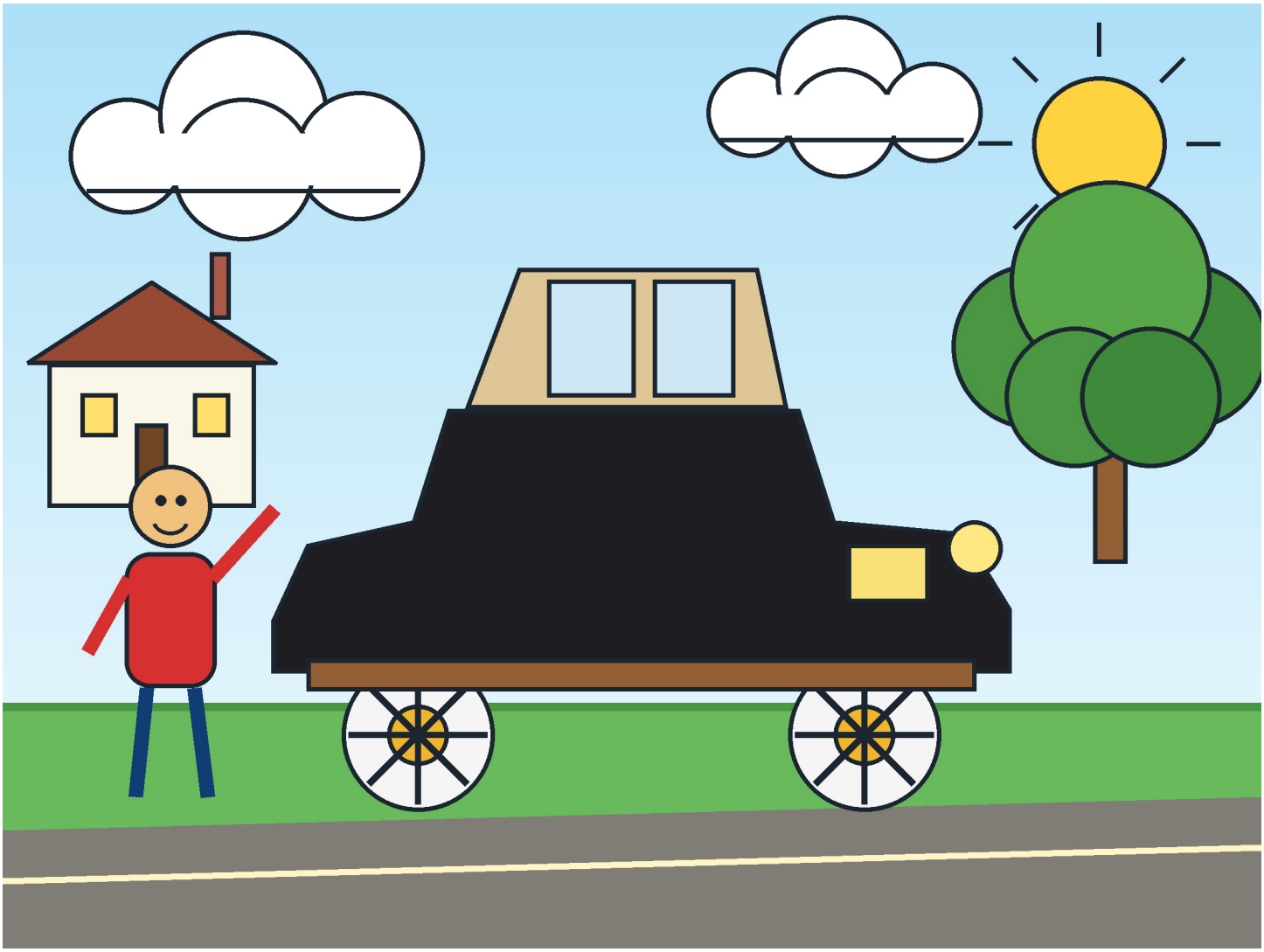
Our Journey

In 1908, most Americans had never owned a car. Cars were costly toys for the rich. Then came a plain black car built by Henry Ford and his team — strong, simple, and cheaper every year — until ordinary families all across America could buy one. This is the story of the Model T, the car that put America on wheels.

How this book works: each stop has a bright discovery page with ONE true thing — then the same picture again, drawn in bold lines for you to color.

1. A New Car Appears
2. Built to Be Simple and Strong
3. Parts That Always Fit
4. The Line That Moved
5. The Price Falls and Falls
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1. A New Car Appears



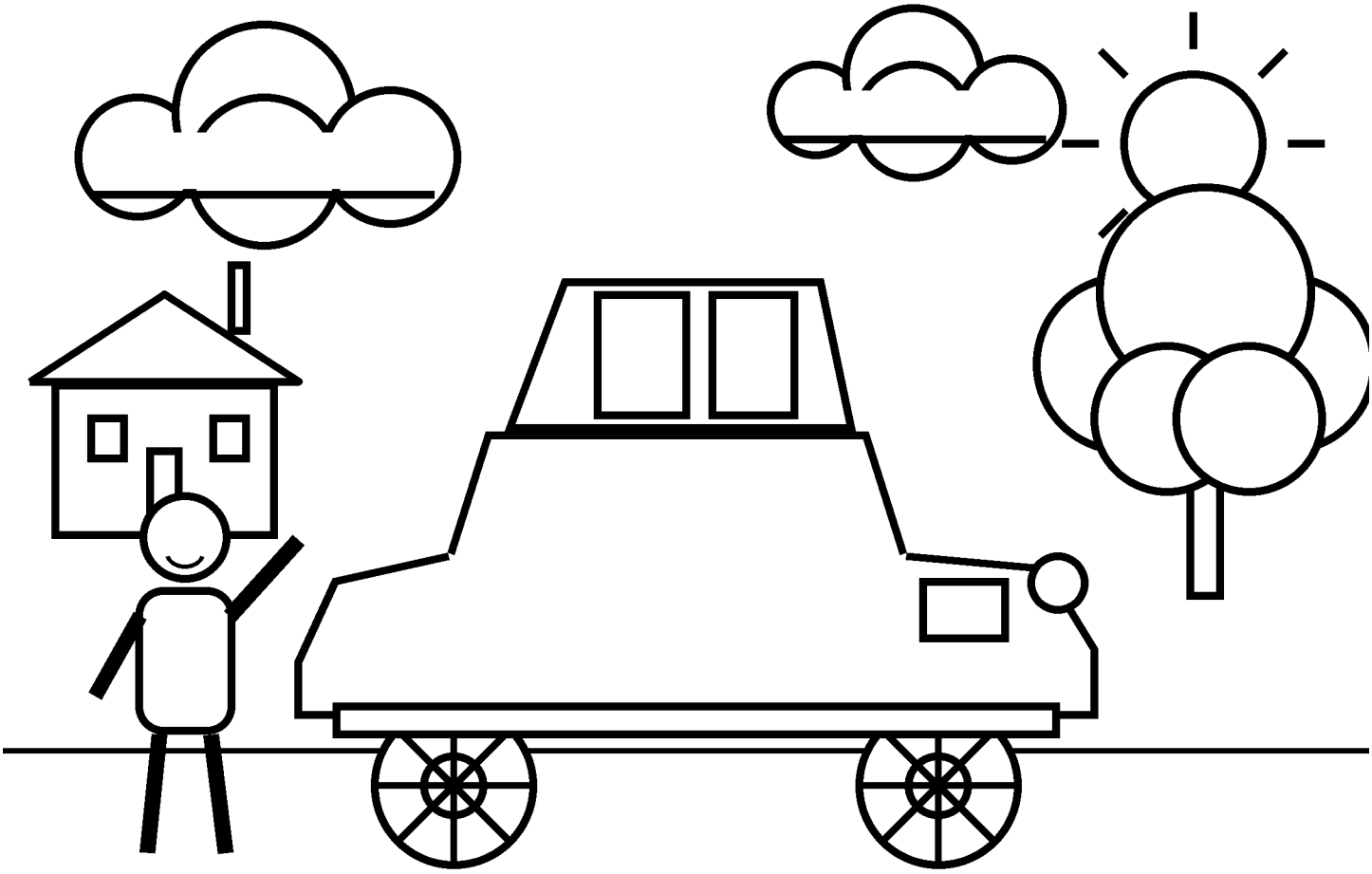
ONE TRUE THING

The Ford Model T first went on sale in 1908. It was built from 1908 to 1927 — nineteen years of one famous car.

Source: Ford Motor Company / The Henry Ford

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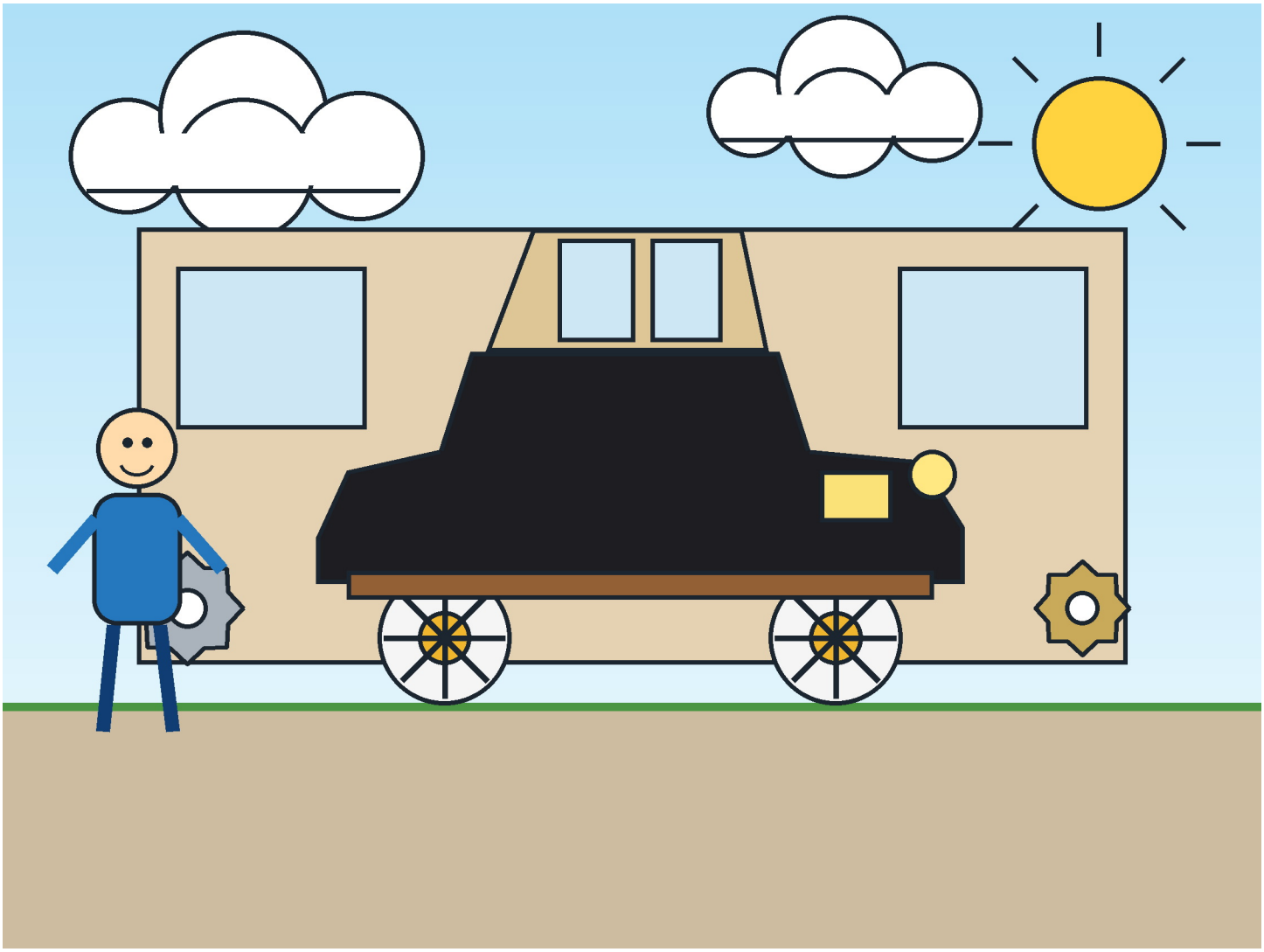
1. A New Car Appears



Color the Model T. Draw a dirt road under its wheels.

