

MATARIKI AT TE MANAWA PUANGA



Hi! I'm Puanga. I am a whetū, but I don't live in the Matariki cluster. Another name for me is Rigel and I live in a constellation called Orion (which you may know as "The Pot").

TUKUA KIA TŪ TAKITAHĪ WHETŪ O TE RANGI

Let each star in the sky shine its own light.

CONNECTING WITH PUANGA

Some iwi consider the rising of Puanga to represent the new year, with kōrero of the whakapapa of Puanga as the older brother to Matariki. Another kōrero refers to Puanga as a parent of a special plant called puawānanga, also known as *Clematis paniculata*, a climbing buttercup. Puanga shares the same values as Matariki, with whānau, te ao and coming together at the forefront. In following Matariki or Puanga there are many ways to connect:

Prepare and share a hākari (feast).

Spend time outside and connect with Papatūānuku.

Learn more about your ancestors.

Fly kites and connect with the wind.

Prepare for the year ahead. Set new goals.

Reflect on the year that has been.

Learn new stories and waiata.



KUPU - VALUES OF PUANGA MATARIKI

As shared by Professor Rangi Matamua, a number of values are important to Puanga Matariki. Can you work out what they are by learning new kupu and matching the english and te reo versions?

1. Aroha

8. Wānanga

1 Love and respect __ Remembrance

2. Whakamaumaharatanga

9. Noho tahi

__ Identity __ Caring

3. Kotahitanga

10. Ngākau atawhai

__ Kindness __ Sharing mana

4. Manaakitanga

11. Whakanui

__ Discussion __ Coming together

5. Tohatoha

12. Tuakiritanga

__ Feasting __ Celebrations

6. Taiao

__ Unity

7. Kaihaukai

__ Environmental awareness



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PUANGA - THE STAR

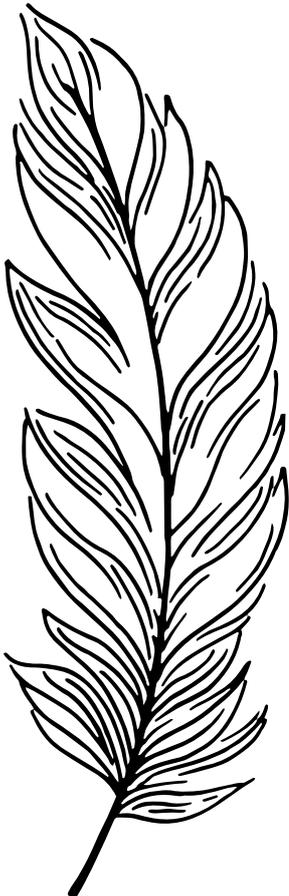
As a star, Puanga (Rigel) is the 7th brightest star in our night sky. It is seen above Tautoru (Orion's Belt) in the early morning. Like the nine stars of Matariki, Puanga has a special kōrero. Some stories refer to Puanga as representing an abundance of kai. It was a time when the harvesting had been completed, the preserving had taken place and Māori life slowed, bringing whānau together into a reflective practice. One translation of the word "puanga" refers to bloom, while down south Puanga is called Puaka.



AN ACROSTIC POEM

Can you create an acrostic poem using the letters of Puanga? Begin each line of the poem with each letter of the word Puanga. Use words of places, people, and memories that are important to you.

Use the template below to decorate your Puanga Poem.



