Orange Shirt Day

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T-Shirt Design

You have been asked to design a special t-shirt for Orange Shirt Day. Sketch out your design below. Make sure to include details that support the idea of Orange Shirt Day.



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Orange Shirt Cut Outs

Not every student is going to have an orange shirt. Use this template to cut out shirts and safety pin them to students without an orange shirt so everyone is included. (If time permits, laminating them prior makes them more durable)





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What Is Orange Shirt Day?



Phyllis as a child.

It was 1973 and Phyllis Webstad had just turned 6 years old. She lived with her grandmother on the Dog Creek reserve. Phyllis and her grandmother did not have very much money but her grandmother saved enough to take Phyllis to the store to buy a new shirt for school. Phyllis picked out a shiny orange shirt. Phyllis was excited about her new shirt and excited to go to school.

When Phyllis reached St. Joseph Mission school (a residential school) in Williams Lake, British Columbia, they stripped her down and took away her orange shirt. She was devastated and remembers that all the children around her were crying as much as she was. She attended the residential school for one year (1973-1974) but never forgot about her orange shirt and how the Mission school made her feel like she was worthless.

Orange Shirt Day is held on September 30th every year. This date was chosen because this is the time of year when children were taken from their homes and sent to residential schools.

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What's Included?

1. Orange Shirt Cut Outs- perfect for students who may not have an orange shirt

2. Explanation of Orange Shirt Day- sharing the story of Phyllis Webstad and reviewing how Orange Shirt Day originated

3. Orange Shirt Day Questions- a few questions for students to help prompt reflection about this day

4. T-shirt design- gets the creative juices flowing! Students are tasked with designing an Orange Shirt Day t-shirt that promotes the day

5. Every Child Matters chart- students have an opportunity to reflect on why they matter and what they can do to help classmates/friends see that they matter too. Opportunities for students to draw as well as write

6. Every Child Matters Poster templates- poster templates included for students to color and add detail to. These posters can then be hung up on your classroom door or around the school to create awareness for Orange Shirt Day

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Orange Shirt Day Questions

1. The motto for Orange Shirt Day is "Every Child Matters". Why do you think this motto was selected?

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2. Imagine you were asked to create a new motto for Orange Shirt Day. What would your motto be? Explain your thinking.

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3. Why do you think the people at the Mission School took the orange shirt? What would you have done if your favourite item of clothing was taken on the first day of school?

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4. Imagine you are asked to describe Phyllis Webstad. What are three adjectives you would use in your description?

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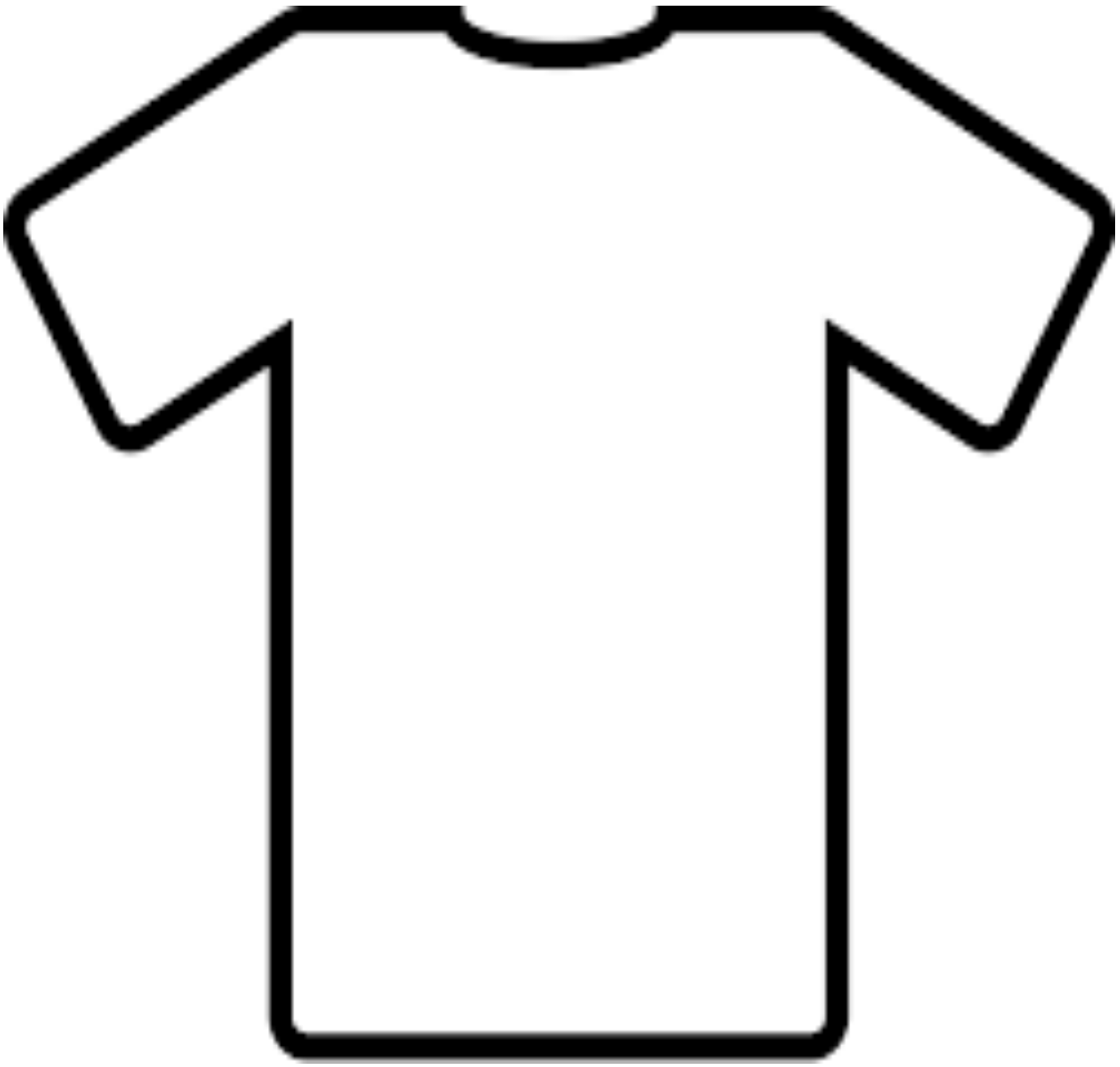
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Every Child Matters