Colored by _____

2. Built to Be Simple and Strong



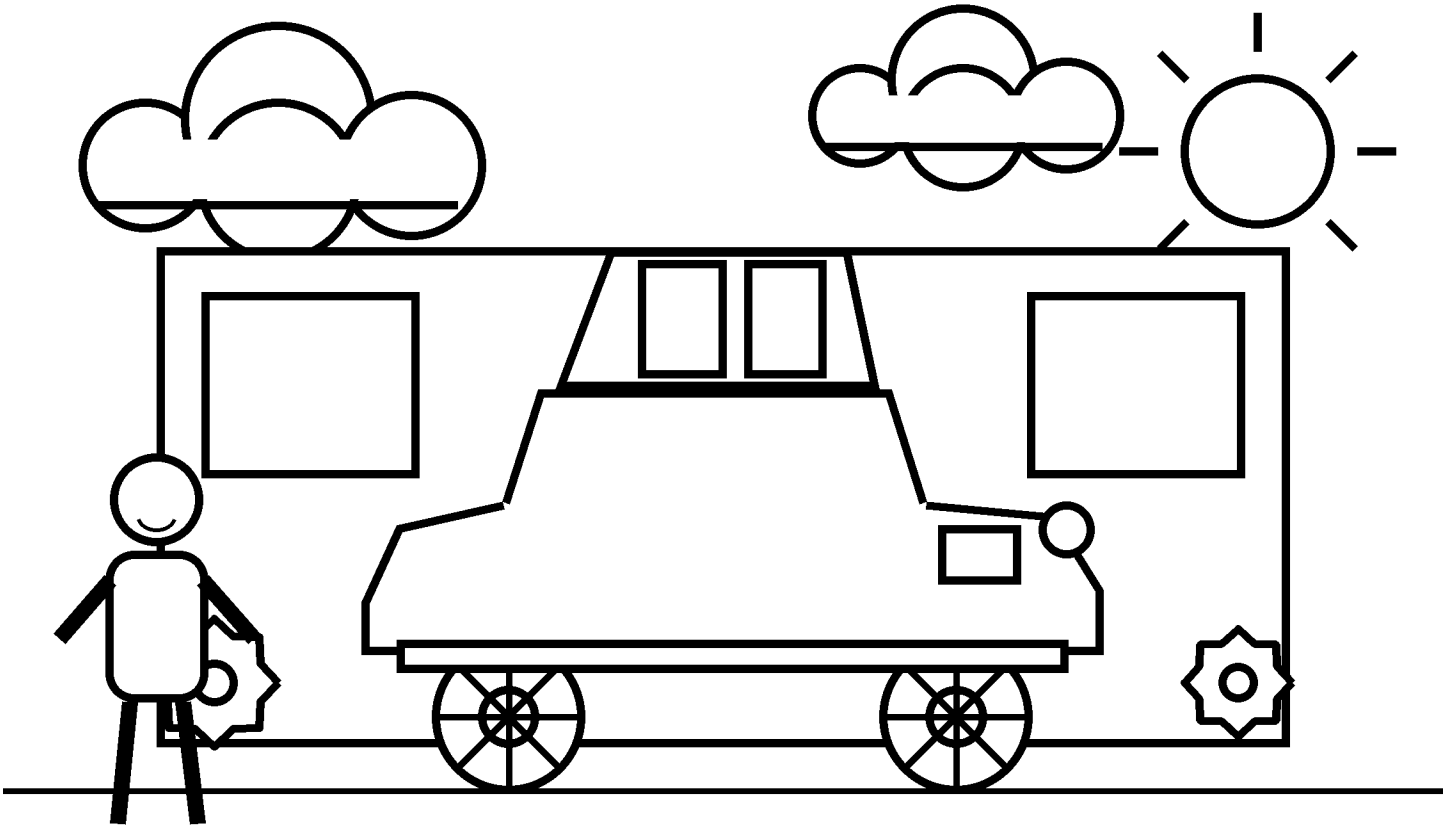
ONE TRUE THING

Henry Ford and his team designed the Model T to be simple, strong, and easy to repair — a car for farmers, teachers, and families, not only for the rich.

Source: The Henry Ford

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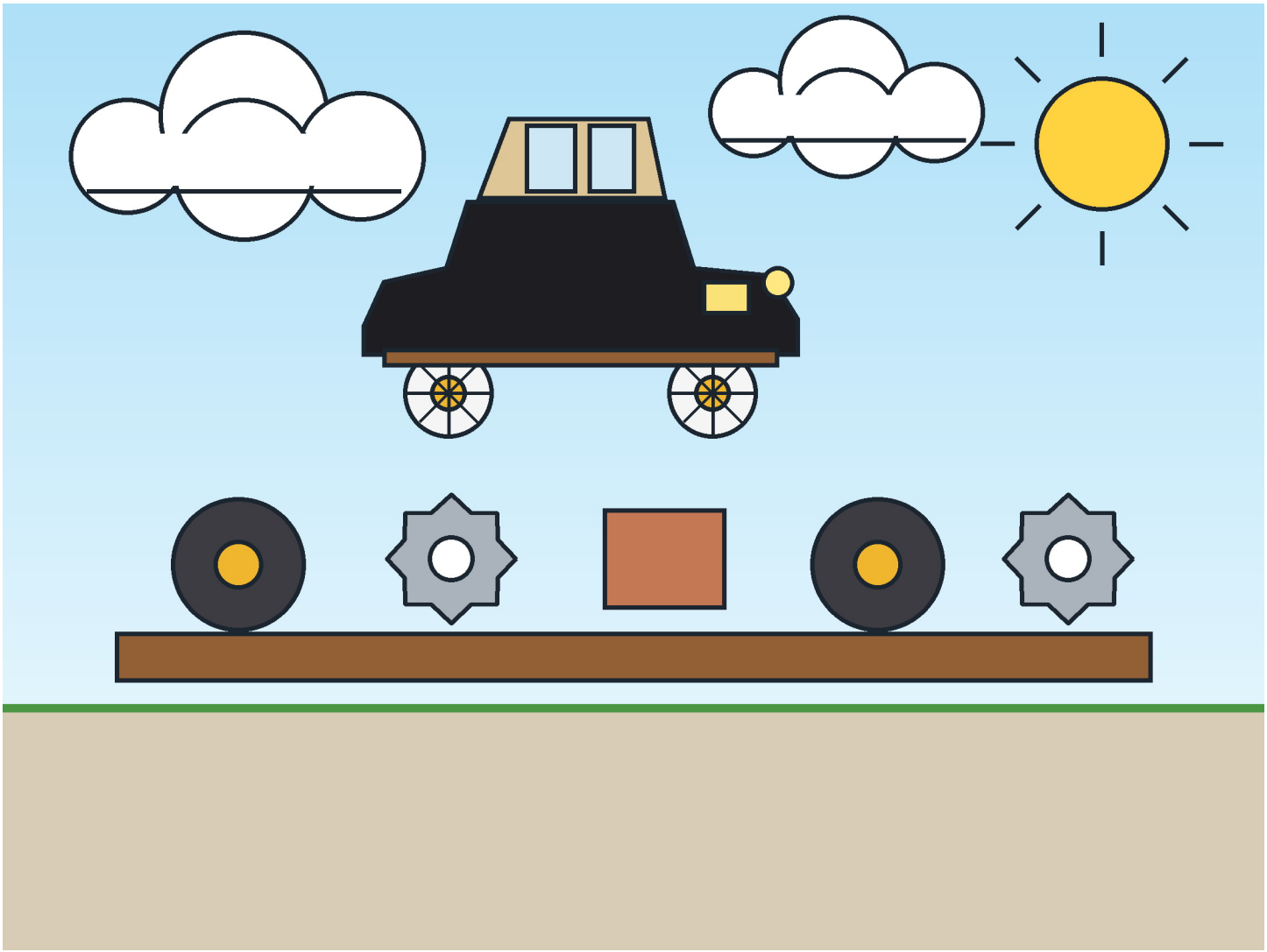
2. Built to Be Simple and Strong



Color the workshop. Circle the tool you would hand the builders.

Colored by _____

3. Parts That Always Fit



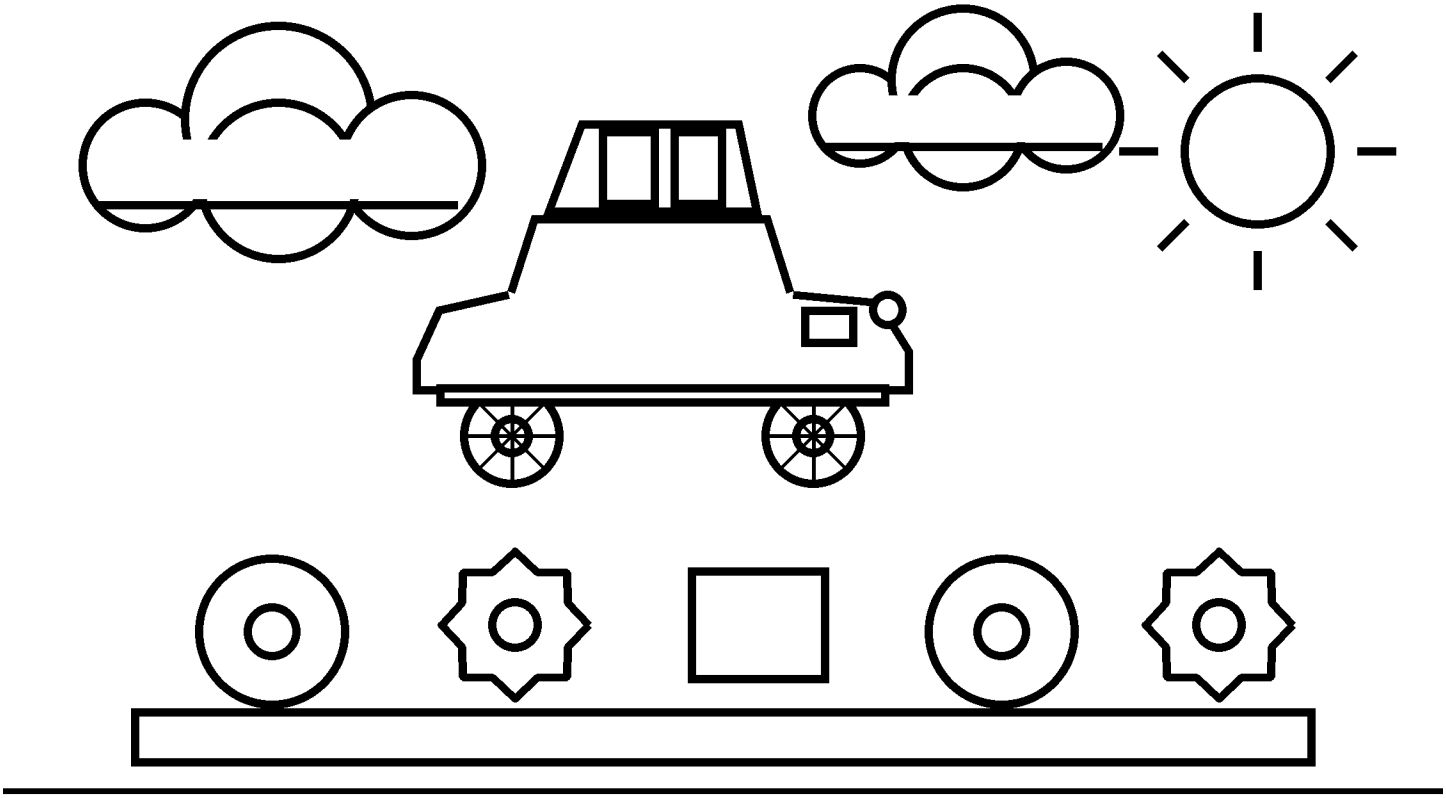
ONE TRUE THING

Model T parts were made to exact sizes, so a part built on Monday fit a car built on Friday. When something broke, a driver could swap in a matching part.