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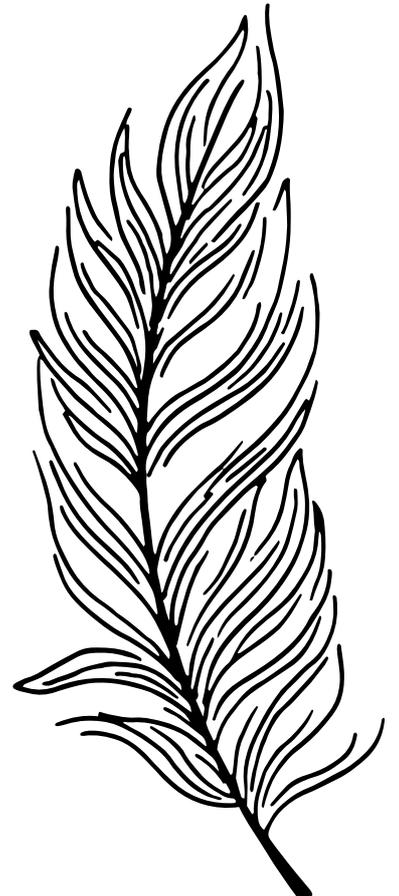
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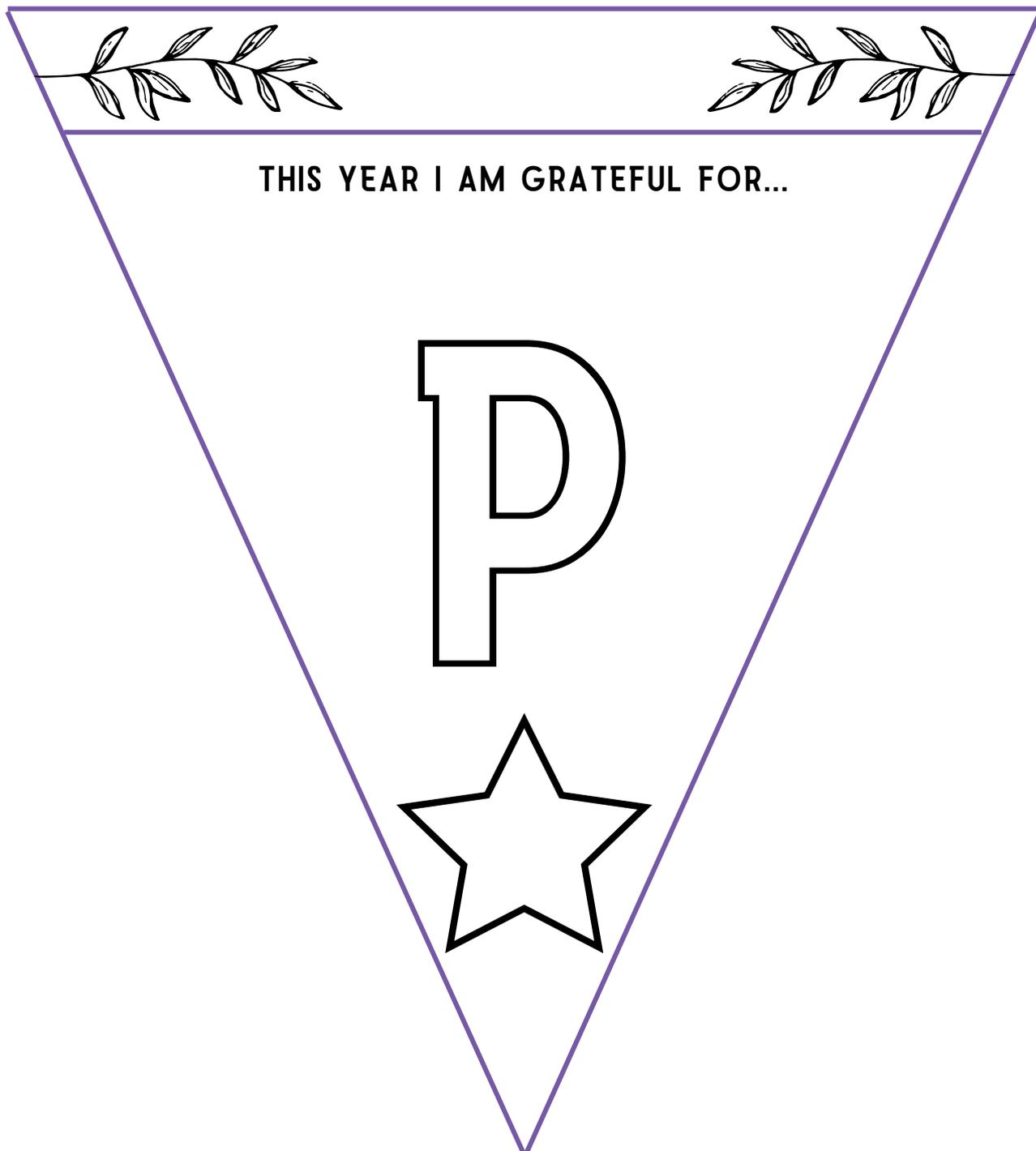
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