



HERITAGE
FESTIVAL
2019

ARABIAN HORSES



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL



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- This year, we celebrate the 27th edition of the Bahrain Annual Heritage Festival, a tradition that is organized by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities every April since 1992.
- The theme of this year's festival is "Arabian Horses".
- The festival welcomes its visitors at the Riffa Fort from April 24 until May 3, daily from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

DID YOU KNOW?



HORSERIDING

Horse riding has been associated with warfare for a very long time, as humans used horses to wage battle in various parts of the world. Arab history has immortalized a number of famed horse riders, such as Antarah bin Shaddad, Hamza ibn Abd Al-Mottalib and Khaled ibn Al-Waleed.



HISTORY OF HORSES & HUMANS

Before horses were tamed to perform various tasks, such as horse riding, hunting, transportation and sports, ancient cave paintings in Spain and the south of France depicted humans using horses as a source of food.



HORSES IN ARAB HERITAGE

Over the course of many millennia, the Arabian Peninsula nurtured a special bond between horses, the desert and Arabs. This bond was not merely that of a rider and his steed, but one of love, friendship and loyalty. Horses were – and remain – a symbol of wealth and status, with Arab poetry devoting entire works to describing their various desirable and much admired traits.



SPORTS

Chariot racing was part of the ancient Greek Olympics back in 680 BC. This evolved into the various types of horse racing that we know it today. The first recorded race horses happened in the 724 Olympics



HUNTING

Long ago, Arabs used horses for hunting. They excelled in hunting in wild animals while on horseback. One of the pre-Islamic poets, Imru' Al-Qais, described such hunting excursions in his poetry. Ancient Assyrian and Egyptian drawings depict horse riders hunting lions and bulls.



TRANSPORTING LOADS AND WORK

Horses have been all over the world to transport heavy loads and as a means of transportation for over 4,000 years. To this day, we still use the term "horse power" in reference to the machines which today have replaced horses.



ARABIAN HORSES

Arabian horses are renowned for their incredible endurance and tolerance of thirst, hunger and extreme heat, as well as their tremendous speed when galloping.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES:

The lineage of Arabian horses can be traced back to five thoroughbreds that were famous in the Arabian Peninsula long ago. Their names were:

Kaheelah Ebiyah Dahmah Shweimah Saqallawiyah

1. _____ was named after the way she lifts her hooves up in the air when galloping, or her long, sleek and shiny hair.
2. _____ was named after her eyes which seem like they are lined with kohl.
3. _____ was named after the scattered moles on her body.
4. _____ was named after the way she lifts her tail up when galloping.
5. _____ was named after her dark color, which bordered on being black.

WORD SEARCH:

Arabs, princes and tribes named their horses as they pleased. A mare named Al-Misnah was not only one of the most famous and beautiful of these majestic animals, but also one of the fastest. A gift from the late emir of Kuwait Shaikh Mubarak Al Sabah, she is the first of the breed known as Al-Misna, which were named after her.

Here are some of the names of the horses in Bahrain during the reigns of the late emirs of Bahrain, Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa and his son, Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

**Al-Wathan Hedbah Rabdah Hathfah Amirah
Al-Hamadaniyah Al-Misnah Al-Taweelah Lamloush
Al-Shawwaf Al-Moannaqiyah Al-Rashash Najmah Al-Mayyasah**

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TRUE OR FALSE:

Read the below passage, then put a ✓ or an X in front of sentences that follow:

In the past, Arabian horses wore very basic equipment when they were used in warfare. In times of peace, however, to mark happy occasions such as weddings, national celebrations and official occasions, horses were dressed in the most stunning equipment of that time, such as brightly-colored saddles, and were ridden by horse riders in their dazzling full ceremonial regalia and armed with rifles, swords and daggers. Horse equipment today is very different than what they were, as the rudimentary equipment evolved into more modern and lightweight assortment of equipment. There are three main pieces of equipment for horses today, and they are: bridles, saddles and horseshoes.

- In the past, horses were only used in warfare.
- Horses do not wear equipment in battle.
- Horse riders can wear their full ceremonial regalia armed with rifles, swords and daggers.
- Horses today wear three main pieces of equipment: bridles, saddles and horseshoes.

CONNECT THE DOTS FROM 1 TO 33 TO COMPLETE THE DRAWING, THEN COLOR IT!