Source: The Henry Ford

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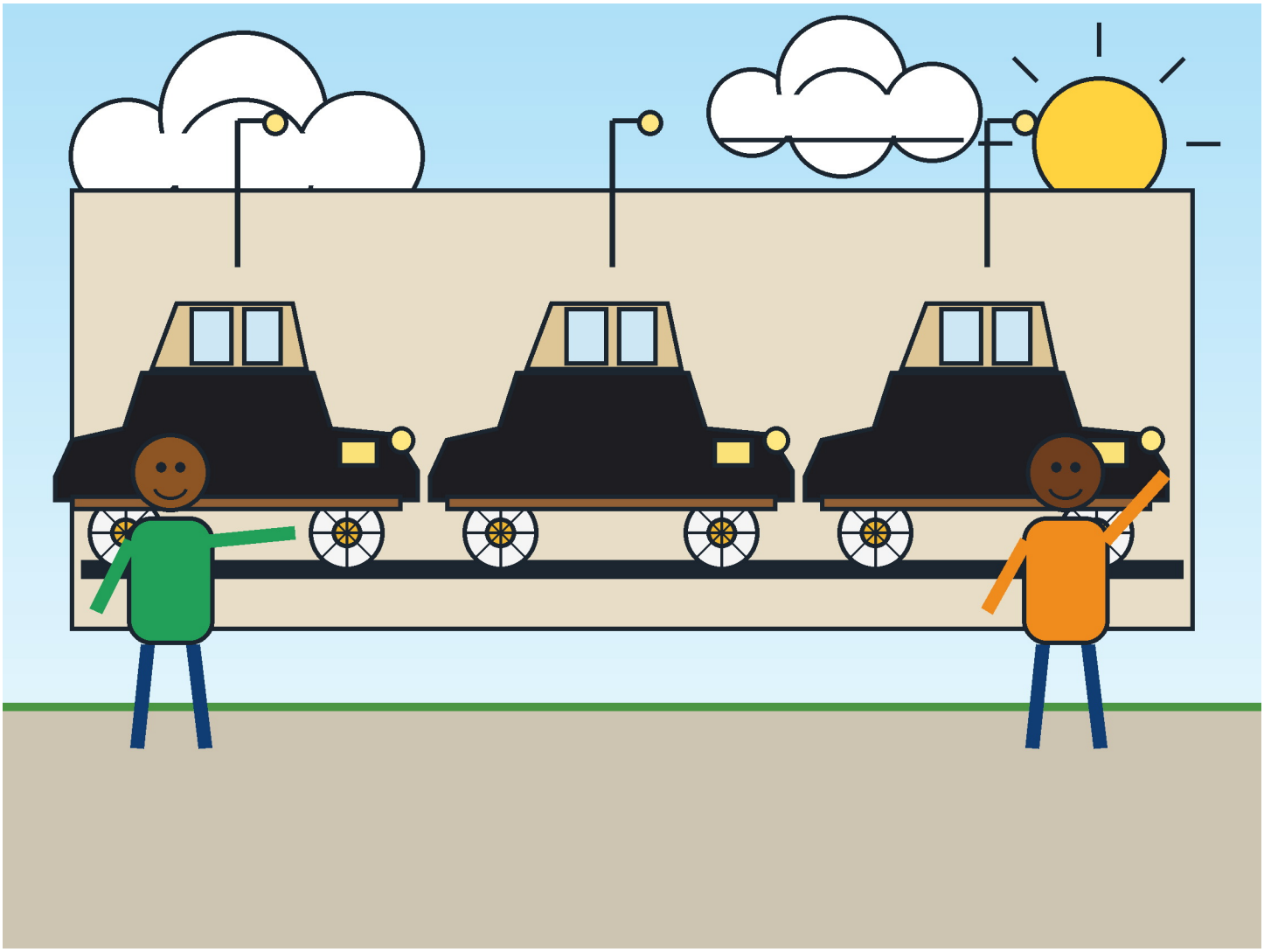
3. Parts That Always Fit



Color the parts table. Count the wheels and gears.

Colored by _____

4. The Line That Moved



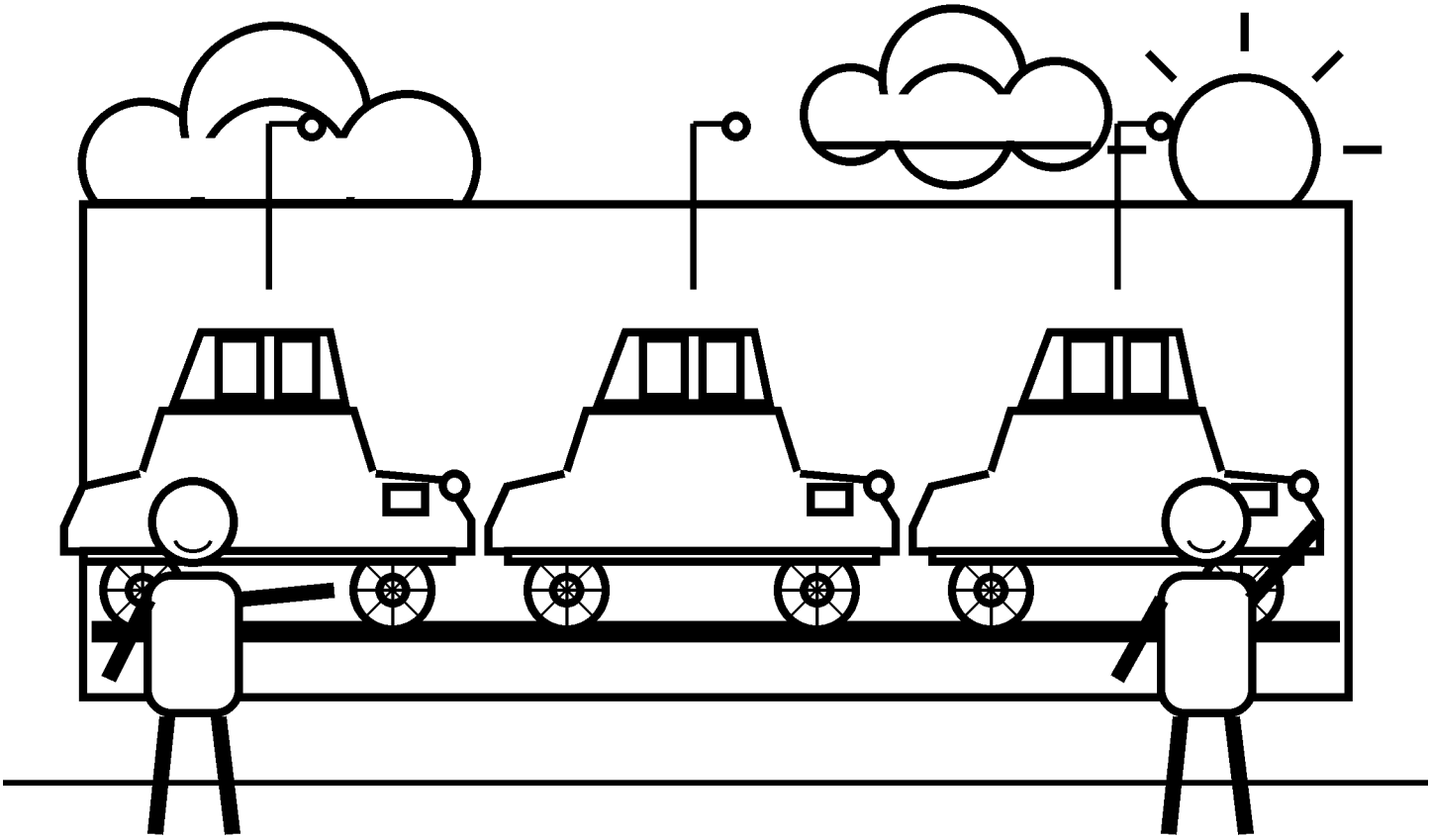
ONE TRUE THING

Ford's moving assembly line cut the time to build a Model T frame from 12 hours 30 minutes to just 93 minutes. The car moved; the workers stayed in place.

Source: The Henry Ford

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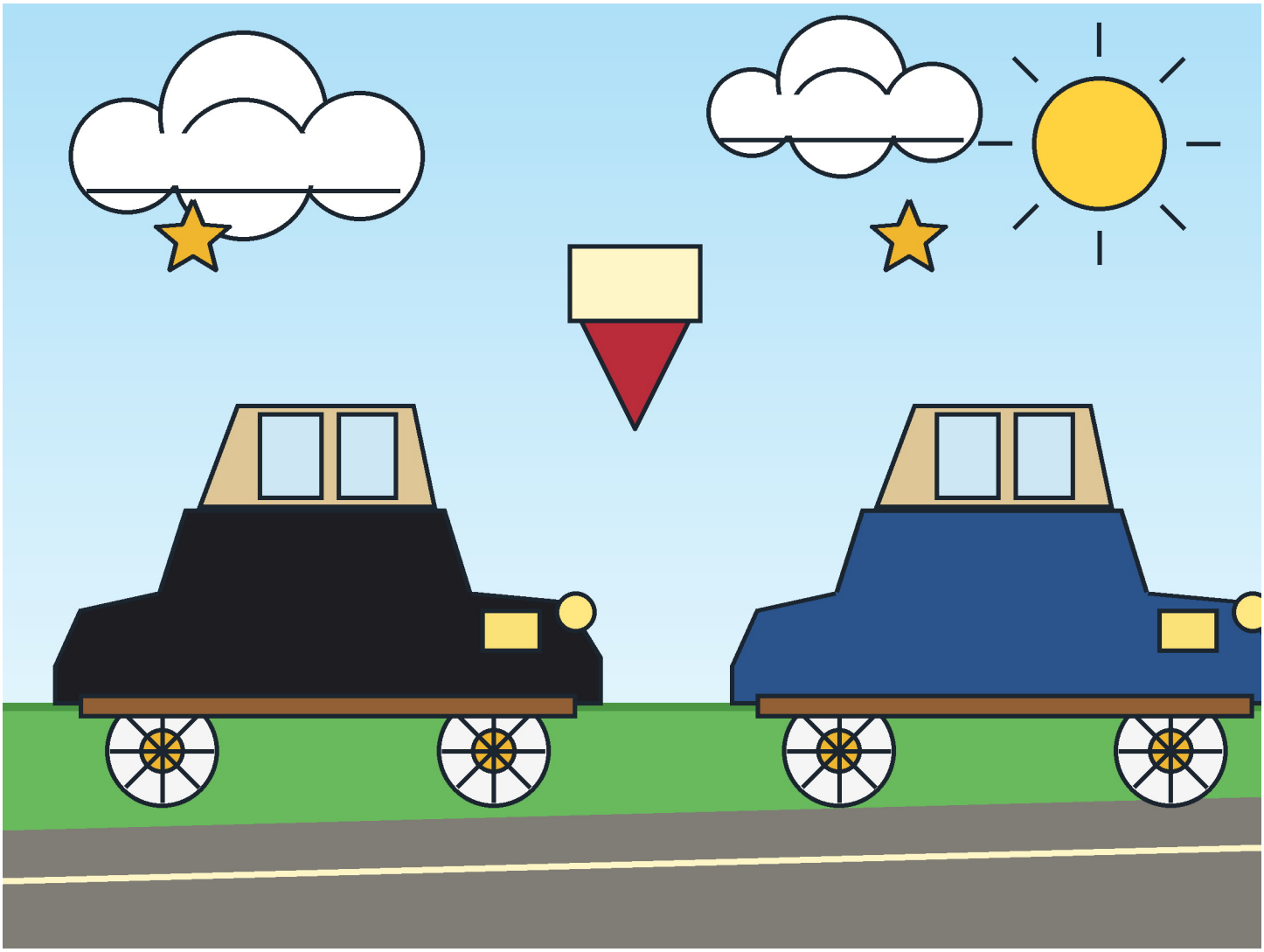
4. The Line That Moved



Follow the assembly line with your finger. Color the three cars in different colors.

