

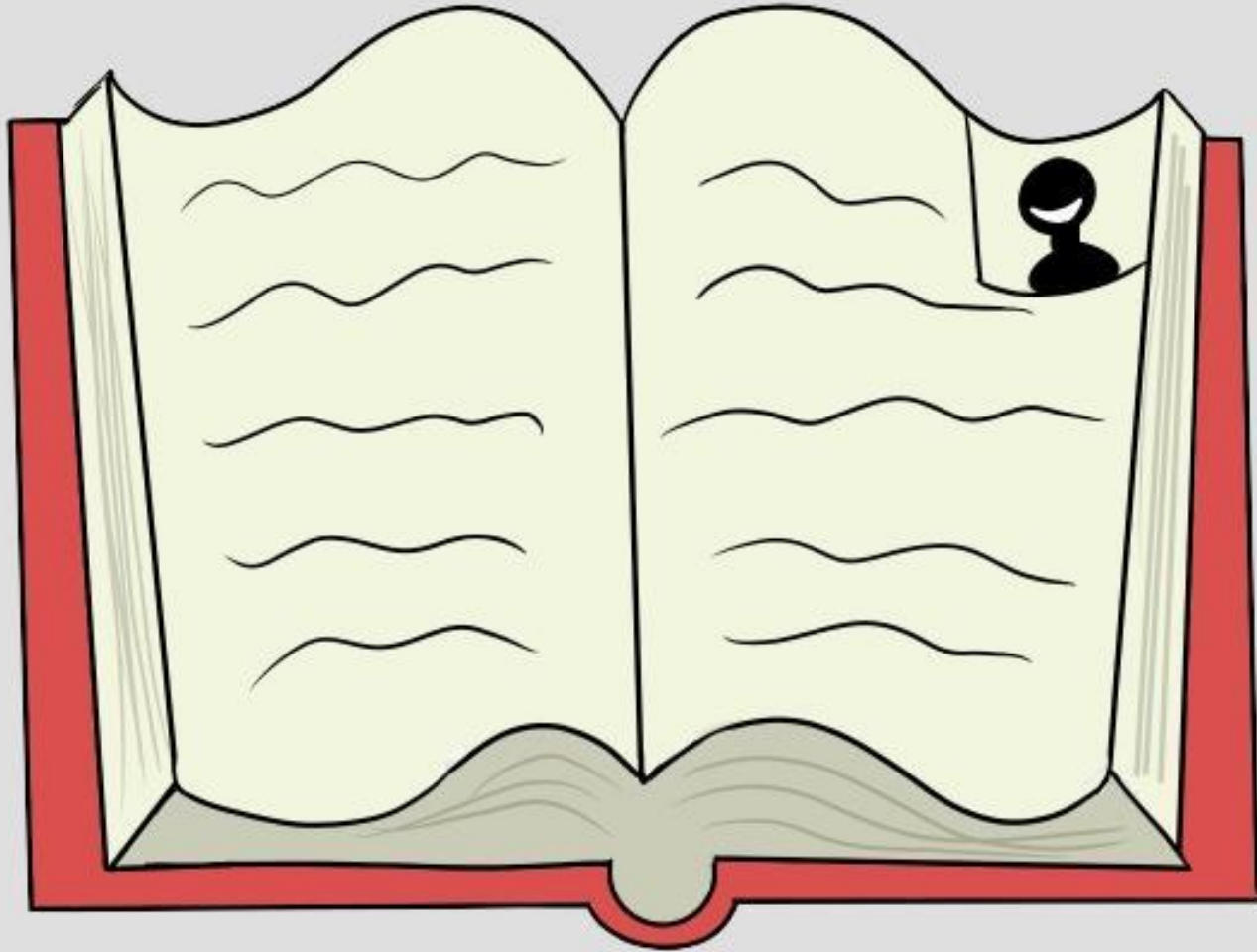
Ava was excited to go to history class. She had been studying so much and was ready to learn so many new things!

Just as she walked into the room, Ava heard her teacher, Mrs. Hines, say, "Alright class, take your seats!"