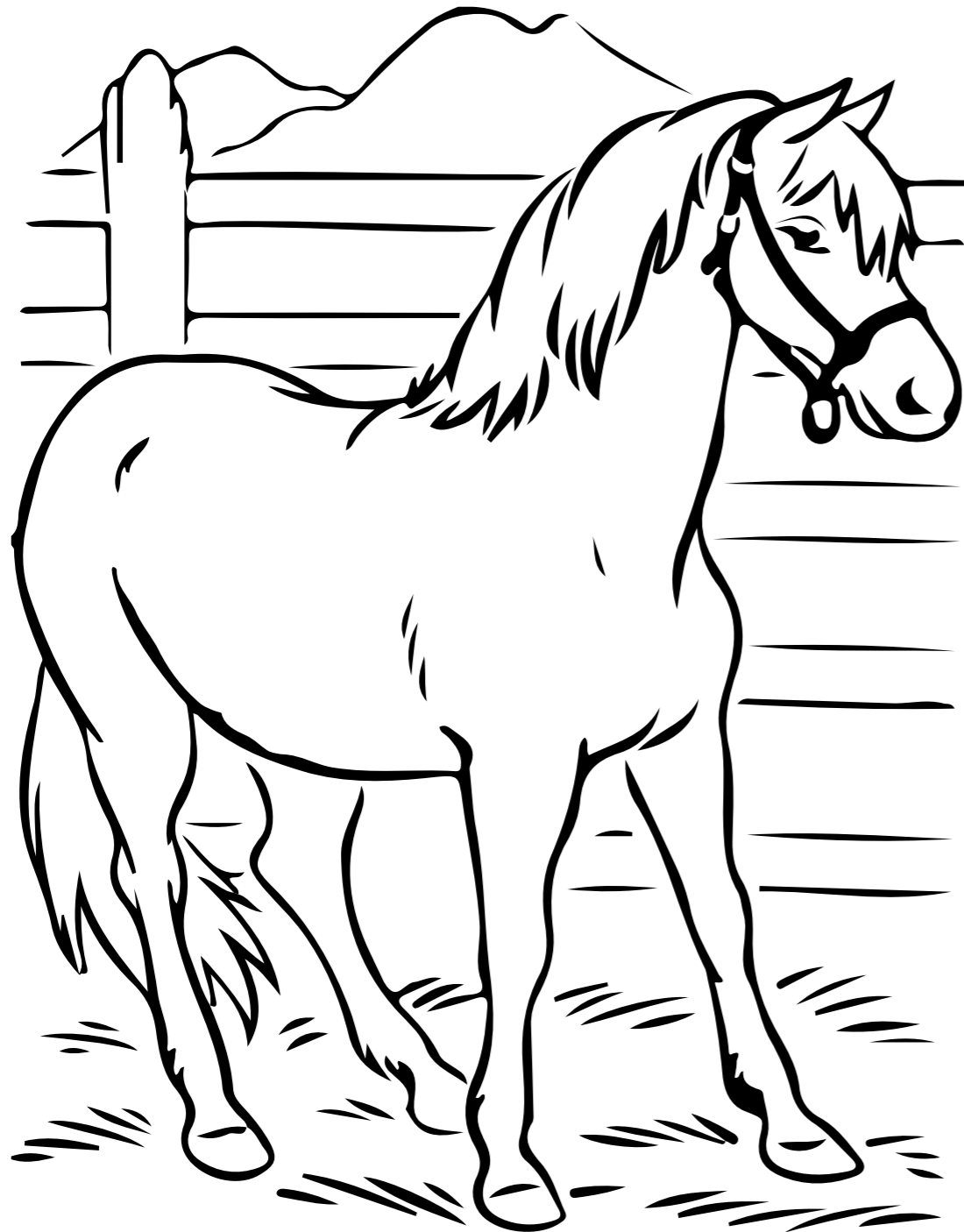


DISCOVER..READ..COLOR

Discover the main equipment used for horses.

