

# FLOODS

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# Flood Terminology

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Recurrence interval — Flash flood — Sediment  
Flood plain — Storm surge — Tsunami — Megaflood

Flood	water that has covered land that is usually dry
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Hydrologist	scientist who studies water-related problems such as quantity, quality, and availability
Recurrence interval	period of time between the occurrences of a certain degree of flooding
Flash flood	small rivers or streams overflow their banks with little warning due to heavy rains
Sediment	sand and gravel carried in the river; can settle to the bottom and make rivers more shallow
Flood plain	land immediately next to a river that can be flooded when the river overflows its banks
Storm surge	huge amounts of seawater that travel far inland in severe storms
Tsunami	a series of powerful ocean waves caused by events such as earthquakes and volcanoes
Megaflood	a sudden, huge flood

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Floodgates — Floodway — Watershed  
Flood control — Dam — Ice jam — Hurricane

Seiche	sudden side-to-side movement of water in a lake that sometimes causes floods
Levee	a bank built to help stop a river from flooding
Spillway	a passageway to allow excess water to escape without causing a flood
Floodgates	adjustable gates that are used to control water that surges inland during storms
Floodway	a small strip of land beside a waterway that is left uninhabited in case of flooding
Watershed	the area drained by one river system
Flood control	the attempt to prevent or lessen damage from floods
Dam	structure built to hold back water
Ice jam	when moving ice blocks a river and keeps the water from flowing
Hurricane	one name for a tropical storm with winds in excess of 74 miles (119 km) per hour