Colored by _____

5. The Price Falls and Falls



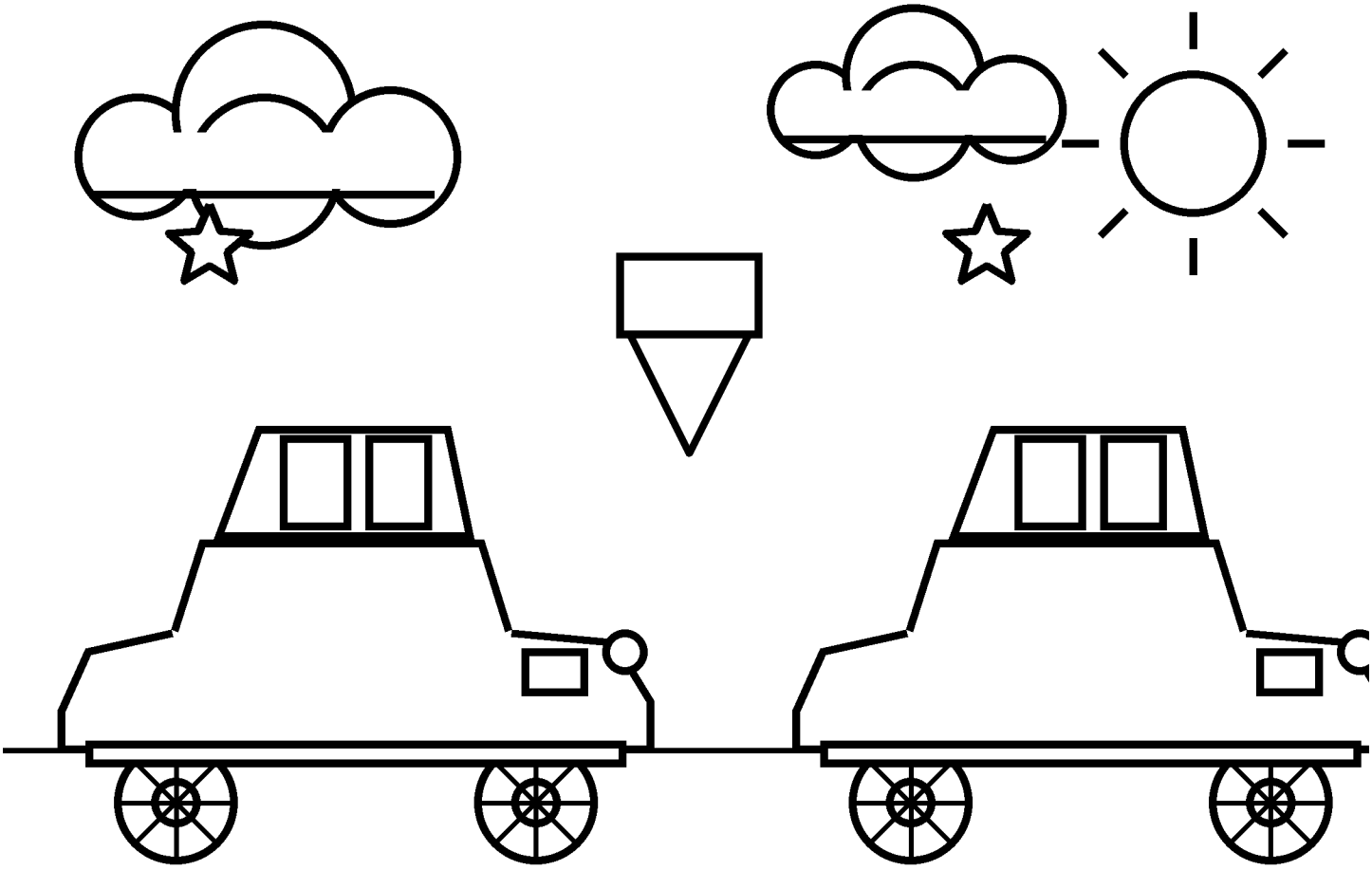
ONE TRUE THING

As the line grew faster, the Model T's price fell from $850 to $260 by 1925. A car that once cost a fortune now cost what a working family could save.

Source: Ford Motor Company / The Henry Ford

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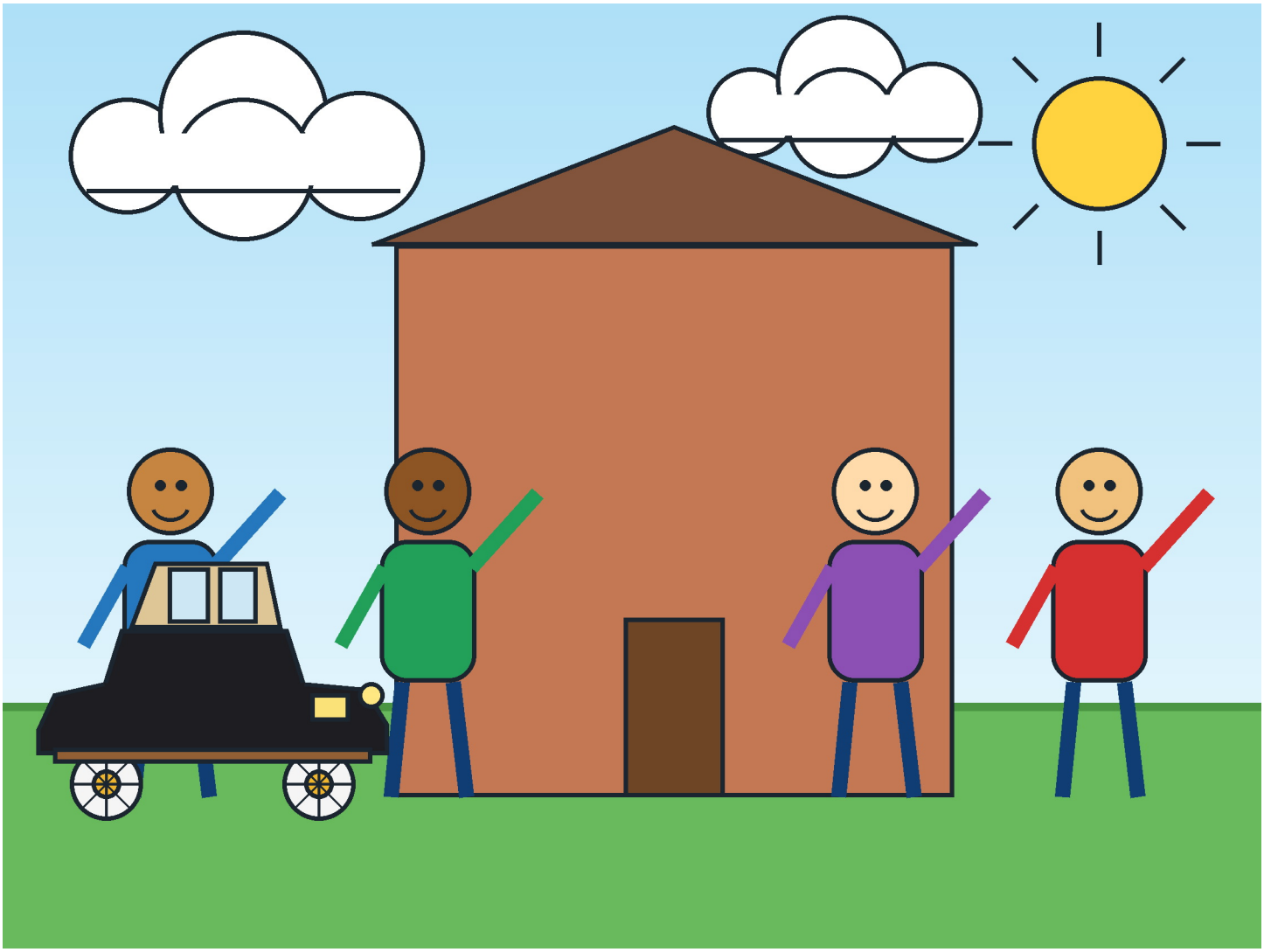
5. The Price Falls and Falls



Color the two cars. Draw an arrow pointing down between them — the falling price!

Colored by _____

6. The Five-Dollar Day



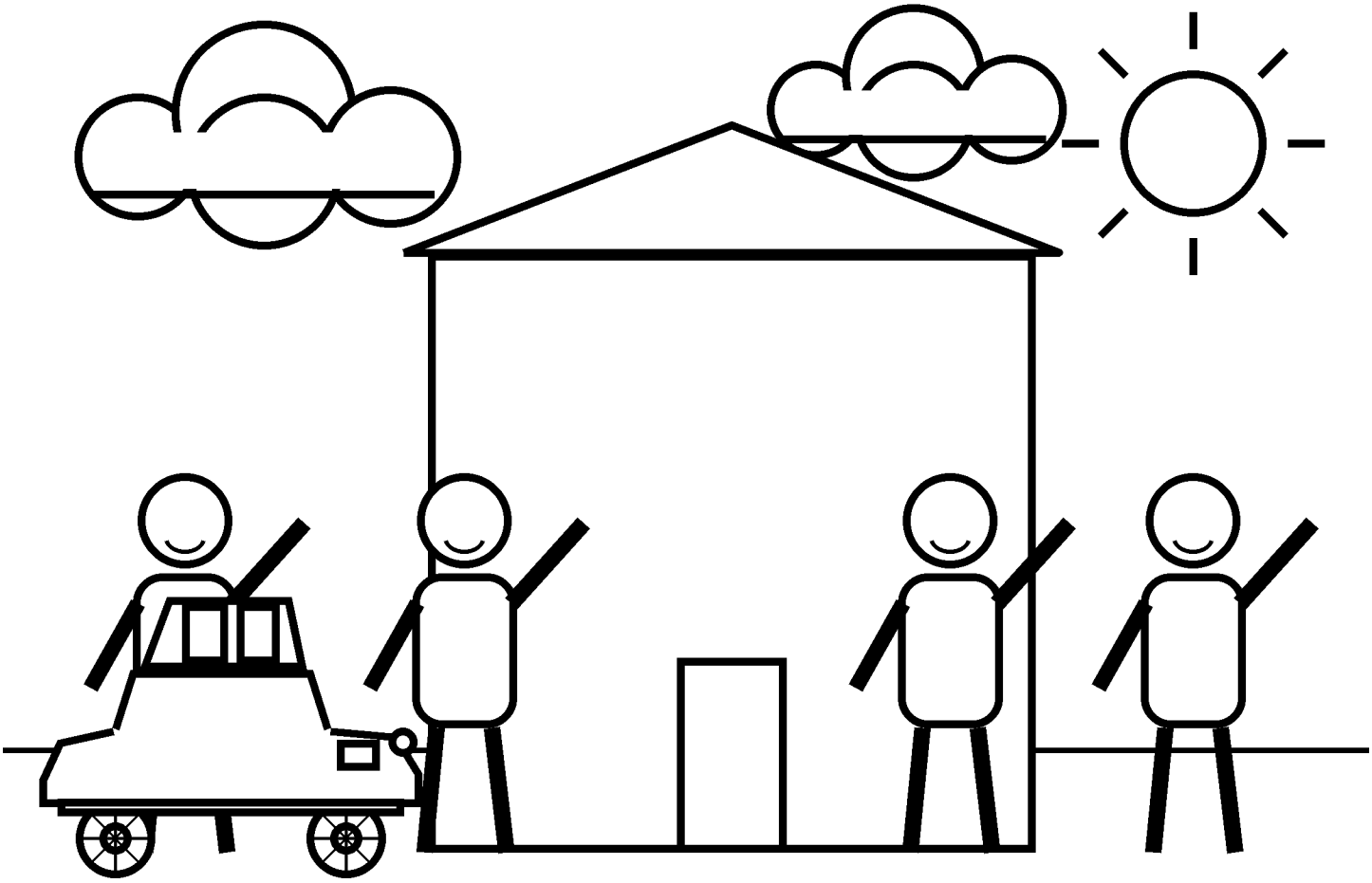
ONE TRUE THING

In 1914, Ford doubled many workers' pay to $5 a day. The news shocked the country — and meant the people who built the cars could afford to buy one.