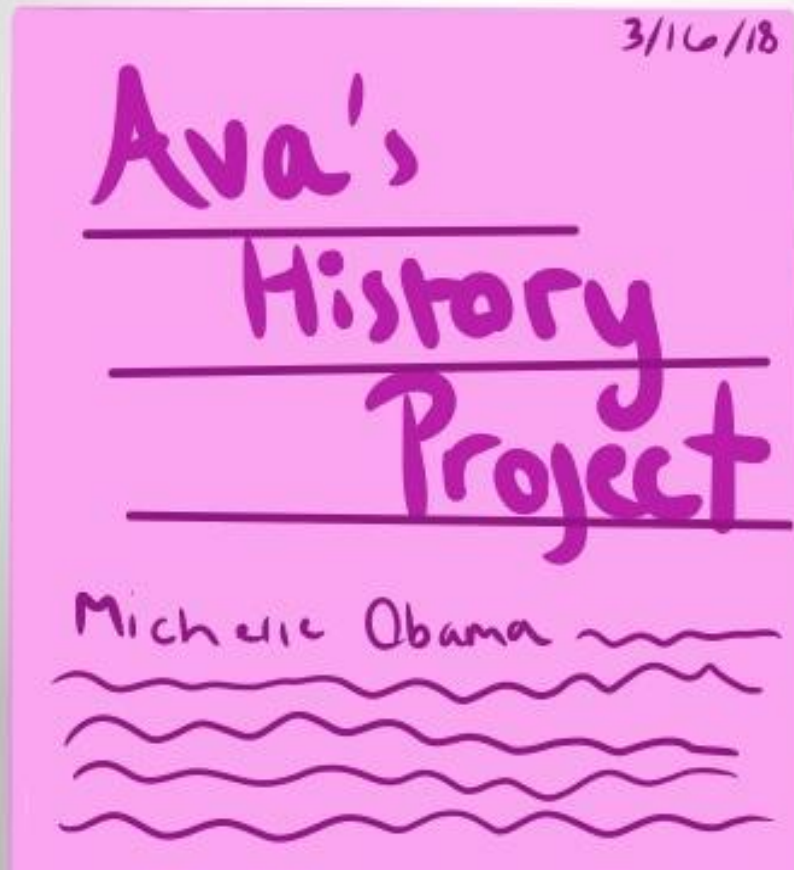


Take your
Seats!

“Open up your textbooks!” Mrs. Hines said to the class. When Ava looked through her book, she noticed that there were few people of color! There were also very few women! Ava was sad because she felt like she could never be important.

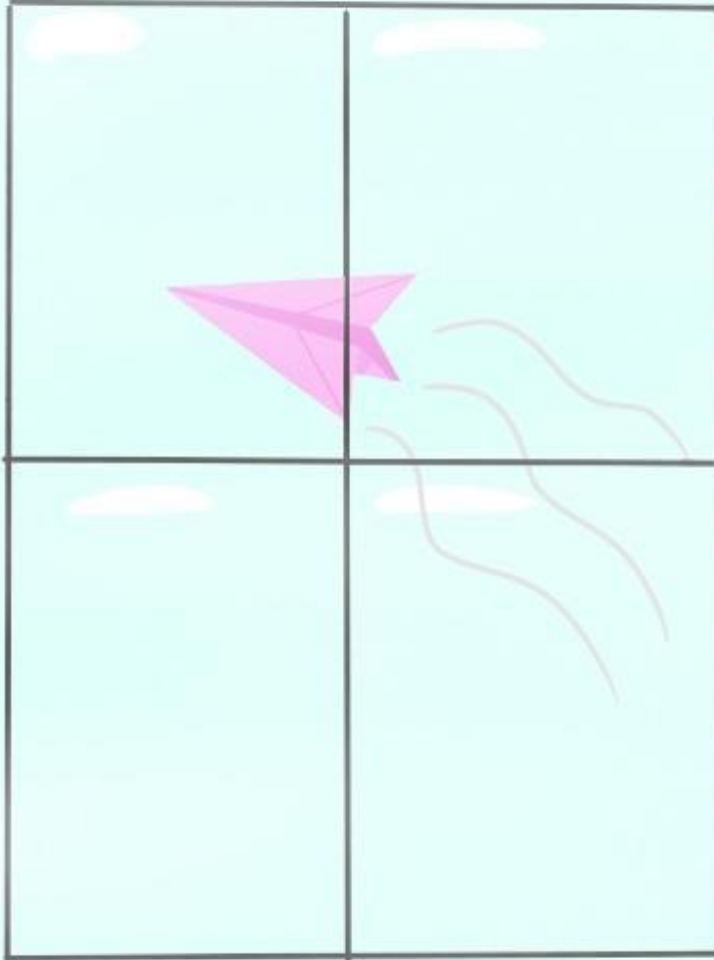


Mrs. Hines then gave the class an assignment. She said, "Listen up! You will have to write about any important historical figure you'd like. It is due tomorrow! Ava decided to write about Michelle Obama because she was a strong woman who looked like Ava."