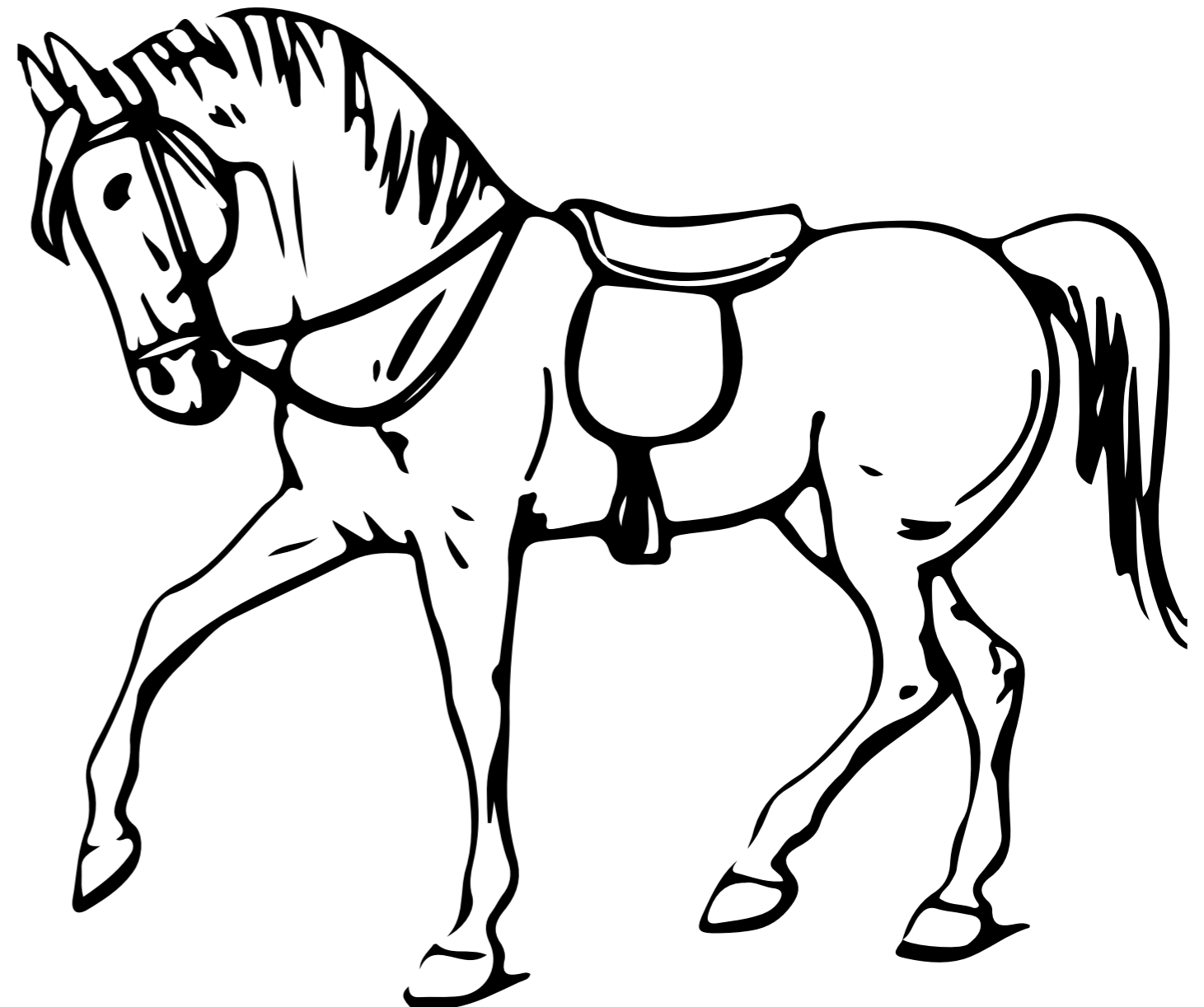
1. Bridle

This is put on the horse's head to prevent it from opening its mouth too wide



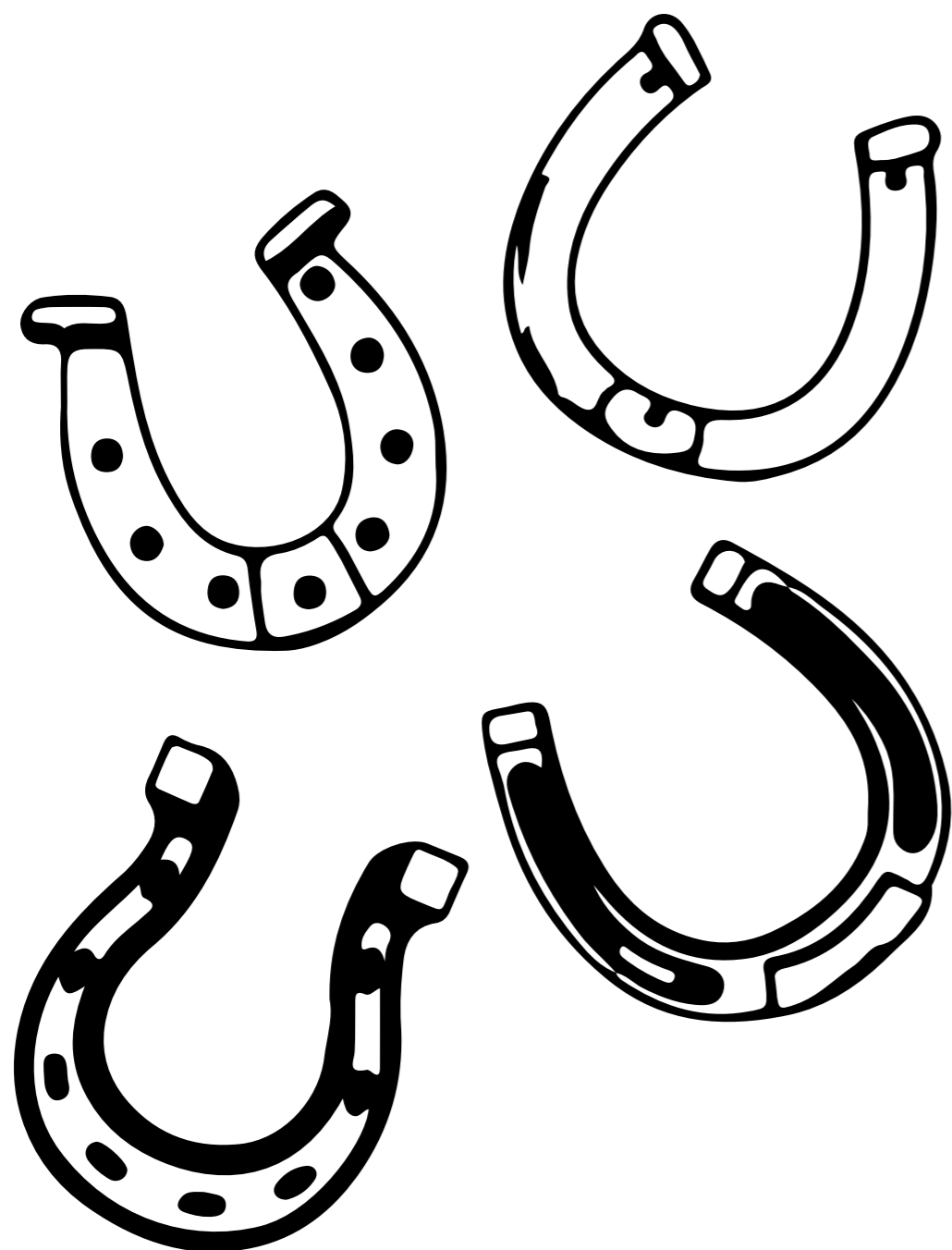
2. Saddle

This is the seat that is placed on the horse's back for the horse rider to sit on



3. Horseshoe

This piece of equipment protects the hoof from rough surfaces, as well keeping the horse from stumbling and falling and getting seriously injured.

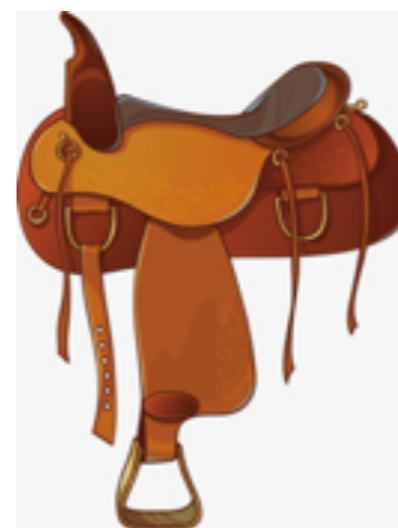


MATCH THE PICTURES:

Draw a line connecting each of the pictures on the left with the matching word on the right.



HORSESHOE



BRIDLE



SADDLE

BE CREATIVE..

Draw an Arabian horse wearing its equipment and color it!



ANSWERS

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES:

1. Saqallawiyah
2. Kaheelah
3. Shweimah
4. Ebiyah
5. Dahmah

WORD SEARCH:



TRUE OR FALSE:

1. X
2. X
3. ✓
4. ✓

MATCH THE PICTURES:

