Gregory “Pappy” Boyington

Gregory Boyington was born on December 4, 1912, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. He was part Sioux and joined the U.S. Marine Corp in 1935. He became a pilot but resigned a few years later so he could join the volunteer group, the Flying Tigers, in China. It was led by General Claire L. Chennault, and its purpose was to assist the Chinese Air Force in defending the China/Burma Road from the Japanese.

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Boyington rejoined the Marines. In 1942, he organized the Black Sheep Squadron, which was also called Marine Fighting Squadron 214. It became one of the most famous fighting units in the South Pacific. He commanded this unit until his last mission on January 3, 1944, when he shot down three Japanese aircraft before being shot down himself. He was picked up by a Japanese submarine and taken to a prison camp in Japan, where he remained for 20 months. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism and devotion to duty. During the war, Major Boyington personally shot down 28 Japanese aircraft.

Follow these instructions to draw a picture of Gregory “Pappy” Boyington on the next page like the one shown below:

- Decide if you want to draw the right half of the picture or the left half of the picture and draw it in one of the first two grids. You can draw both if you’d like.
- Now, using a blank grid from the back of the book, try drawing the whole picture.

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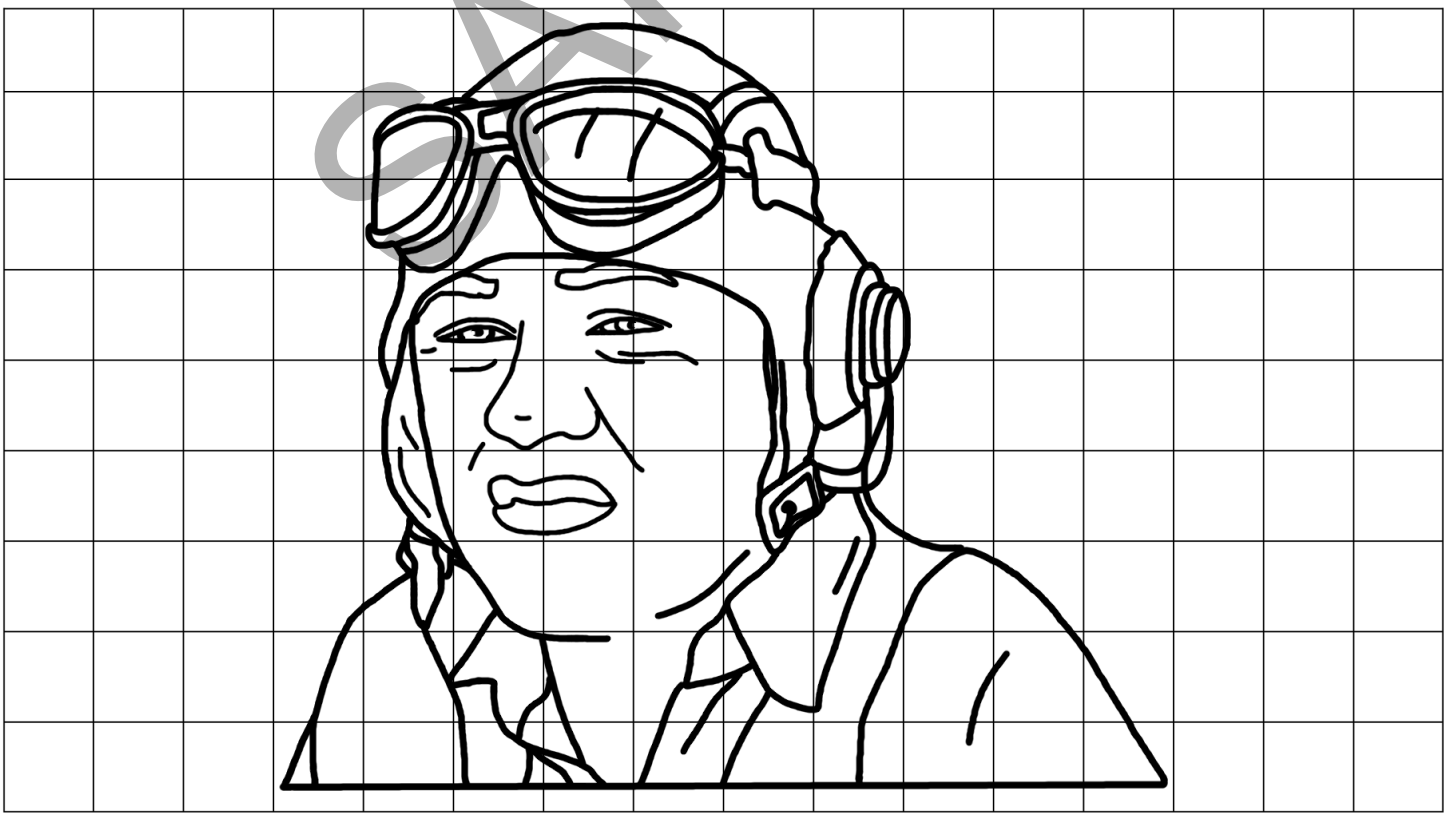