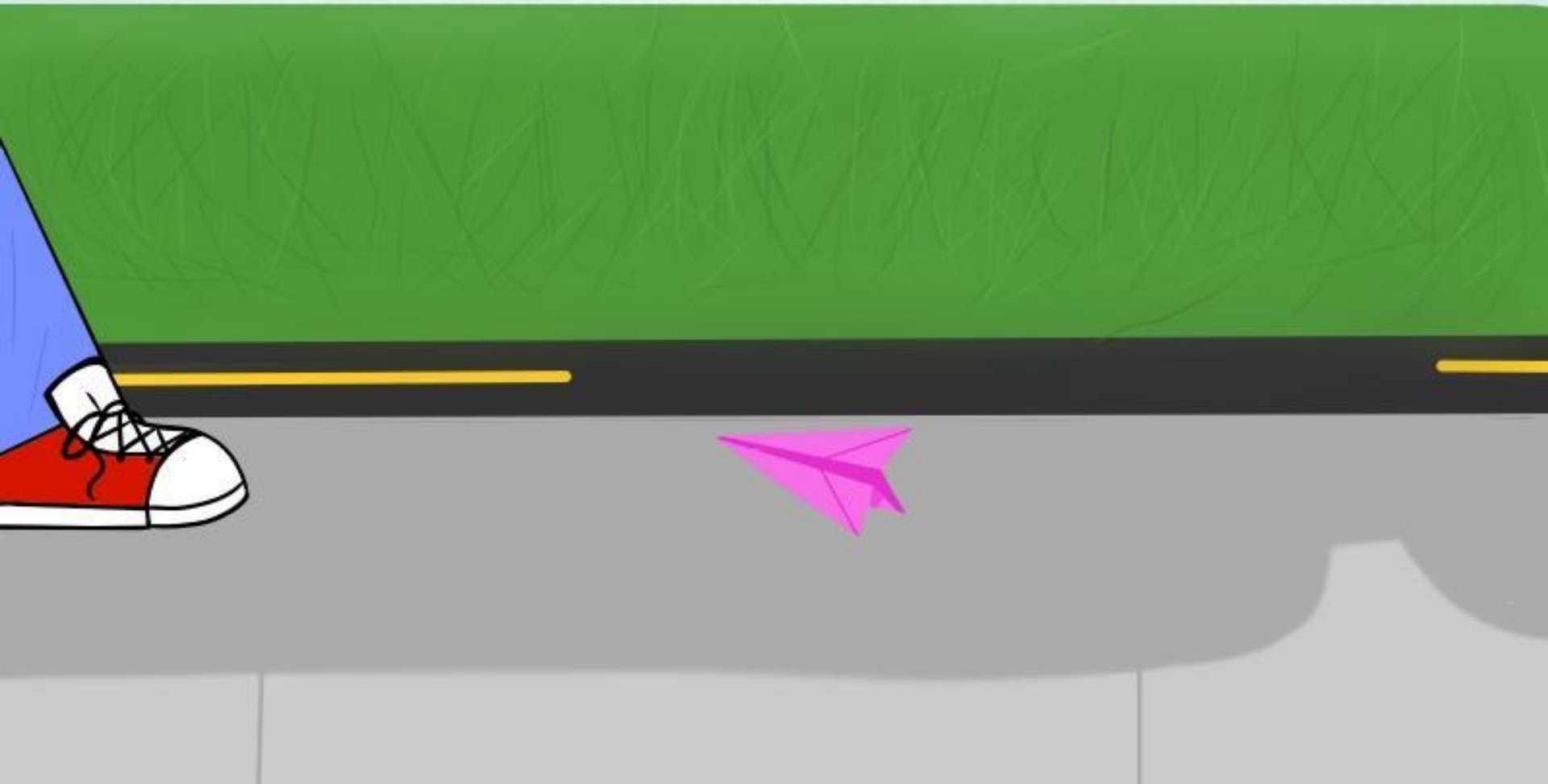
One of Ava's classmates came to her desk and started to laugh at her for being the only person to write about Michelle Obama. Soon, the whole class saw and was laughing at Ava!