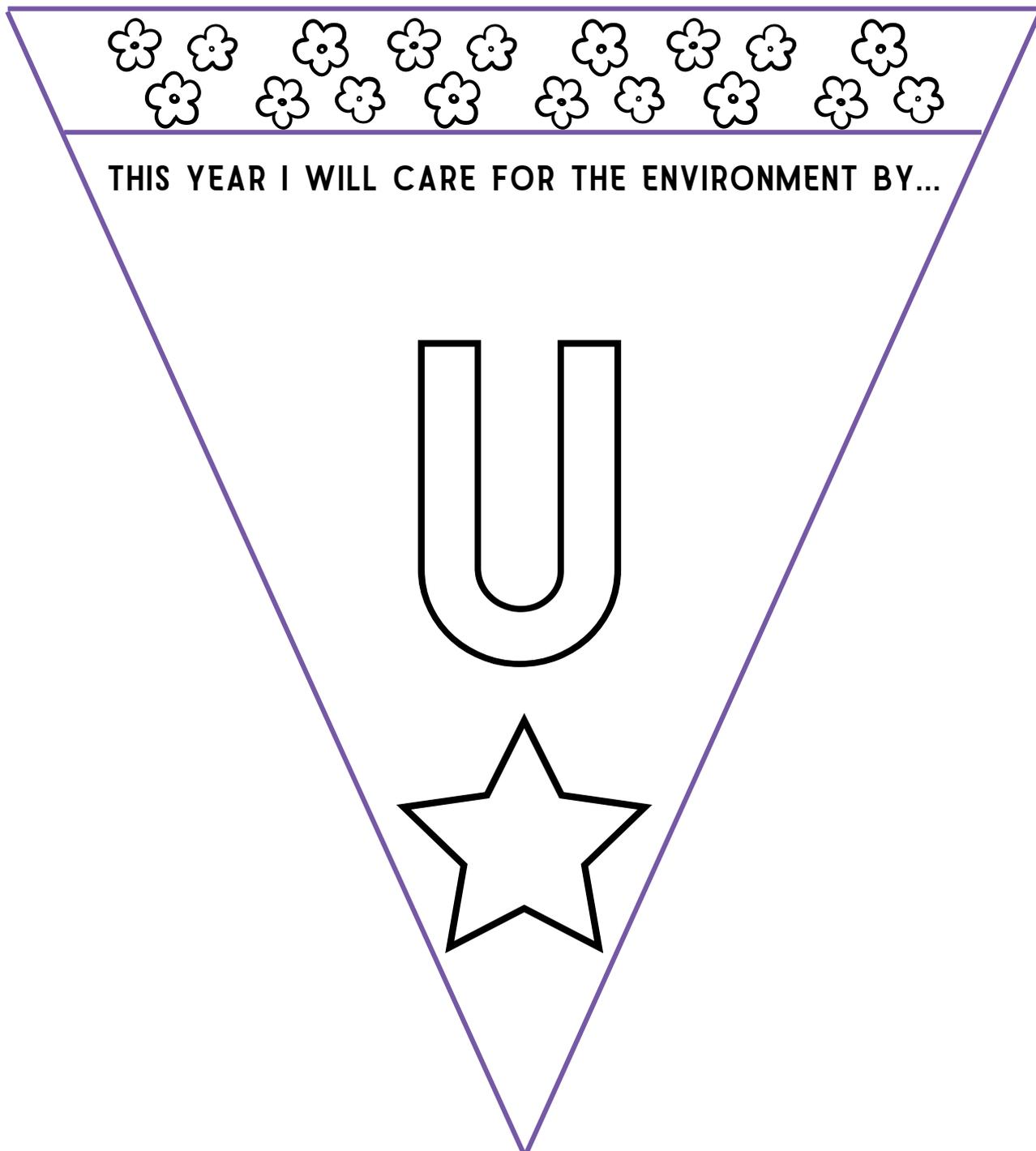
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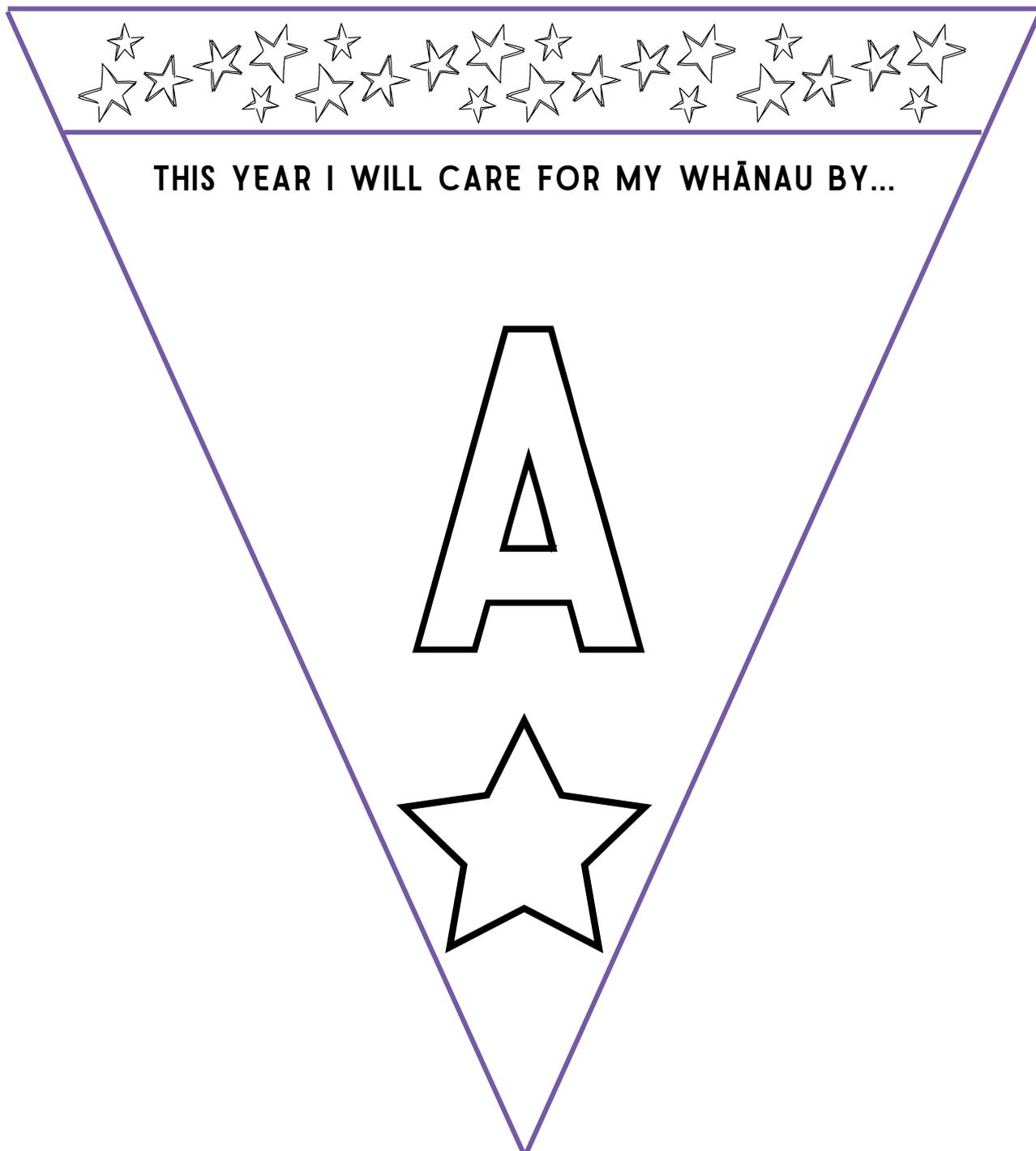
