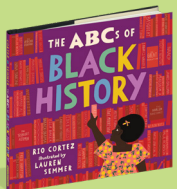
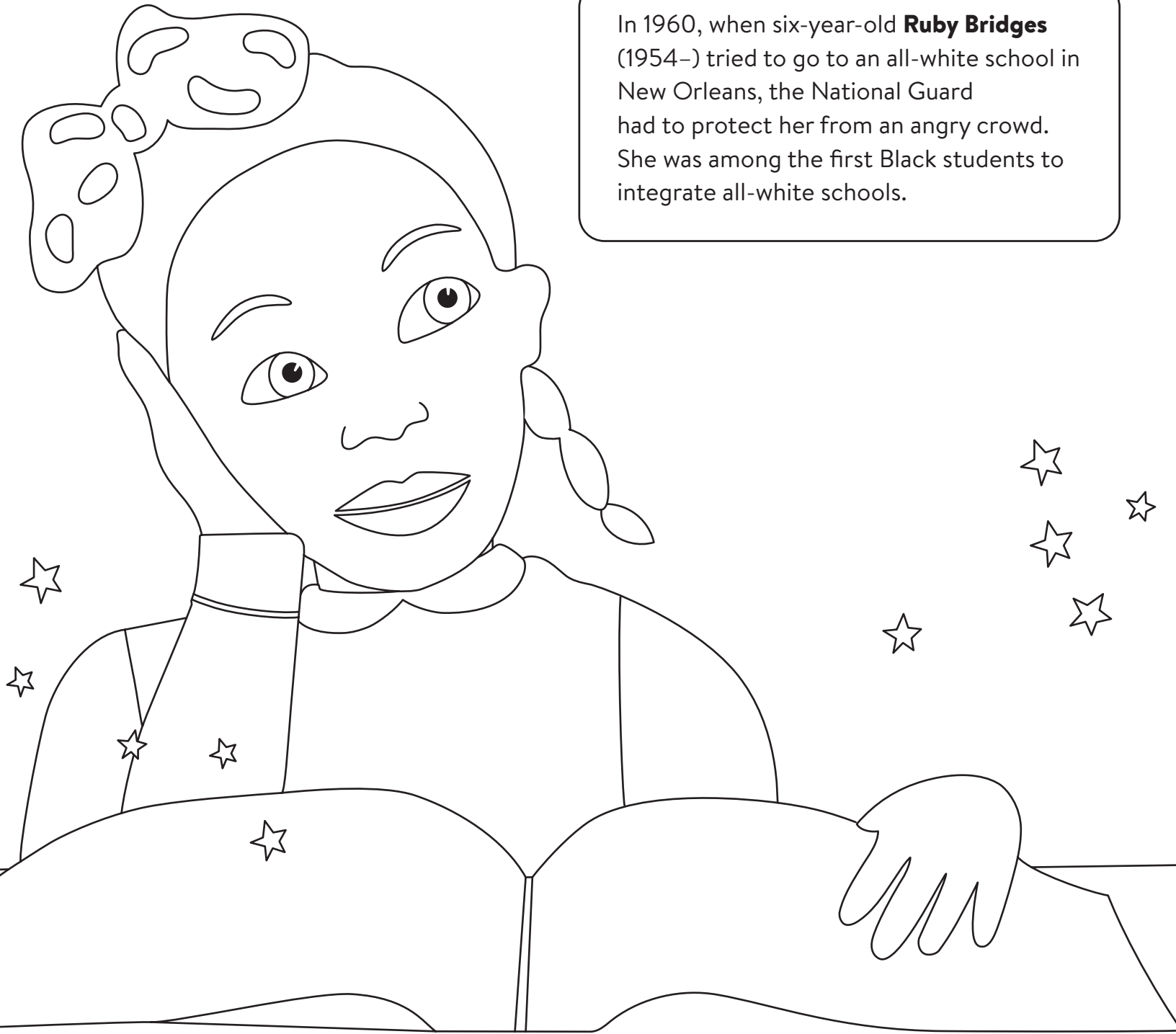


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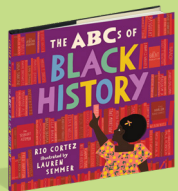
In 1960, when six-year-old **Ruby Bridges** (1954–) tried to go to an all-white school in New Orleans, the National Guard had to protect her from an angry crowd. She was among the first Black students to integrate all-white schools.