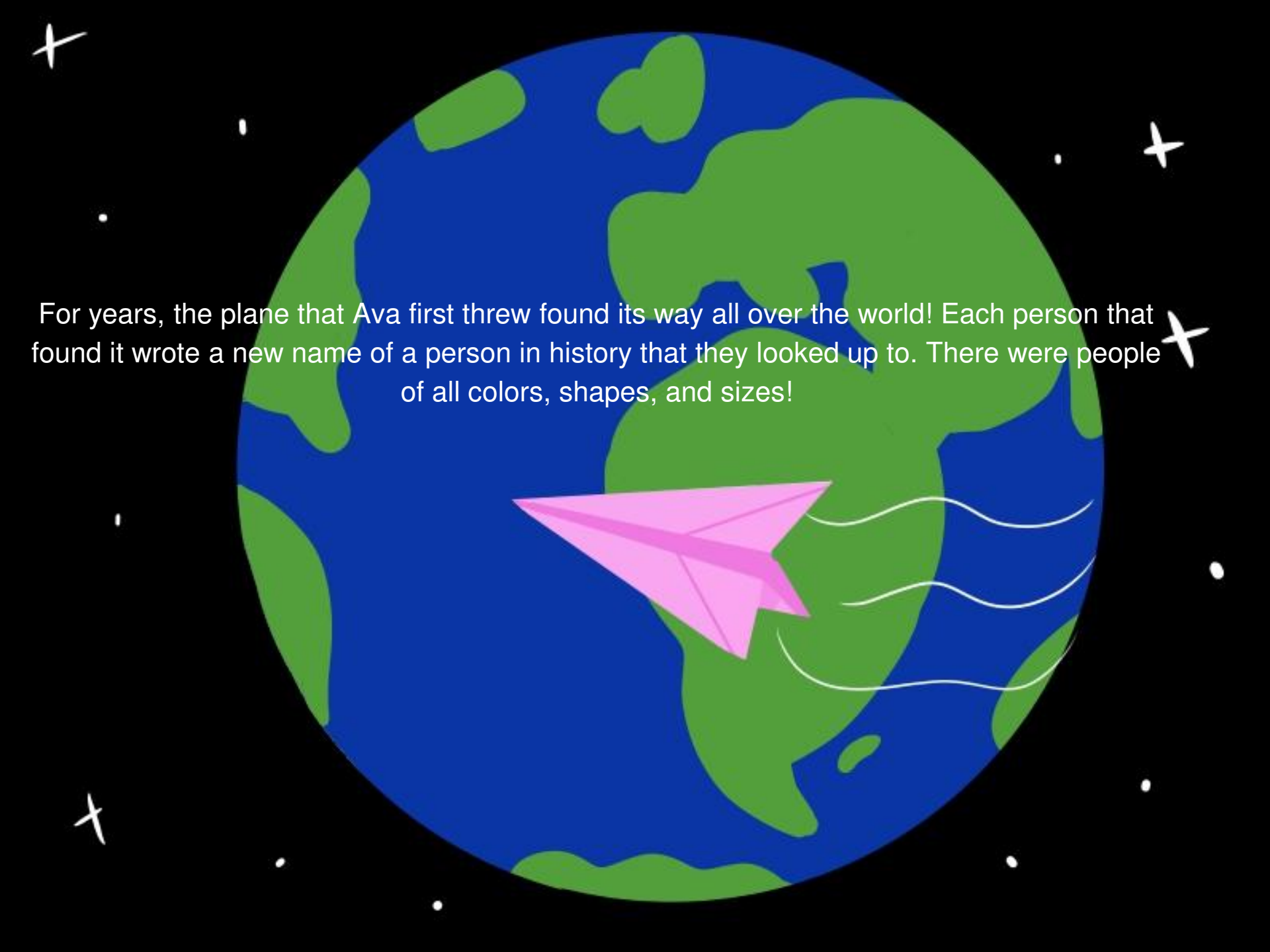
Mrs. Hines had all of the class apologize to Ava, but Ava was so embarrassed that she got rid of her picture. She folded it into a paper airplane and flew it out of the window, hoping no one would ever find it.

A few days later, a boy walking through the park found a strange piece of paper. It was a paper airplane! When he picked it up, he wrote the name of his hero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Then, he flew it high into the sky and watched it go away.



One day, a girl walking to the store with her mom saw a paper plane flying to her from the sky! She added Malala Yousafzai to the paper because the girl looks up to her. The girl then flew the plane away into the wind.



A pink paper airplane is shown in flight, positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame. It is flying over a stylized Earth, which is depicted with green continents and blue oceans. The Earth is centered in the background. The entire scene is set against a black background with several white stars of varying sizes scattered around. The text is overlaid on the Earth, centered horizontally and vertically.

For years, the plane that Ava first threw found its way all over the world! Each person that found it wrote a new name of a person in history that they looked up to. There were people of all colors, shapes, and sizes!

Years later, Ava saw a piece of paper fly through the sky and land in her yard! Ava couldn't believe it! Her old paper plane had come back to her! Now, the plane had a rainbow of people, but Ava could still see Michelle Obama's name that she wrote all those years ago.





Whose name would you write?