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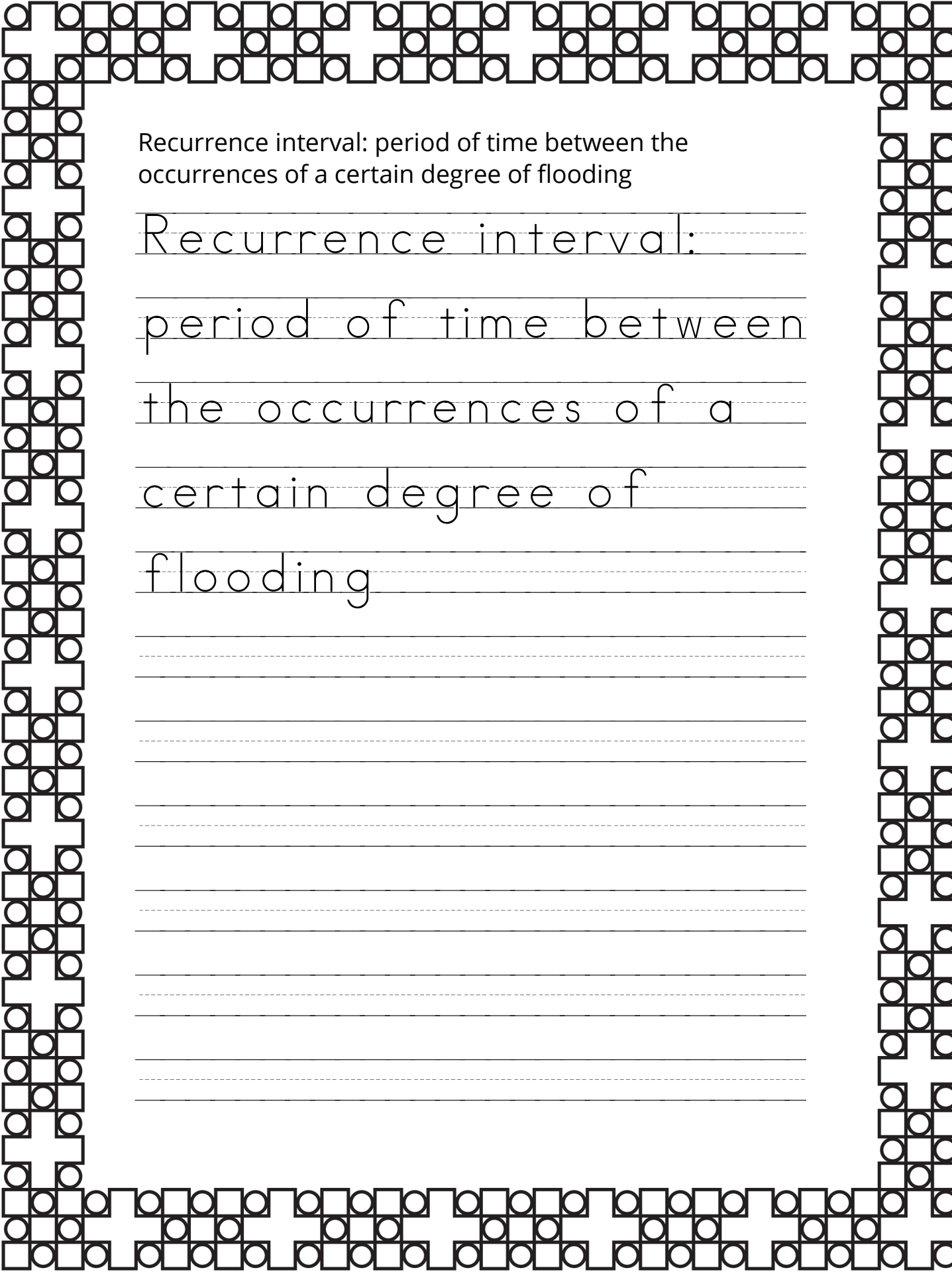
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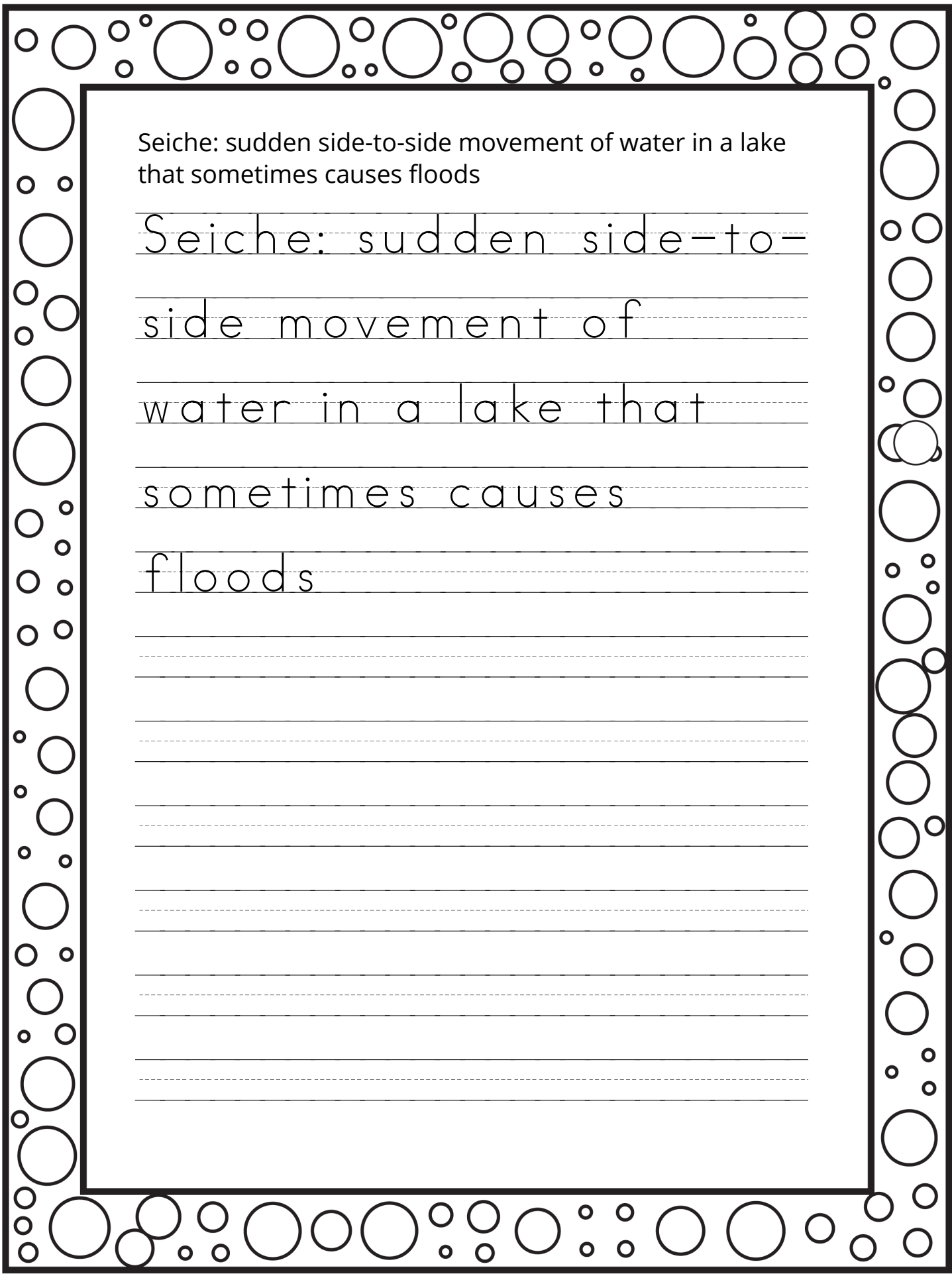