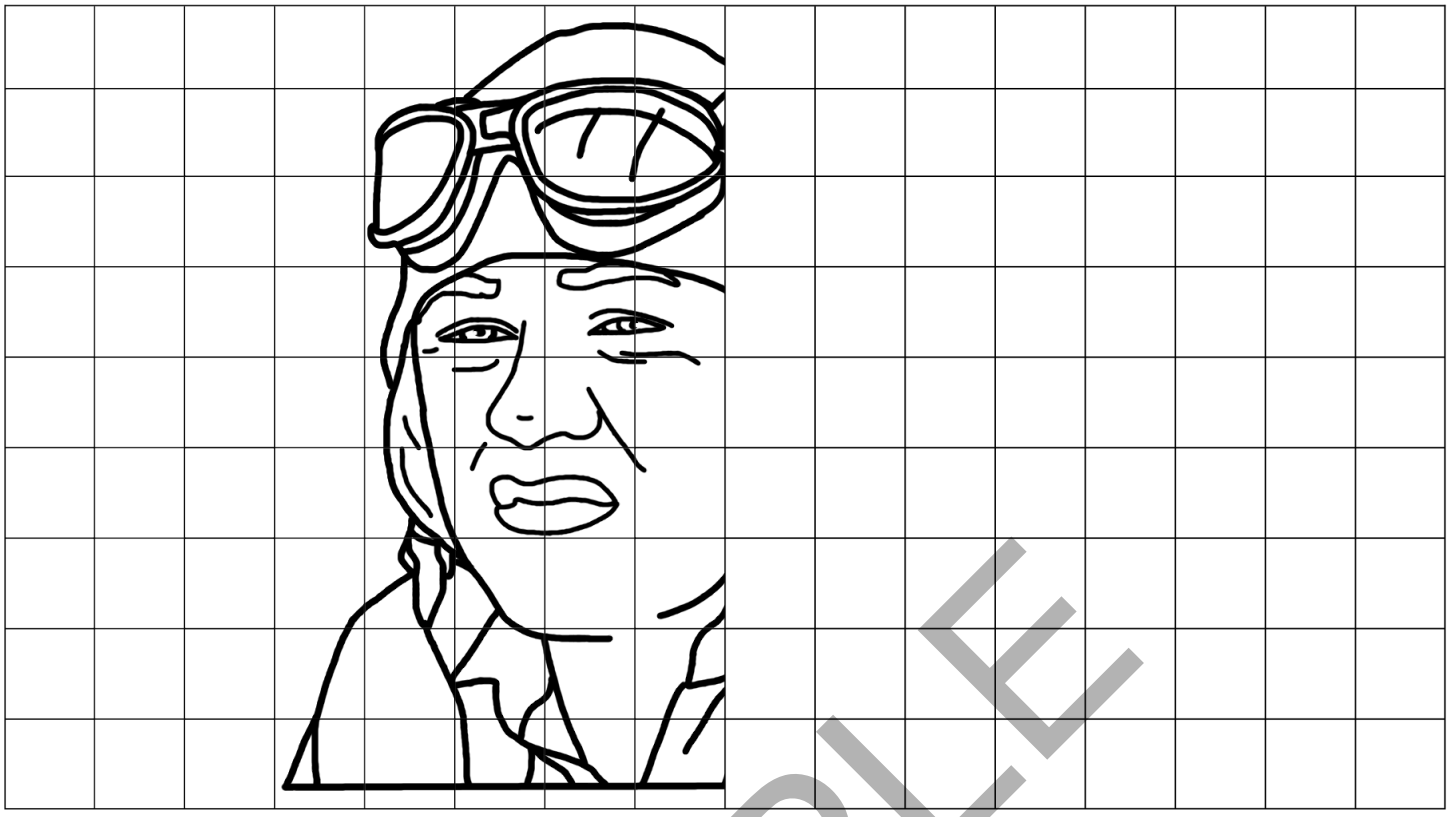

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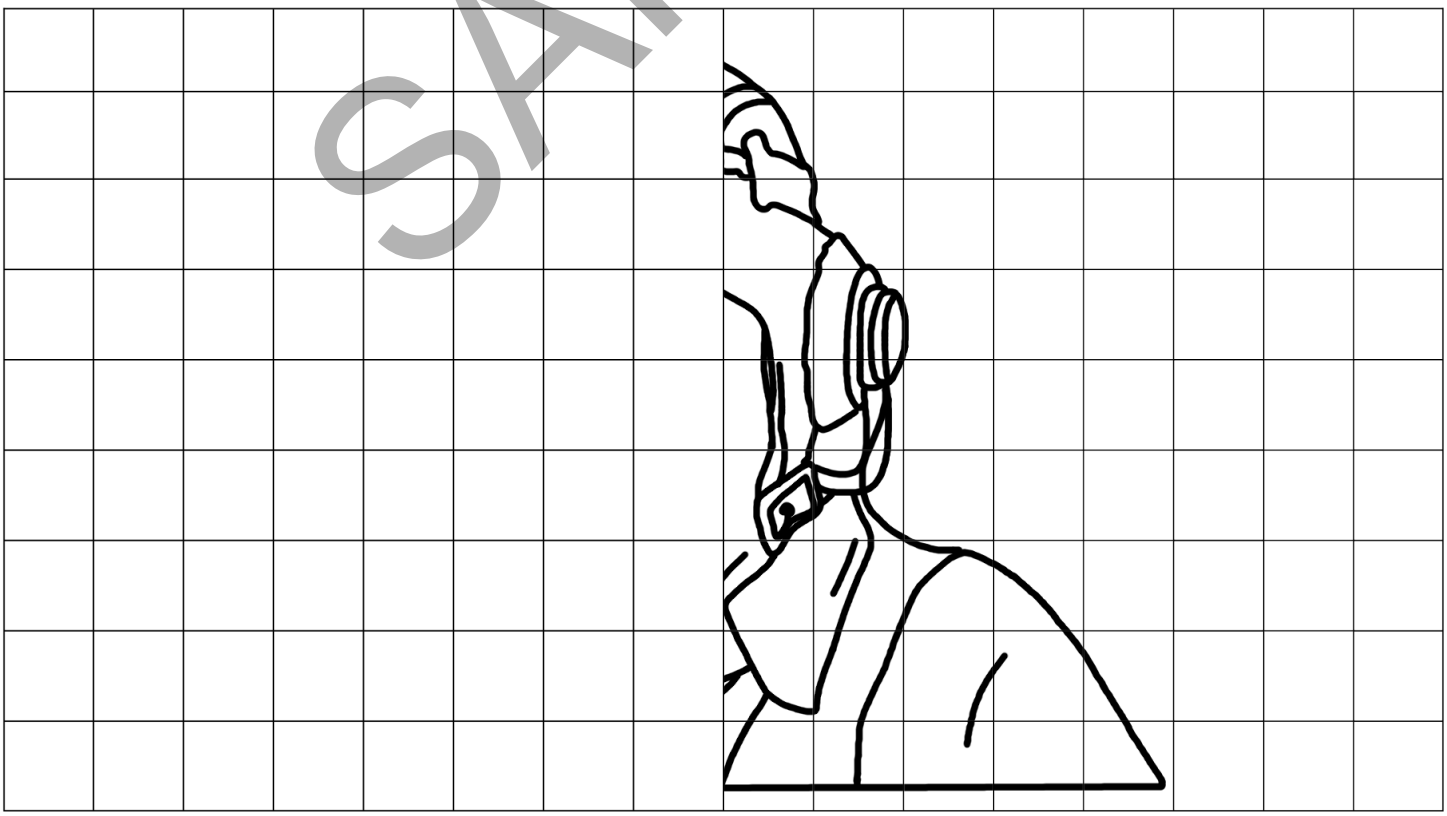

Identify the Famous Person From World War II

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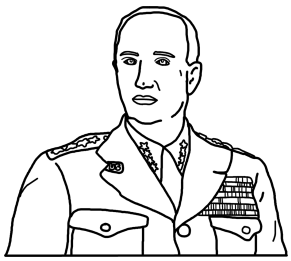
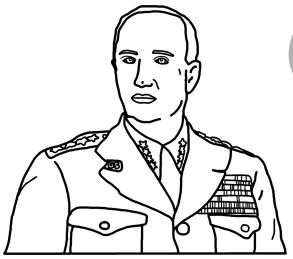


2. Which picture shows George C. Marshall? Circle it.

3. Which picture shows Ernie Pyle? Circle it.

4. Which picture shows Dorie Miller? Circle it.



5. Which picture shows Dwight D. Eisenhower? Circle it.

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