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V IS FOR VOTE

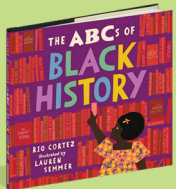
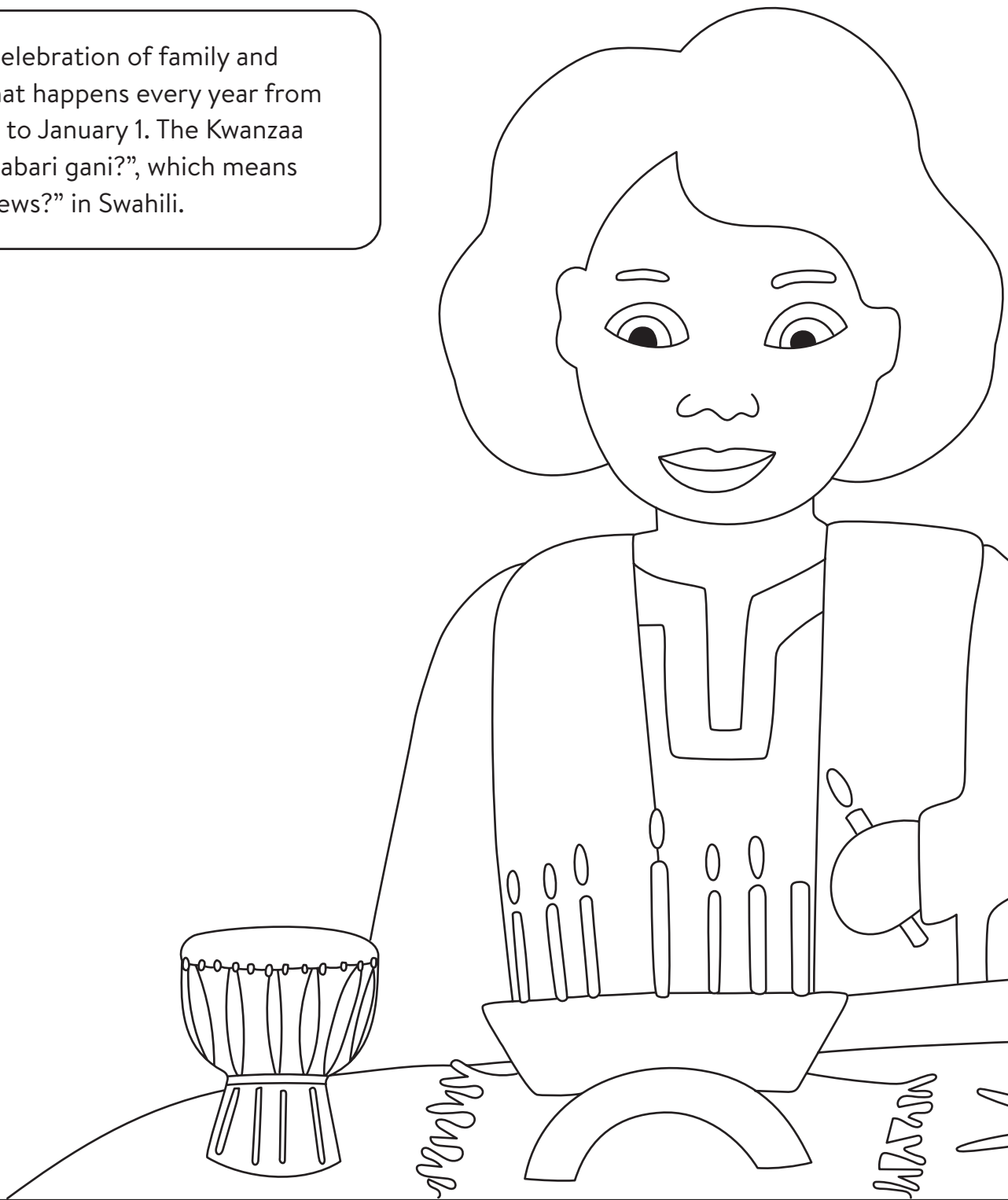
A vote is one of the most powerful tools we have. It allows us to make big choices that could change the way the world works. In the United States, Black people have fought to vote freely and without fear for centuries. People like **Sojourner Truth** (1797–1883), **Fannie Lou Hamer** (1917–1977), and **John Lewis** (1940–2020) were leaders in this fight.



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K IS FOR KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a celebration of family and community that happens every year from December 26 to January 1. The Kwanzaa greeting is “Habari gani?,” which means “What’s the news?” in Swahili.



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