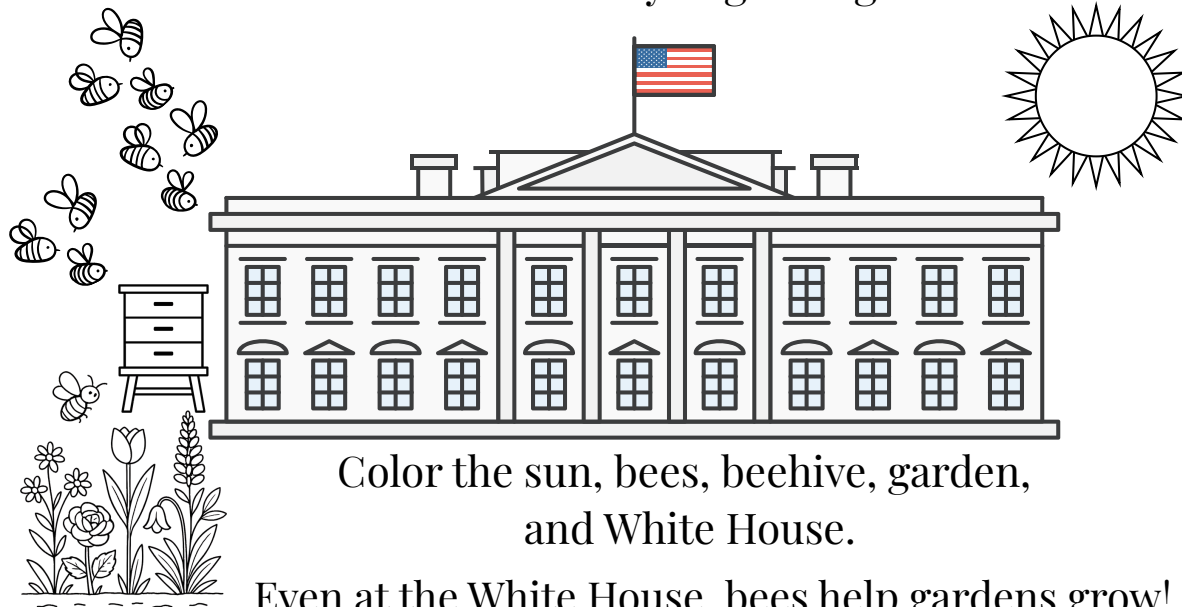


Honey bees have been part of American history  
since the very beginning!



Even at the White House, bees help gardens grow!

George Washington, the 1<sup>st</sup> US President

- Bees were kept at Mount Vernon.
- Colonial farms depended on honey and beeswax.
- Honey was used for food and candle-making!



Thomas Jefferson, the 3<sup>rd</sup> US President

- Loved agriculture and science.
- Bees were part of early American farming.
- Beelieved farming knowledge made America strong.



Barack Obama, the 44<sup>th</sup> US President

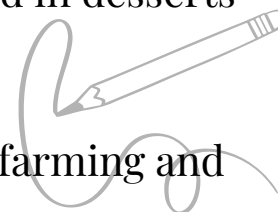
- First Lady Michelle Obama planted a kitchen garden.
- The original beekeeper was the White House carpenter.



Today, the honey bees are cared for as part of the White House garden program, and the honey is sometimes used in desserts and special events.



Think & write on the back



1. Why do you think presidents cared about farming and bees?
2. What foods do you eat that rely on pollinators?
3. How can you help protect bees?



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