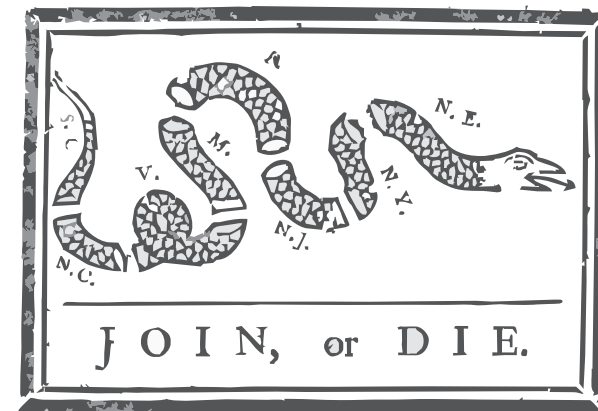
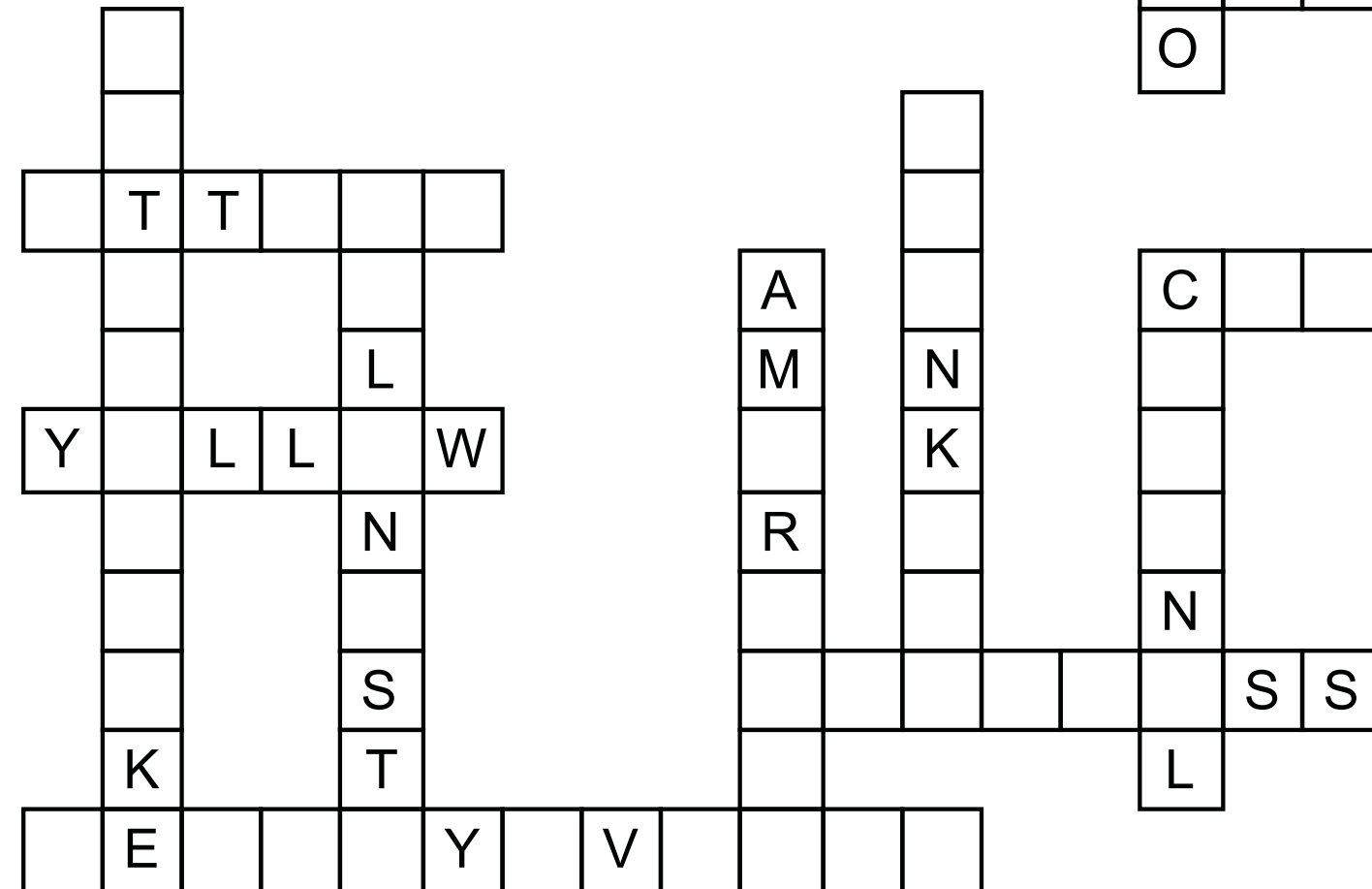
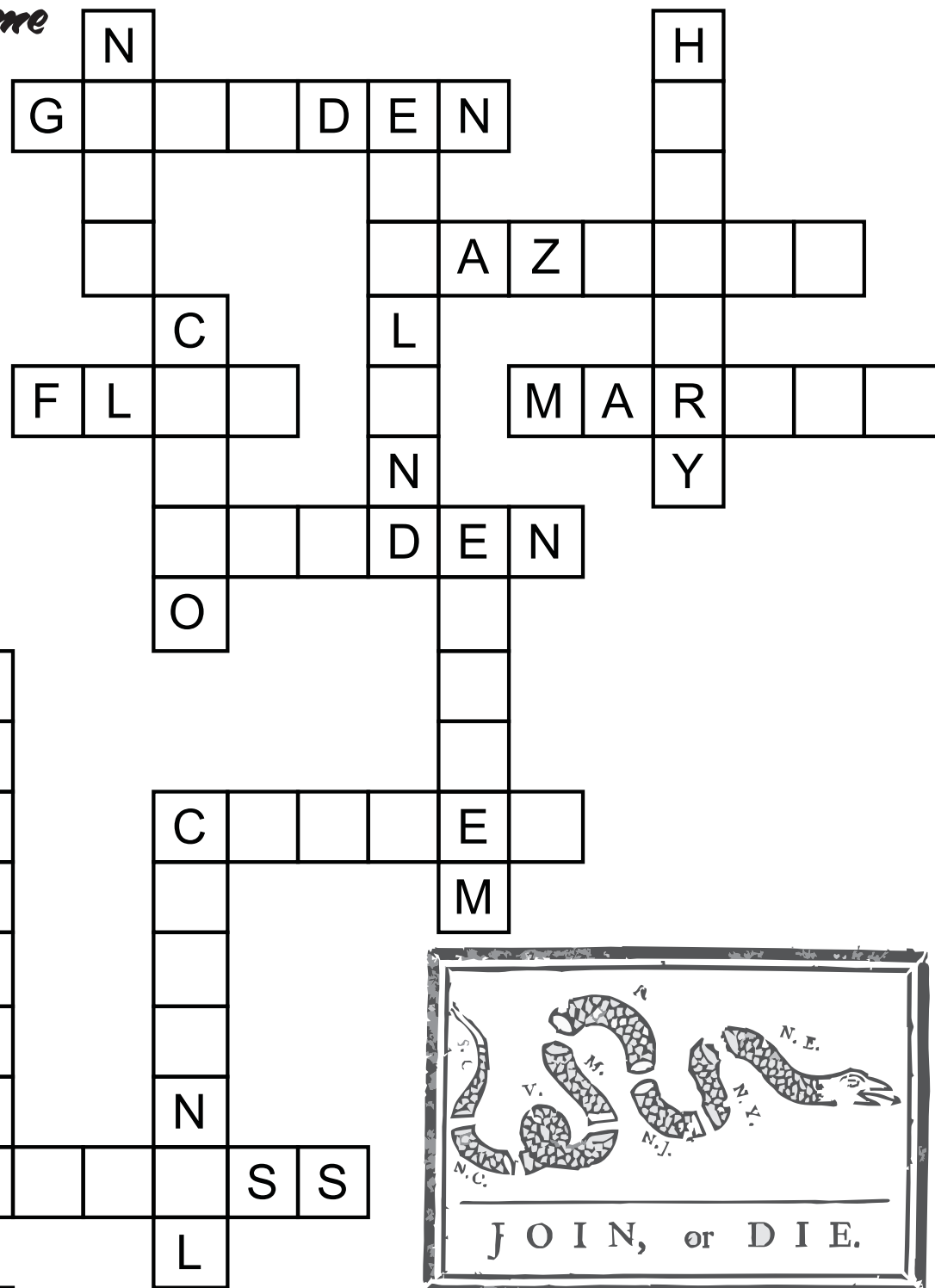


The Rattlesnake Flag History Game

Use the words in this history of the Rattlesnake Flag history paragraph to fill in the letters of the game.

The device of a rattlesnake was popular among the colonists, and its origin as an American emblem is a curious feature in our national history. It has been stated, that its use grew out of a humorous suggestion made by a writer in Franklin's paper-the Pennsylvania Gazette-that, in return for the wrongs which England was forcing upon the colonists, a cargo of rattlesnakes should be sent to the mother country and "distributed in St. James' Park, Spring Garden, and other places of pleasure." Colonel Gadsden, one of the marine' committee, presented to Congress, on the 8th of February, 1776, "an elegant standard, such as is to be used by the commander-in-chief of the American navy; being a yellow flag with a representation of a rattlesnake coiled for attack.

Source: The Story of Our Flags 1898 from the Library of Congress



Benjamin Franklin's woodcut from May 9, 1754. Newspaper Serial and Government Publications Division, Library of Congress.]

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