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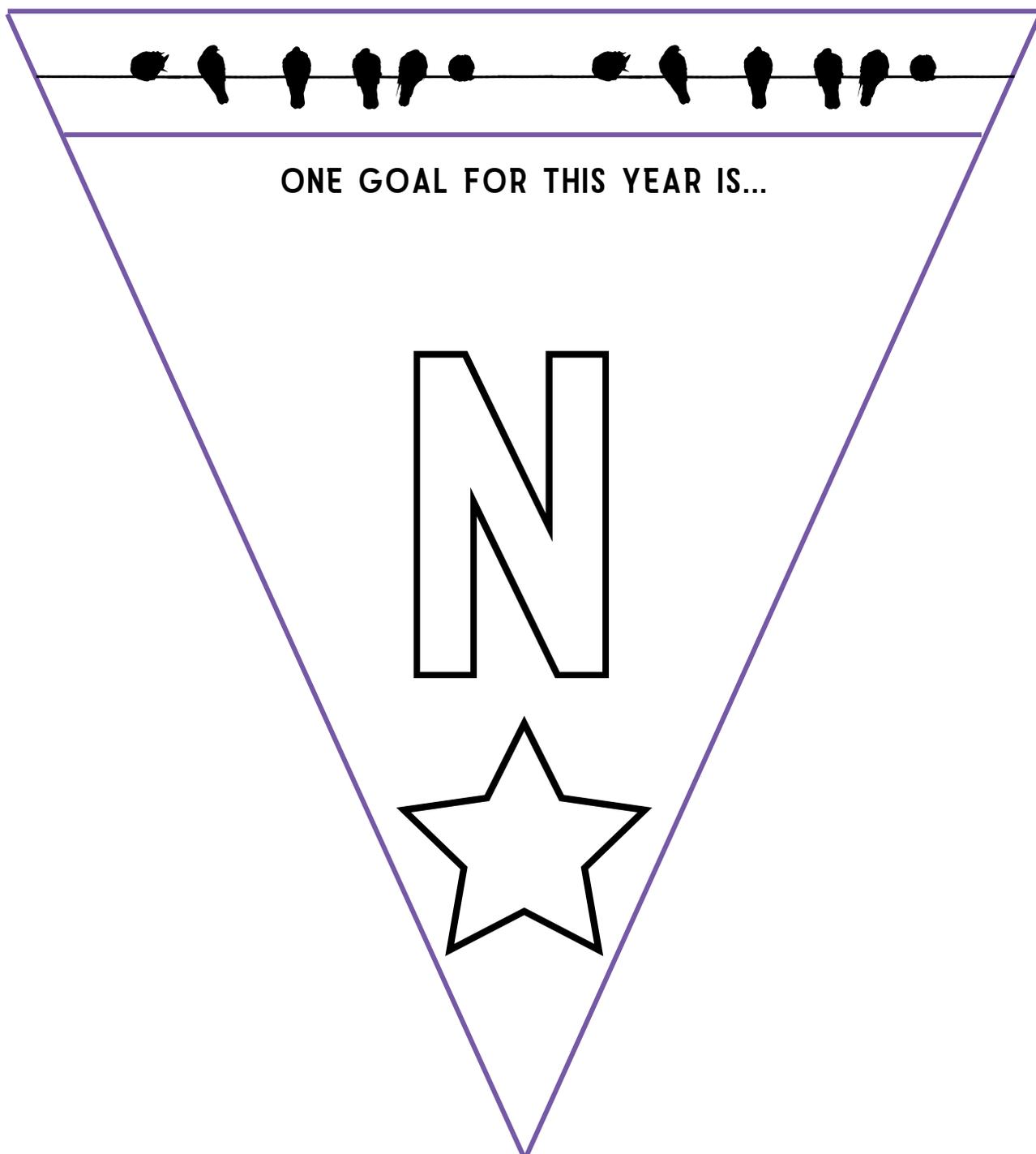
