



Black History Month: Willie O'Ree

Willie O'Ree was the first Black Canadian hockey player in the NHL and played winger for the Boston Bruins.

Willie Fact: *Willie kept a secret while playing for the NHL: he is blind in one eye.*

This week's activities:

Read and Learn – Solve a Hockey Maze

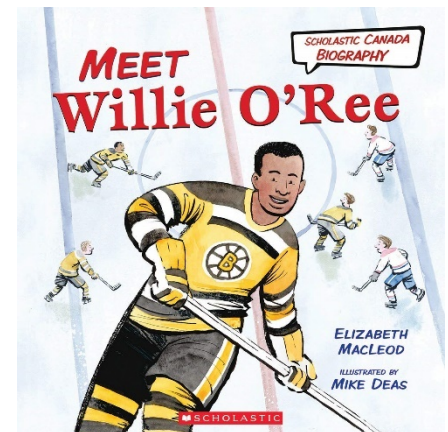
Read and Learn

Materials:

- Pencil, pen or other writing tool
- Paper or notebook (*optional*)

Directions:

1. Read [Meet Willie O'Ree](#).
2. Talk about what you learned with family and/or friends.
3. Answer the trivia questions below.



Questions:

1. After Willie joined the NHL how long was it before the next Black player joined the NHL?
 - a. 5 years
 - b. 20 years
 - c. 16 years
2. How old was Willie when he started playing hockey?
 - a. 5
 - b. 10
 - c. 15
3. How was Willie celebrated in 2018?
 - a. Surprise birthday party
 - b. Inducted into Hockey Hall of Fame
 - c. Retirement party