Source: The Henry Ford

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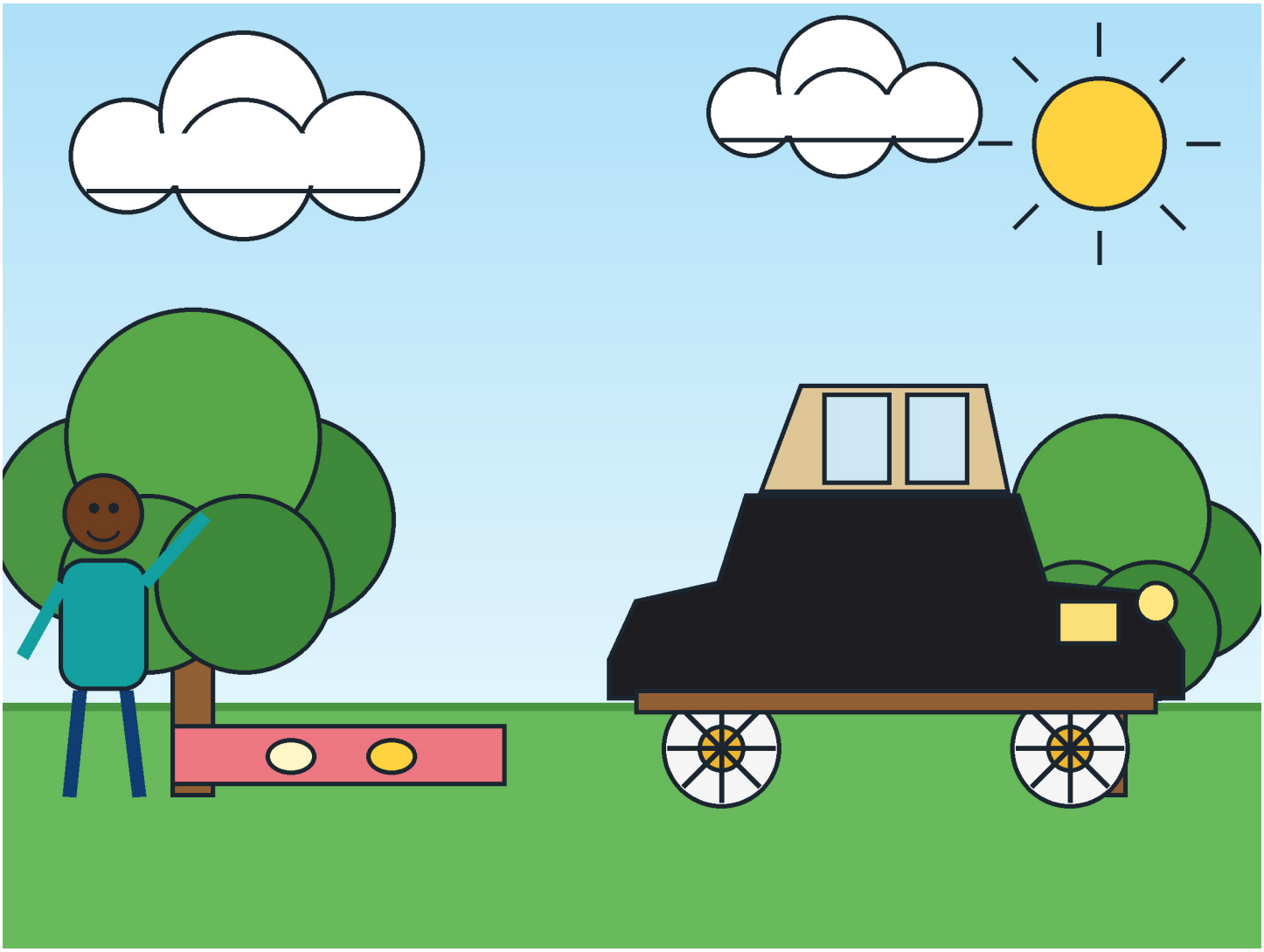
6. The Five-Dollar Day



Color the factory and the families. Draw a smile on every face.

Colored by _____

7. Families Take to the Road



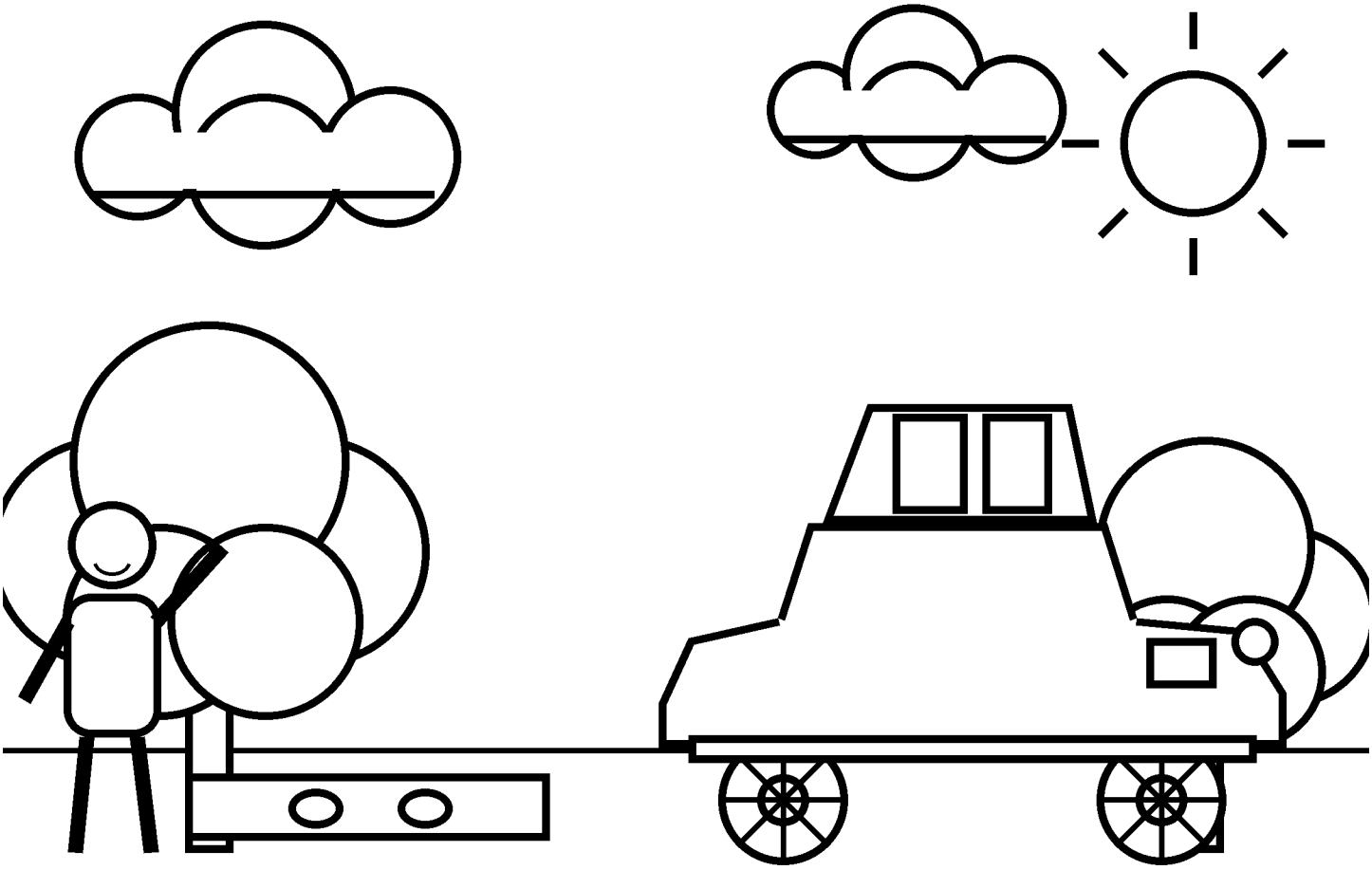
ONE TRUE THING

With a car of their own, families could visit grandparents, reach town markets, and picnic in the countryside — trips that once took all day now took an hour.

Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History

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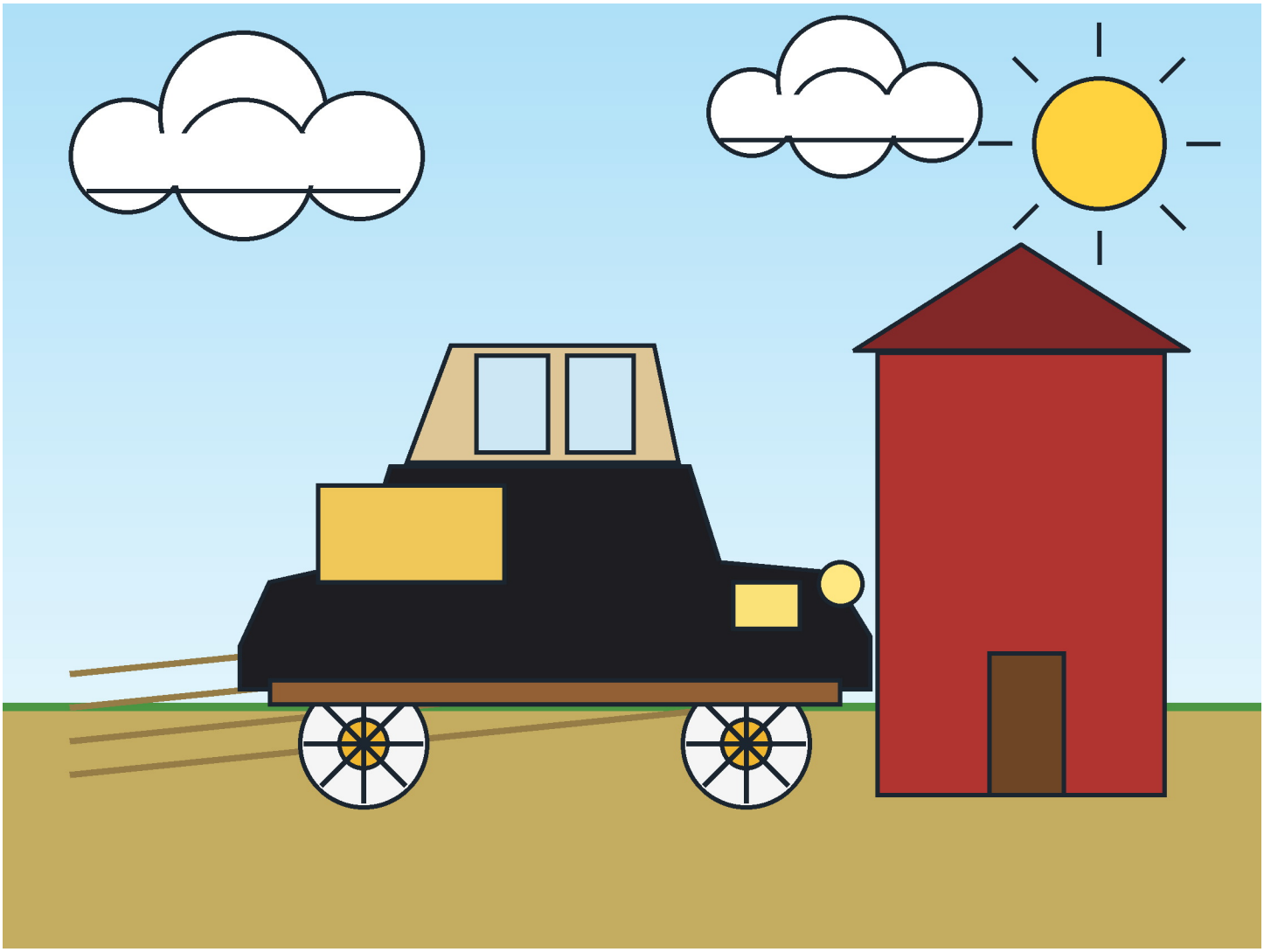
7. Families Take to the Road



Color the picnic. Draw your favorite picnic food on the blanket.