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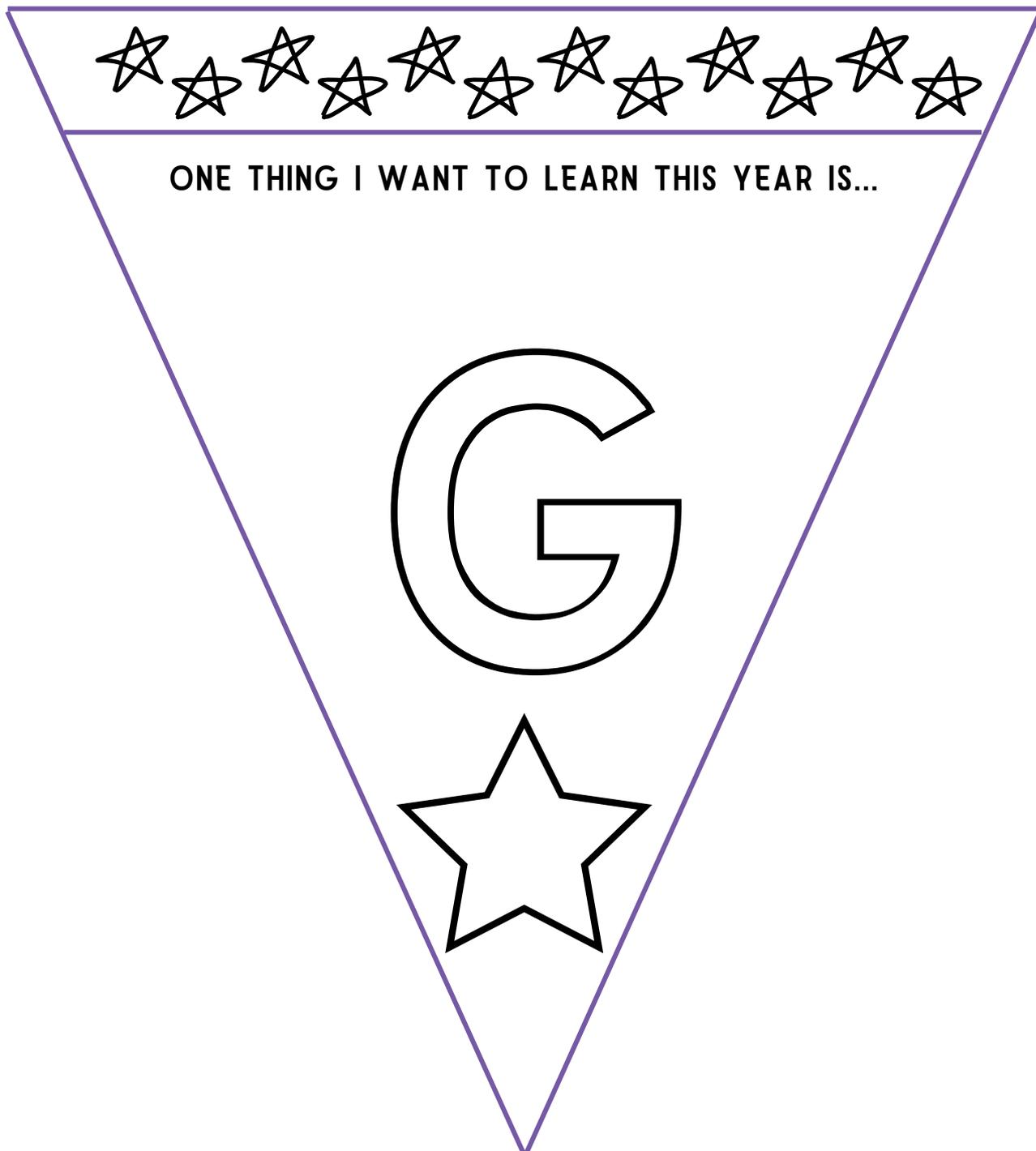
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