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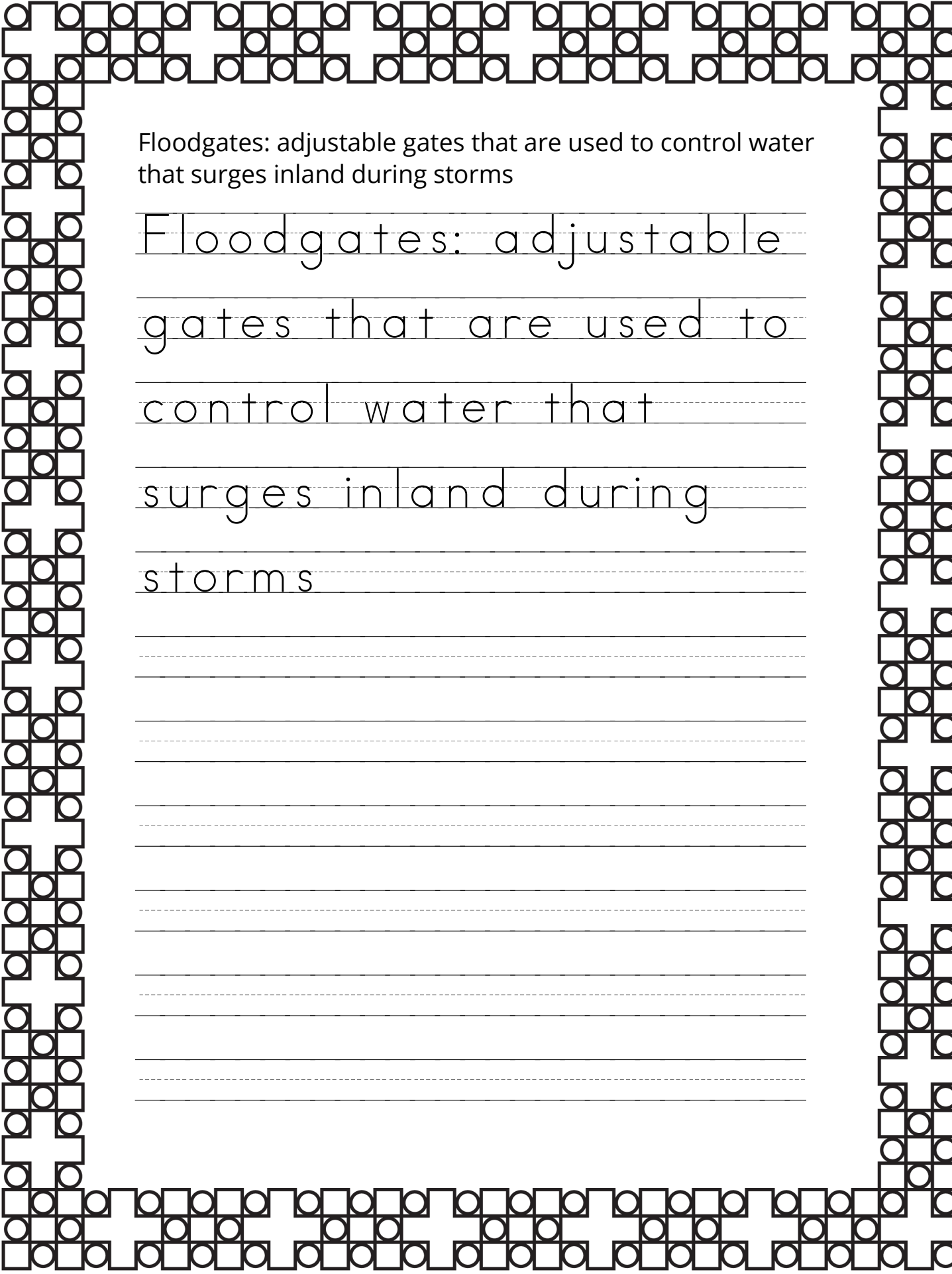
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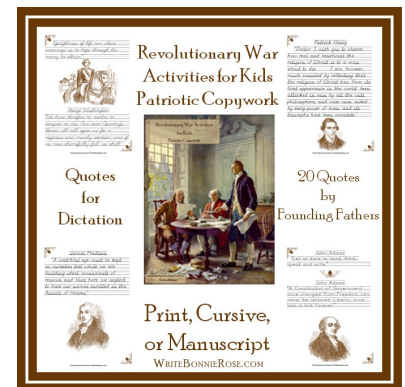
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