Colored by _____

8. A Workhorse on the Farm



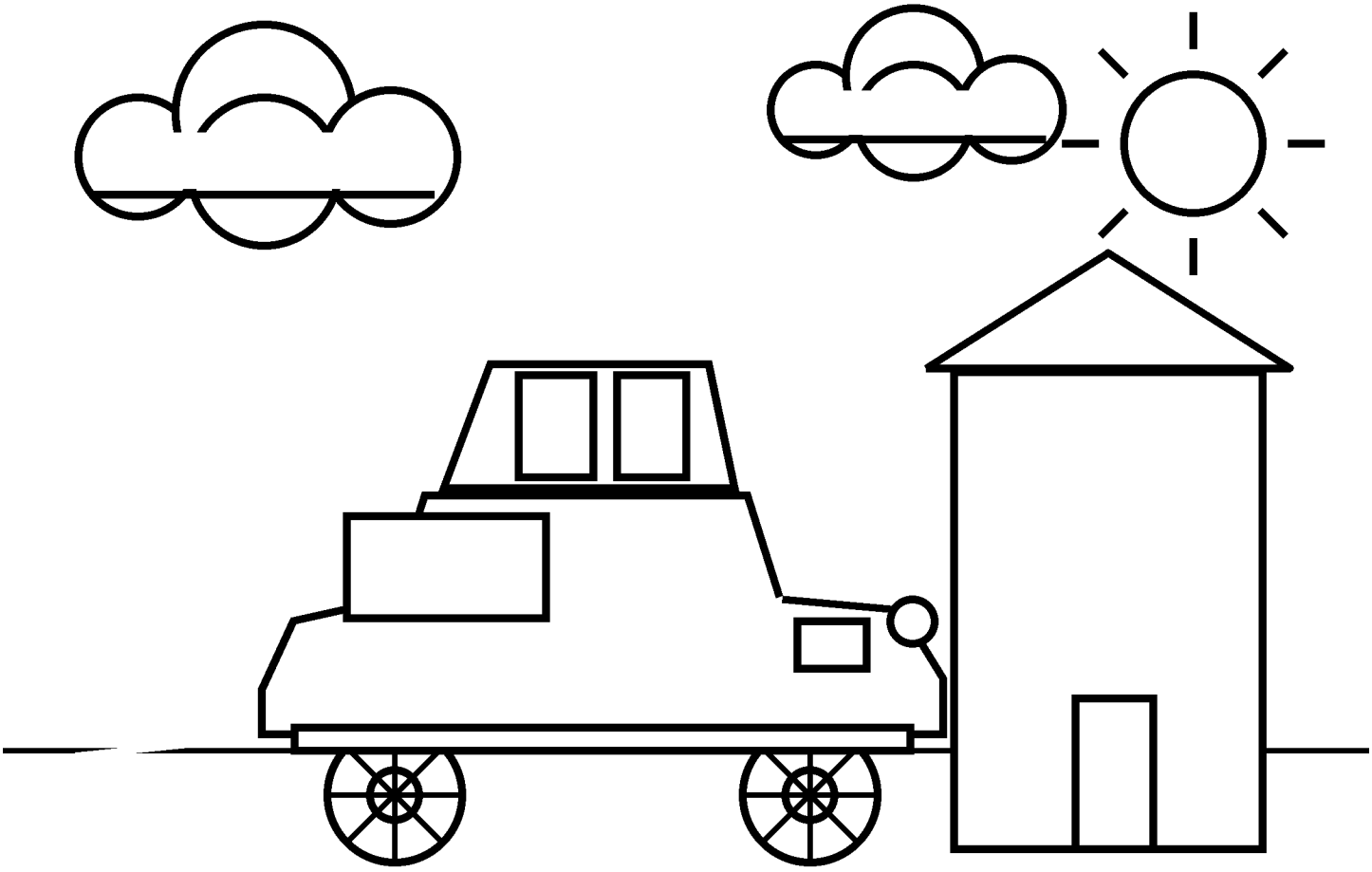
ONE TRUE THING

Farmers put the Model T to work: hauling hay and milk, pulling loads, and even powering farm machines with its sturdy engine.

Source: The Henry Ford

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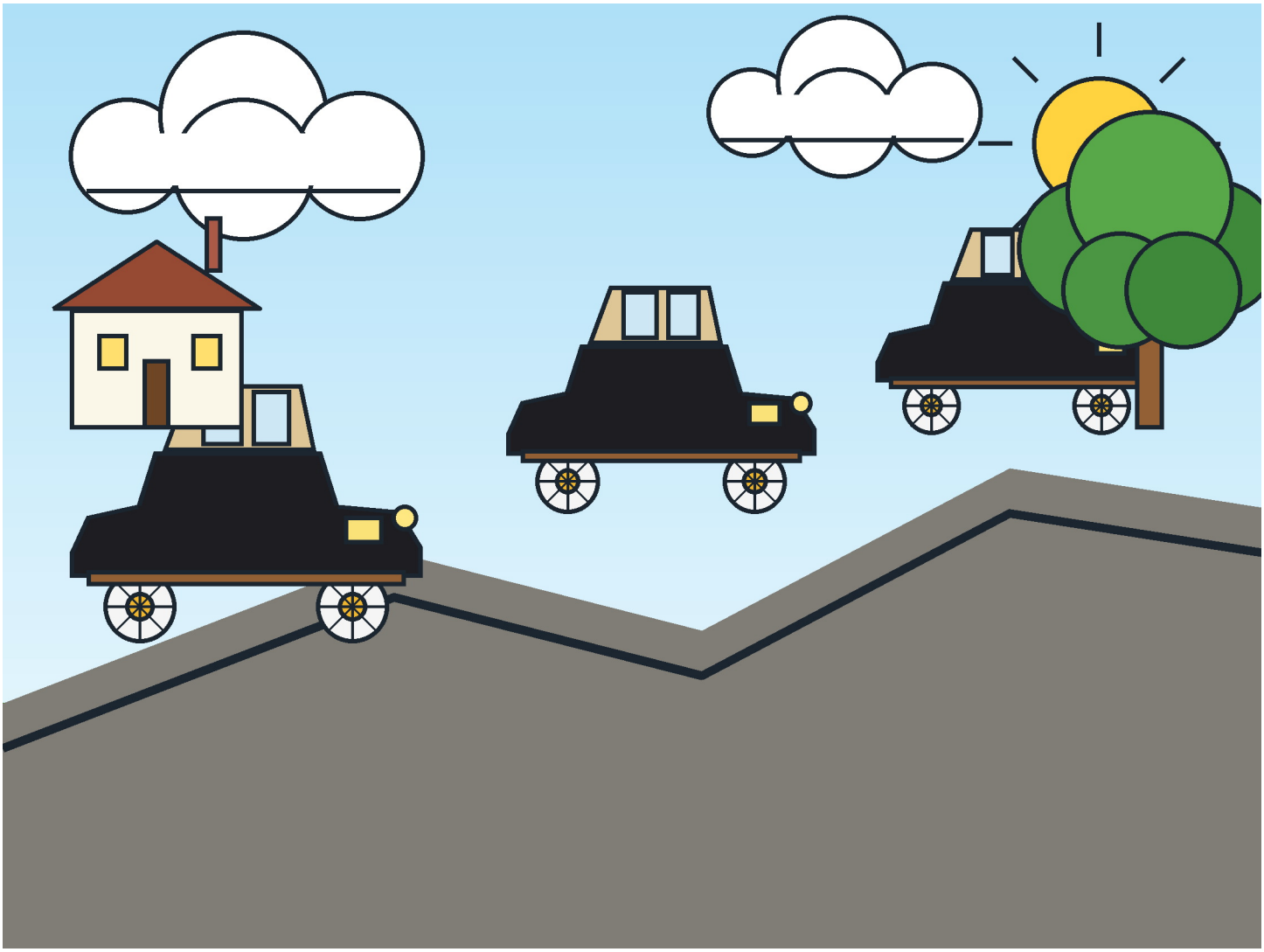
8. A Workhorse on the Farm



Color the farm scene. Draw one more hay bale on the load.

Colored by _____

9. America Builds Roads



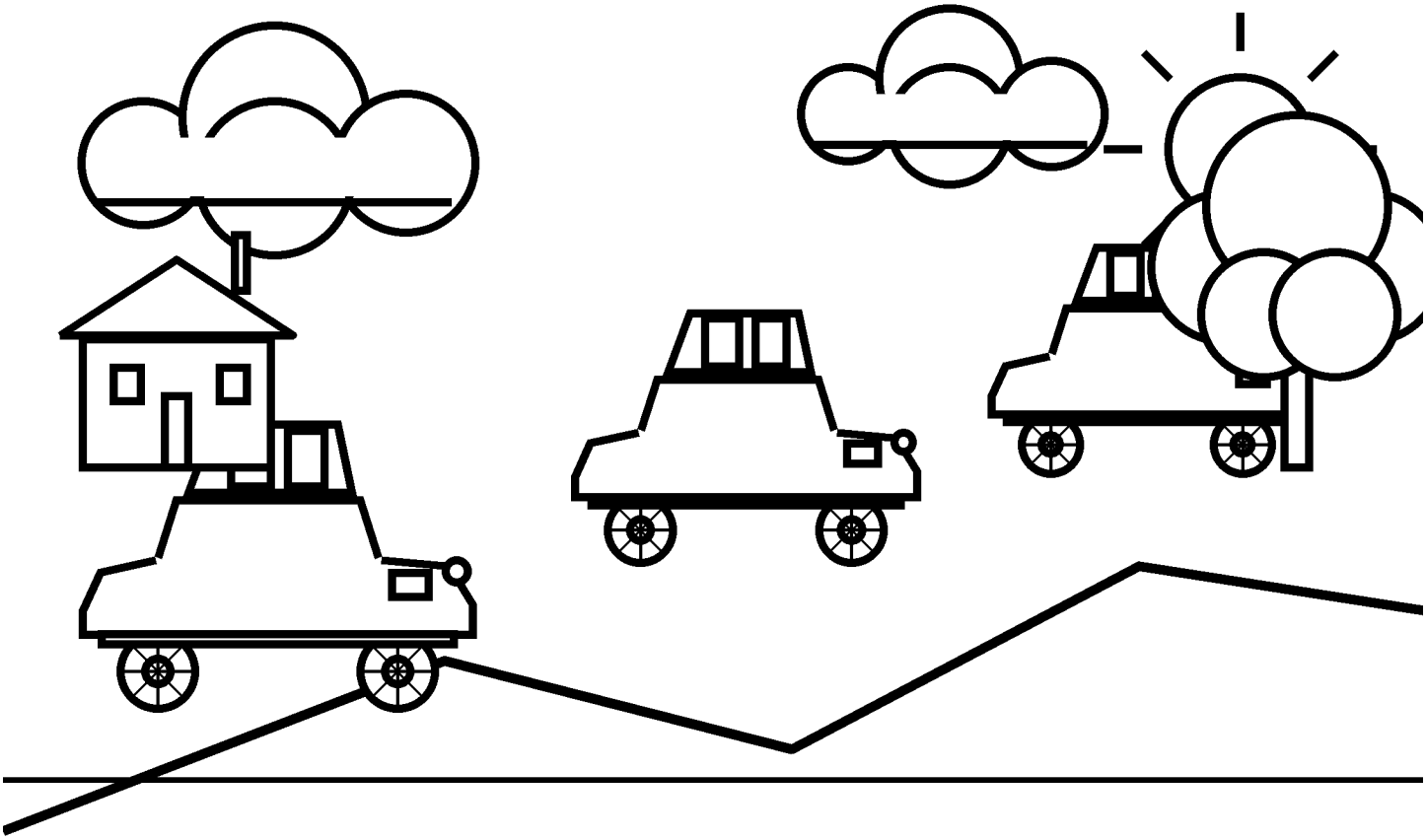
ONE TRUE THING

As millions of cars took to the road, Americans built better roads, bridges, gas stations, and roadside inns — a whole new world along the highway.

Source: Federal Highway Administration

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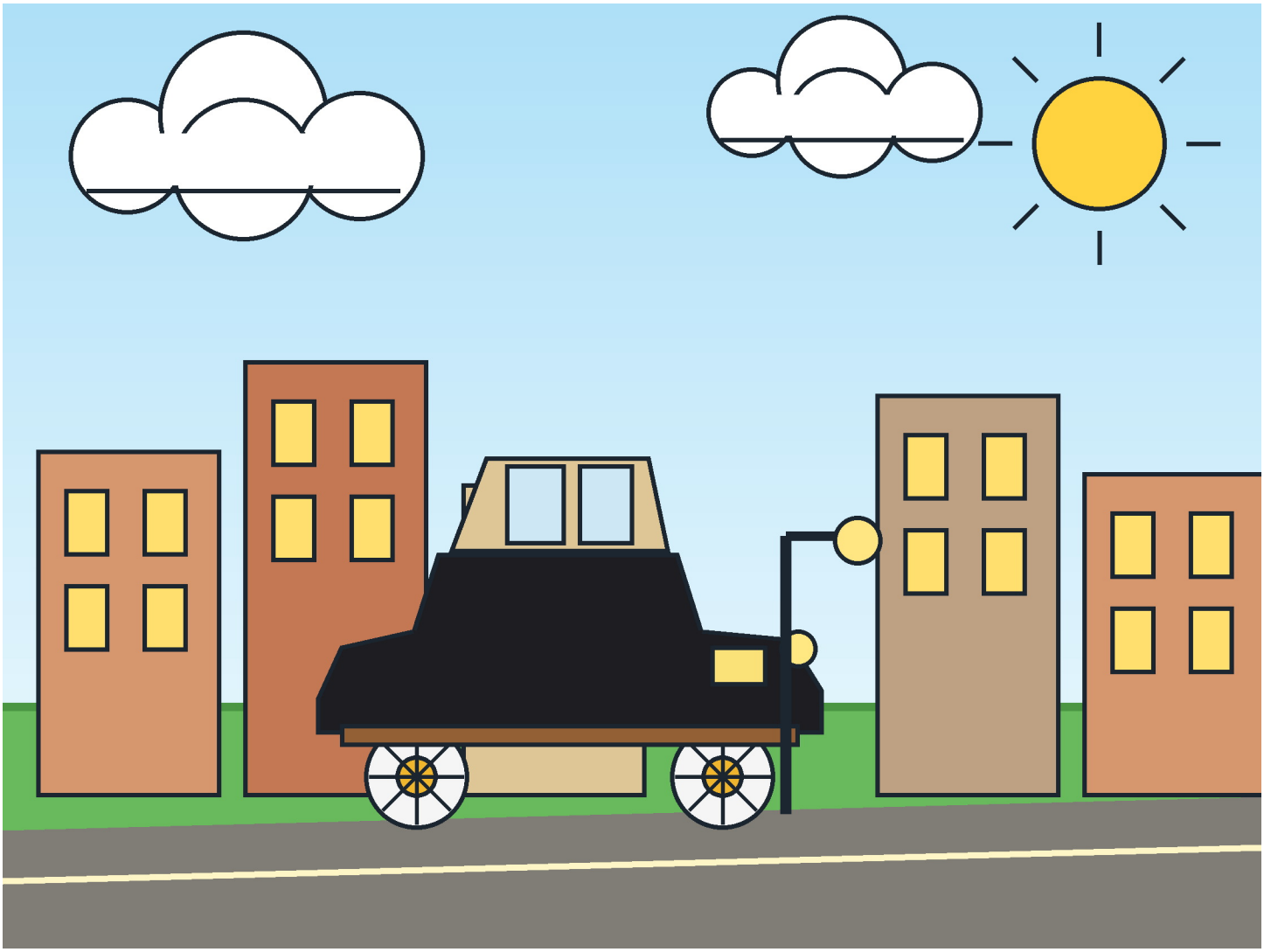
9. America Builds Roads



Follow the winding road. Color the smallest car last.