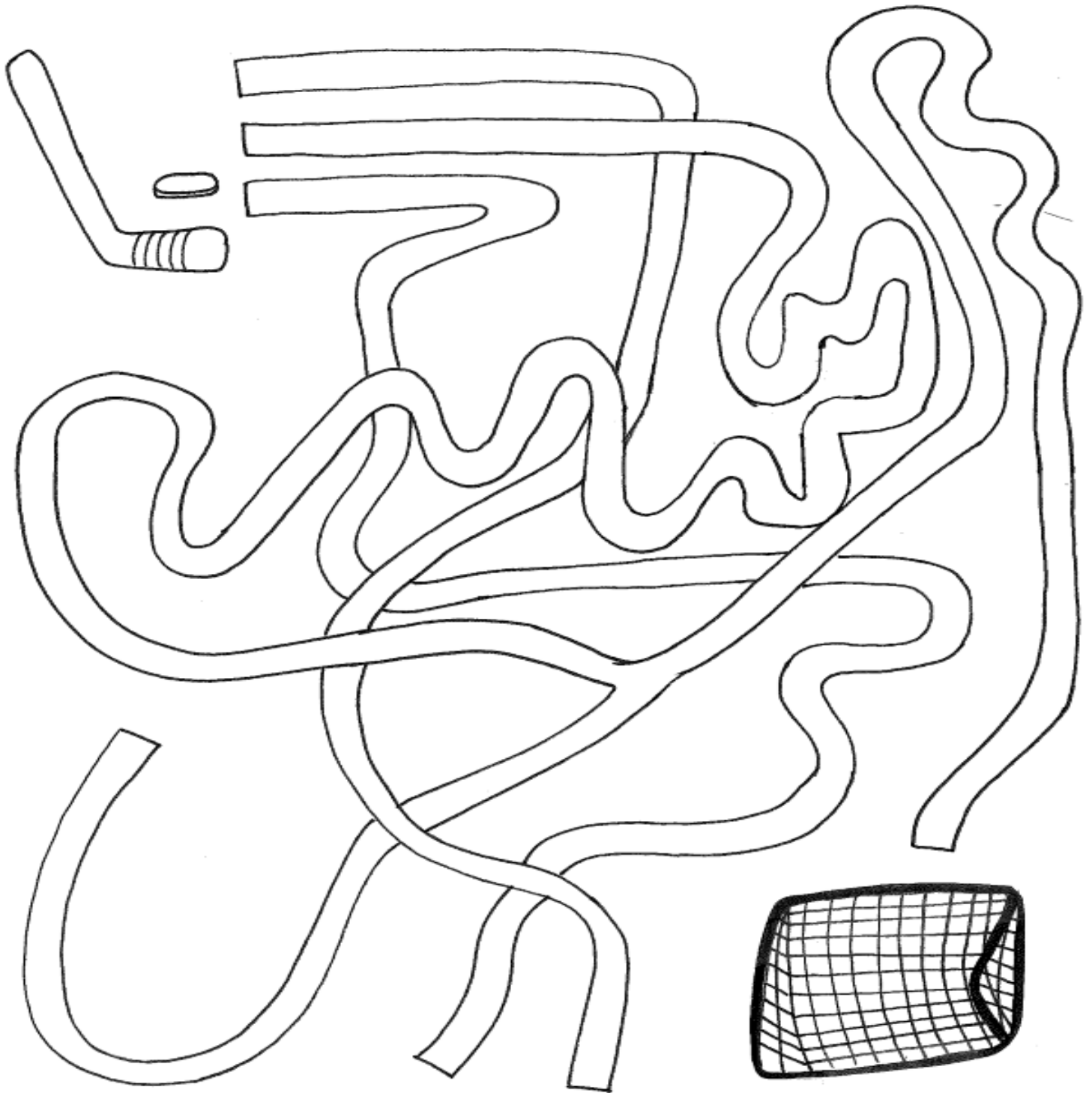
Hockey Maze

Suggested Materials:

- Pencil or pen
- Paper or notebook (*Optional*)

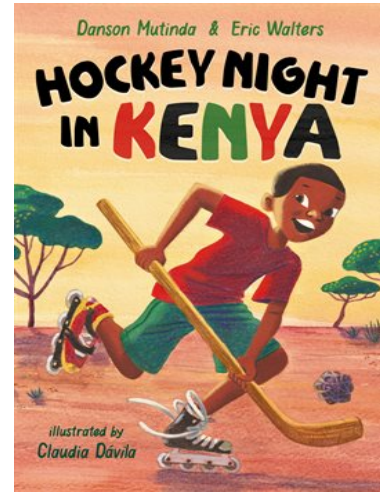
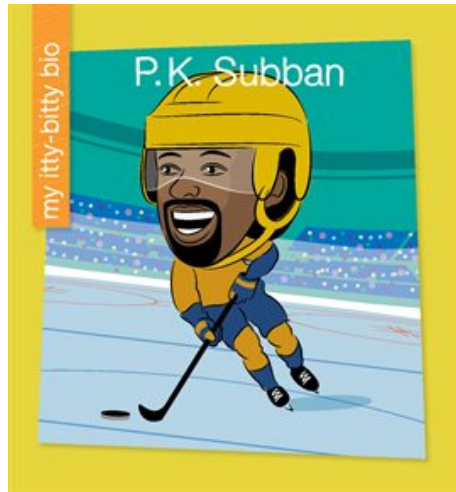
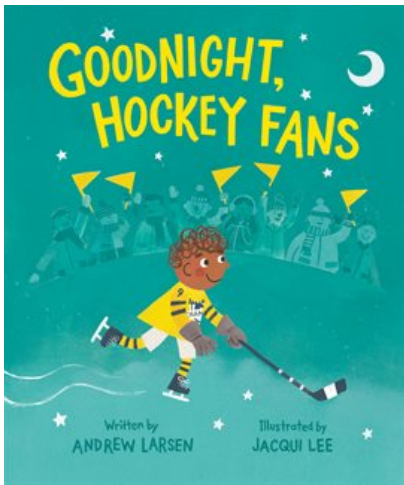
Directions:

1. Help Willie score a goal by completing the maze below or create a maze yourself.



Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](https://hpl.overdrive.com/library/kids/) at hpl.overdrive.com/library/kids/ on these topics:



[NHL](#) | [P.K. Subban](#) | [Hockey](#)

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Watch [Willie O’Ree](#): First Black NHL Player

“Black History month isn’t just in February. To me, it’s every month. It’s year-round”
– Willie O’Ree

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If you would like to share one or all your creations, please take a picture and post it to social media using the hashtag, #HPLmakesomething.



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Trivia Answers:

- 1) C
- 2) A
- 3) B