"Every Child Matters" is the motto of Orange Shirt Day. Use the space below to complete the chart. Include a drawing and writing in each box that explain your thinking.

I matter because _____

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I can show others that they matter by _____

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY MATTERS BECAUSE

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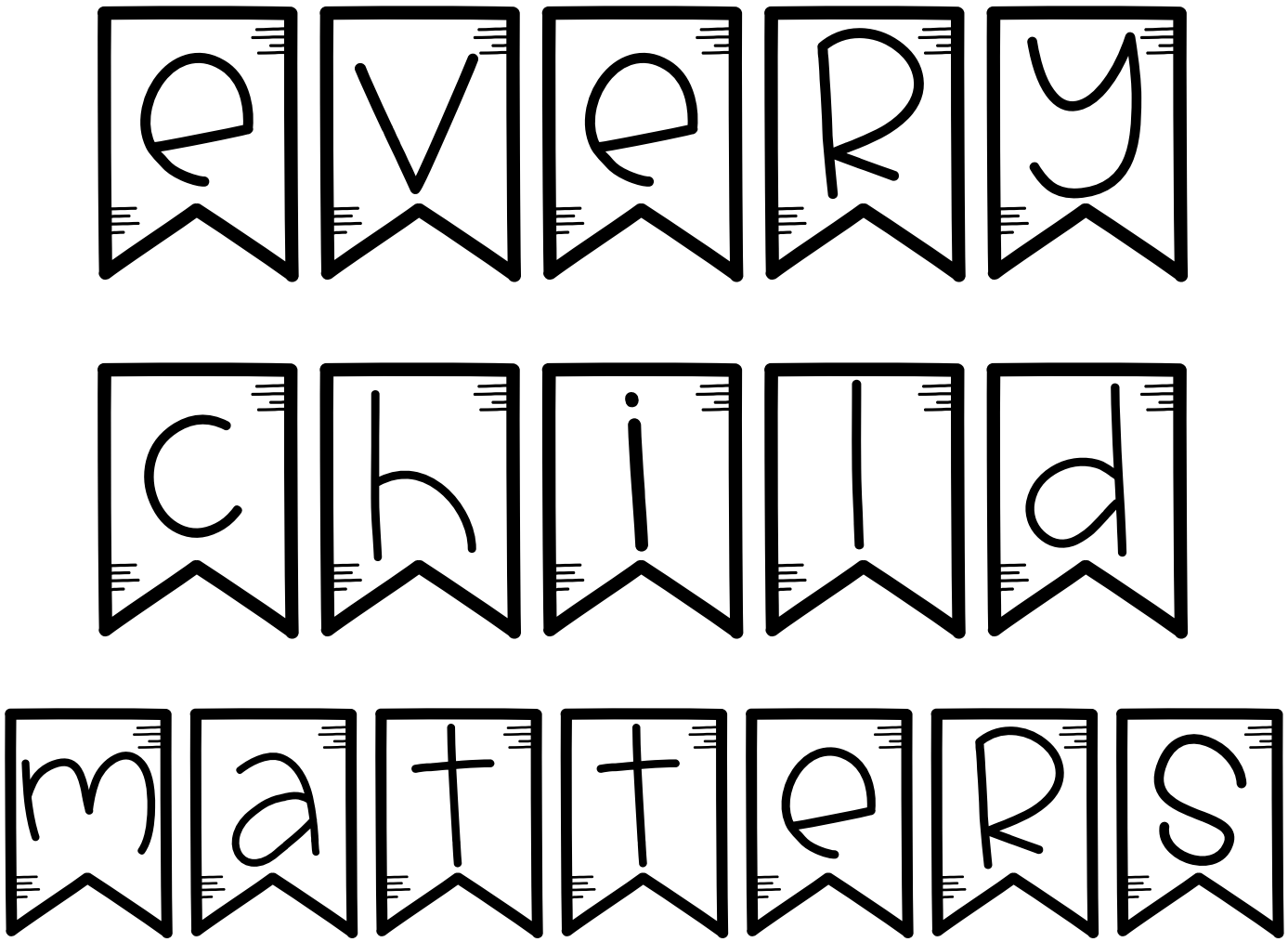
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We wear orange shirts because

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Orange Shirt Day is on

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