Colored by _____

10. Main Street Fills With Cars



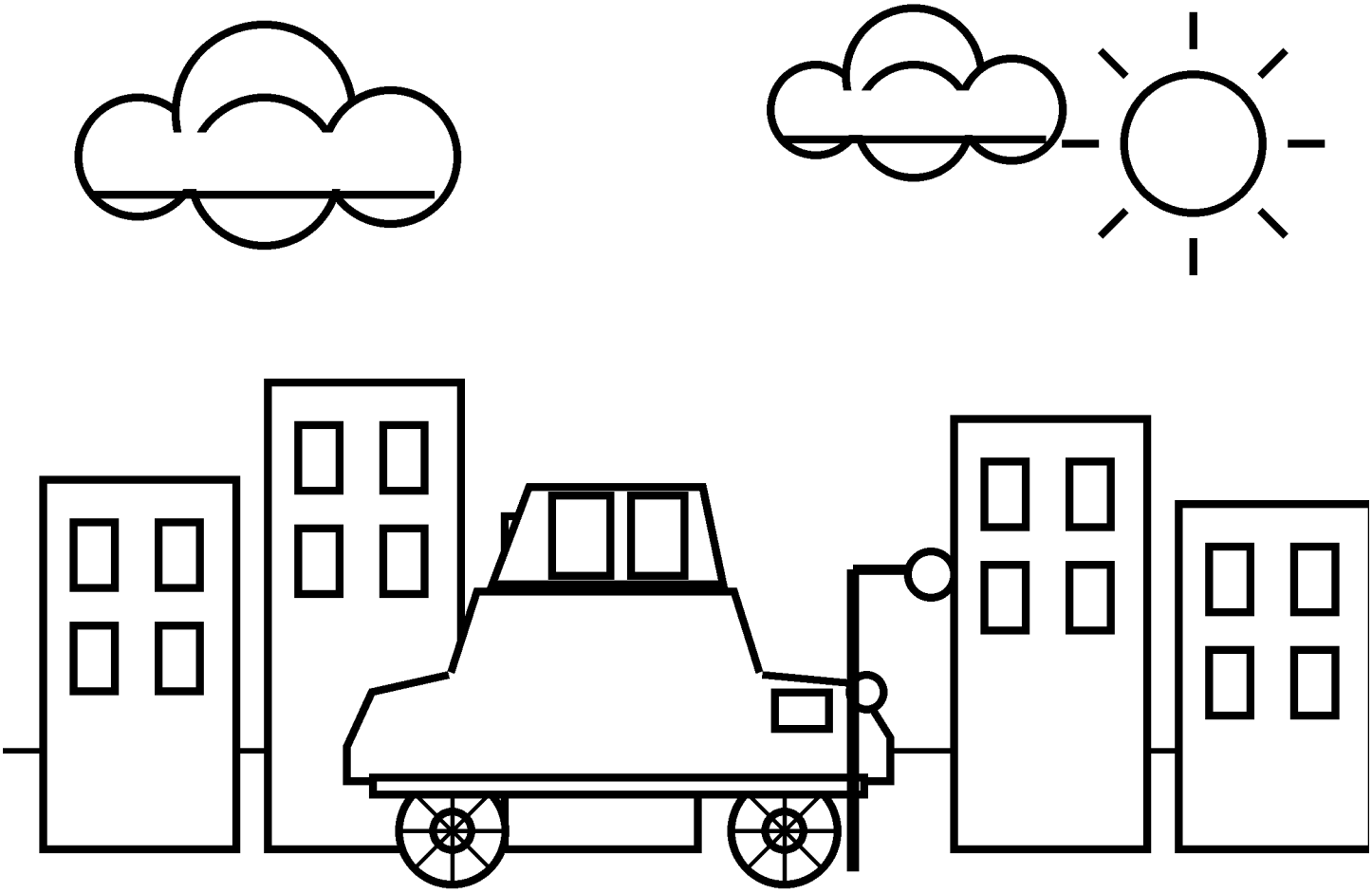
ONE TRUE THING

At its peak, about half of all the cars sold in the whole world were Fords. Main Streets that once echoed with horseshoes now hummed with engines.

Source: The Henry Ford

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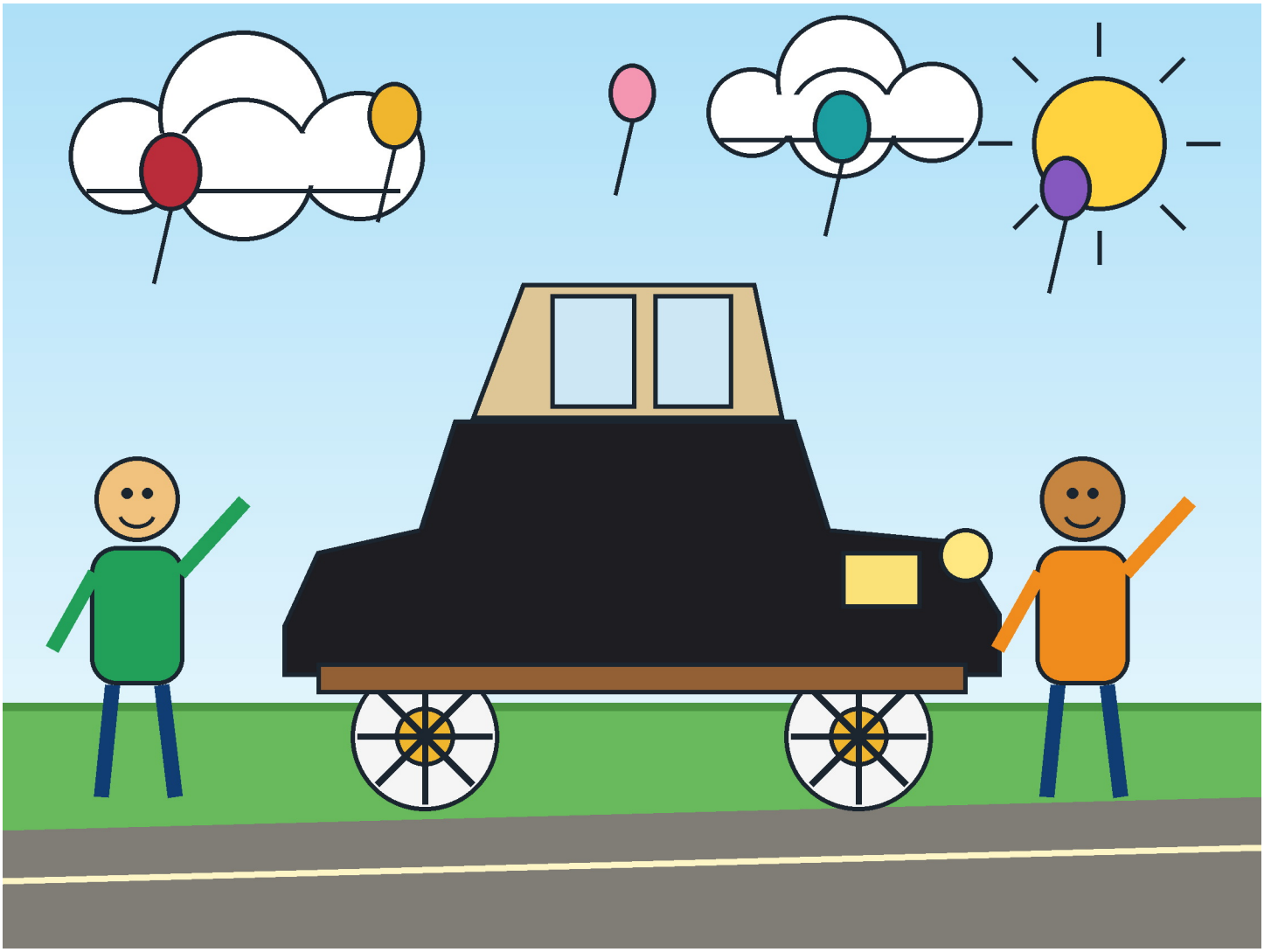
10. Main Street Fills With Cars



Color Main Street. Count the glowing windows.

Colored by _____

11. Fifteen Million!



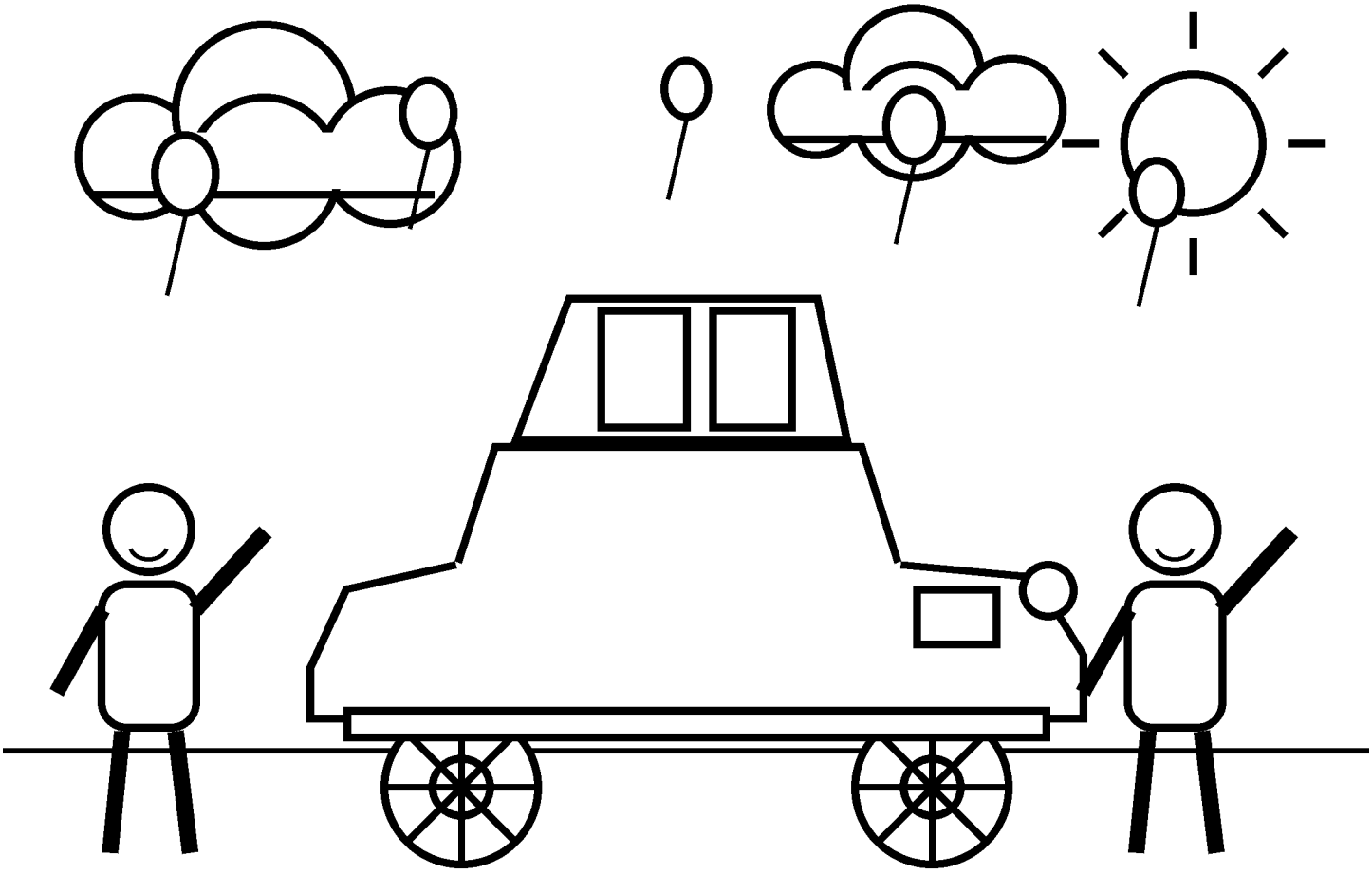
ONE TRUE THING

In 1927, the fifteen-millionth Model T rolled out. More than 15 million were built in all — more than any car before it, by far.

Source: Ford Motor Company

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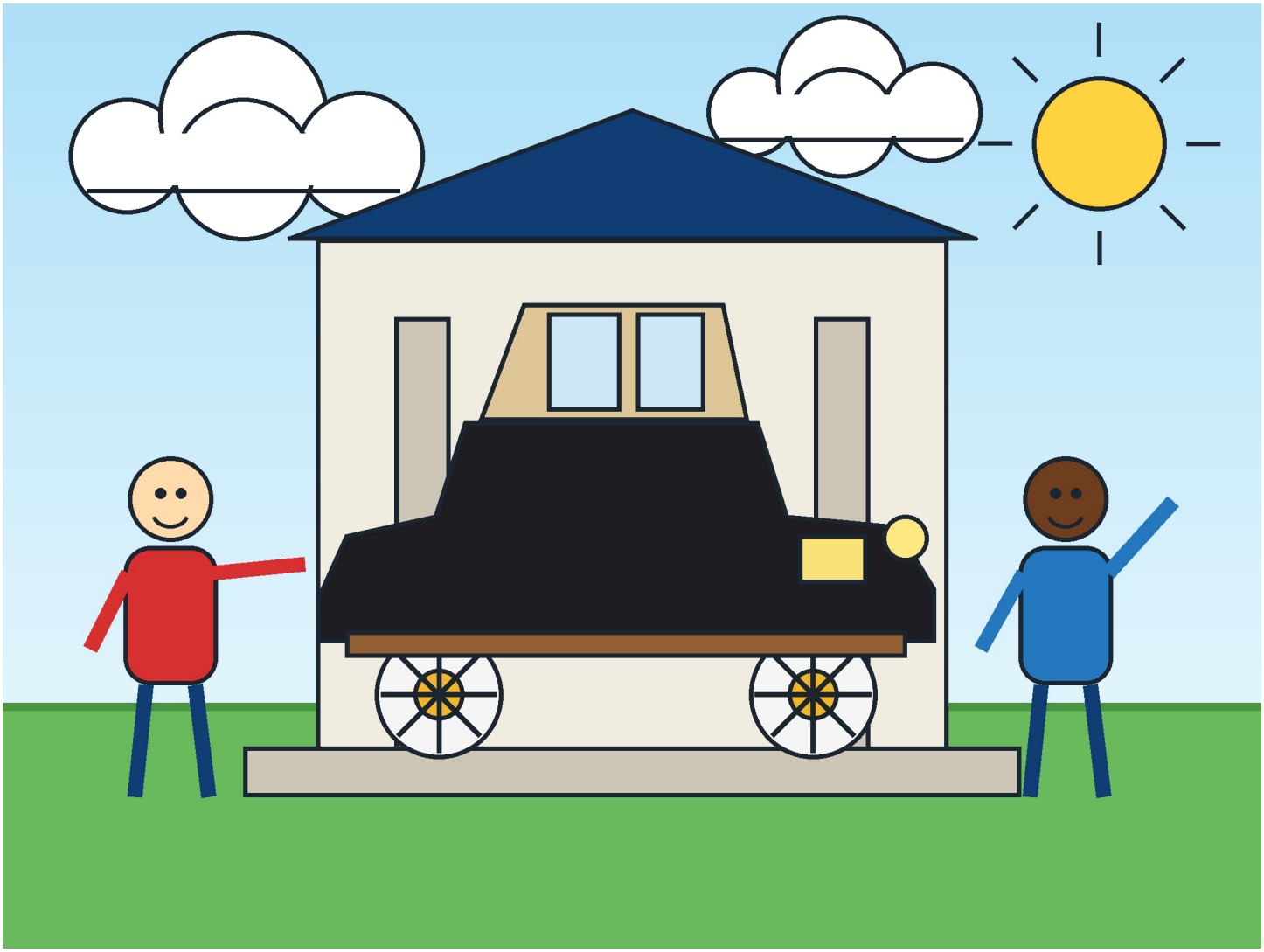
11. Fifteen Million!



Color the celebration. Add three balloons of your own.

Colored by _____

12. The Car That Changed a Country



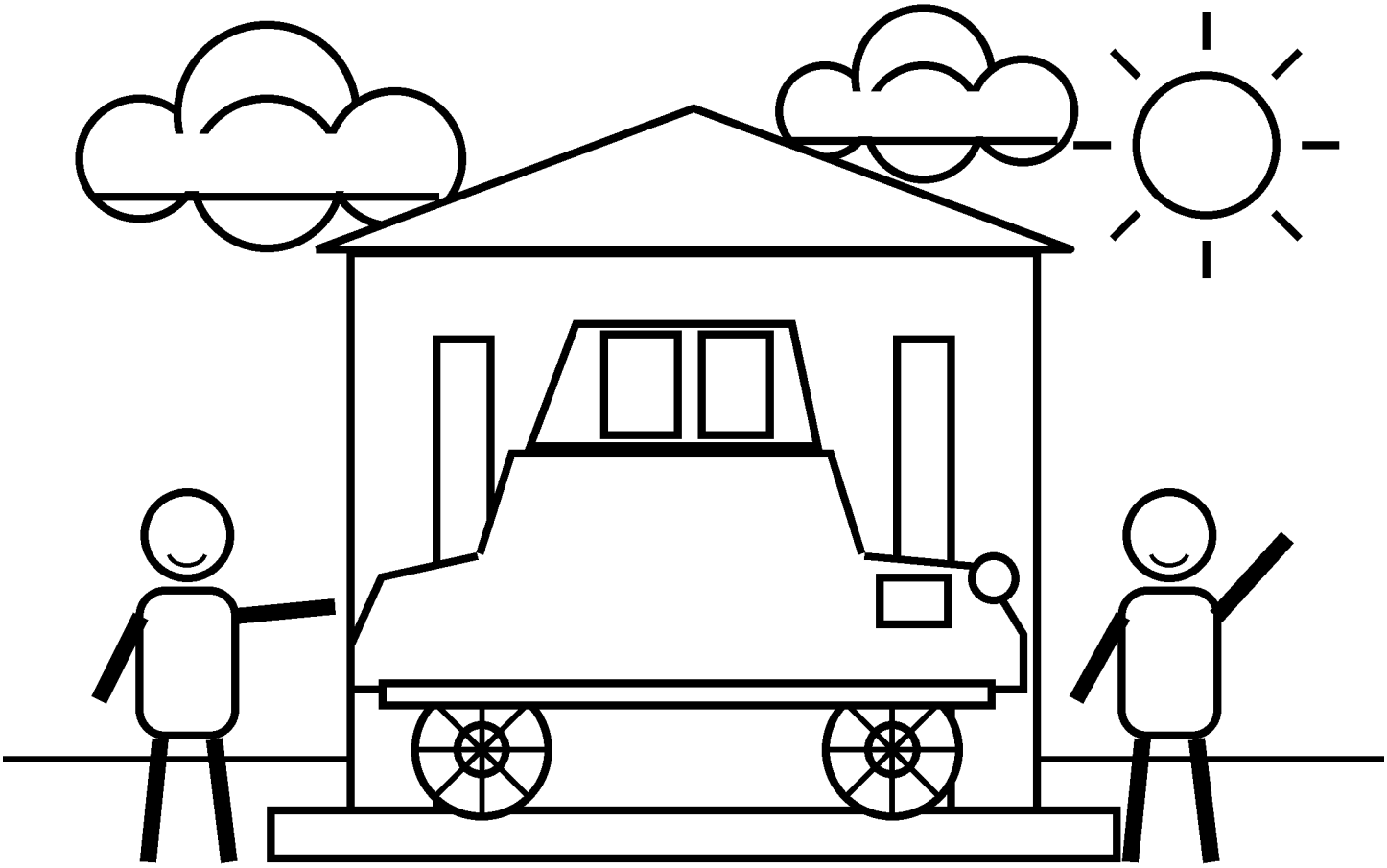
ONE TRUE THING

The Model T did not just carry people. It changed where Americans lived, how they worked, and how far a family could dream of going.

Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History

YOUR TURN TO COLOR

12. The Car That Changed a Country



Color the honored Model T. Draw a star above it.

Colored by _____

Numbers to Remember

1908–1927 — the Model T years

$850 → $260 — the famous falling price

93 minutes — assembly-line build time for a Model T frame

$5 a day — Ford's headline-making 1914 pay

15 million+ — Model Ts built in all

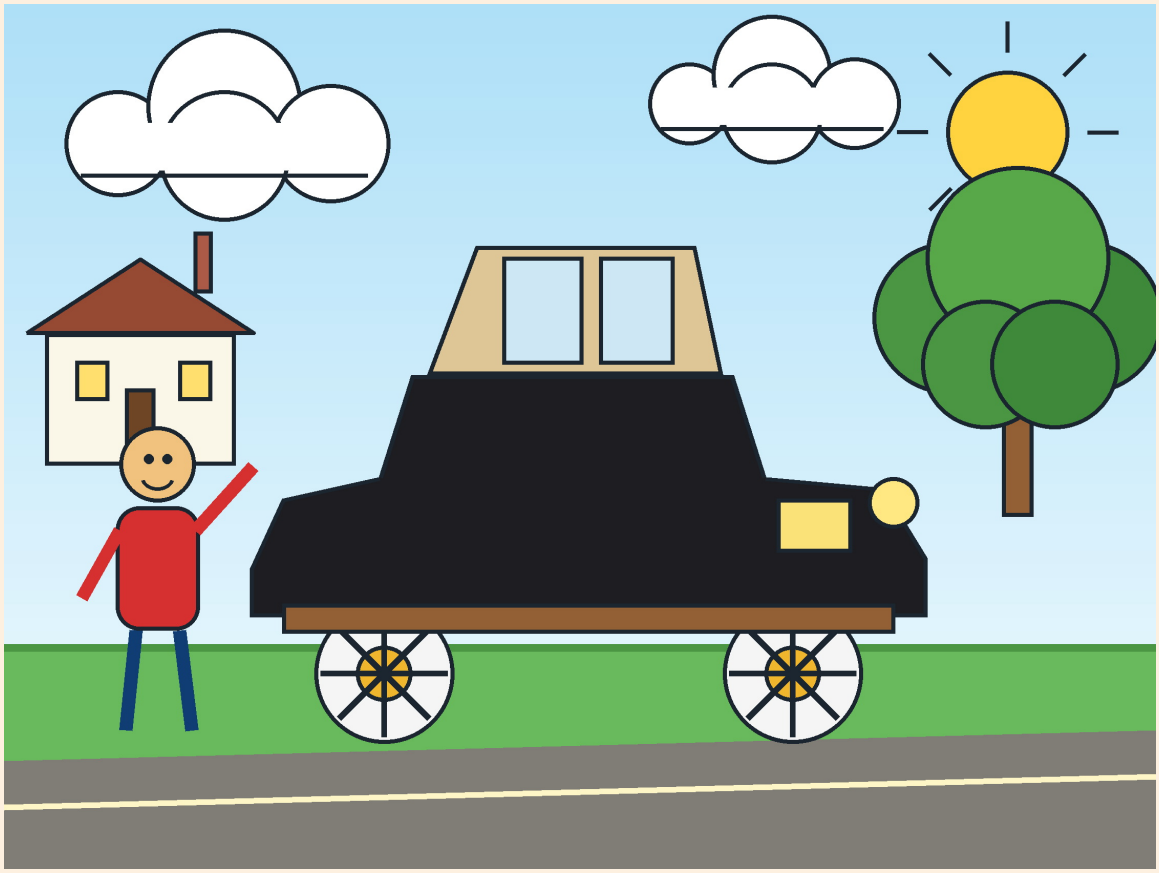
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The End — For Now!

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