

BECAUSE  
OF THEM  
WE CAN

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JUST FOR KIDS

# BECAUSE OF WENDELL SCOTT

AGES 5-8



BOTWC Mini posing as  
Wendell Scott

WHEN IT'S TOO TOUGH FOR EVERYONE ELSE,  
IT'S JUST RIGHT FOR ME.

— WENDELL SCOTT

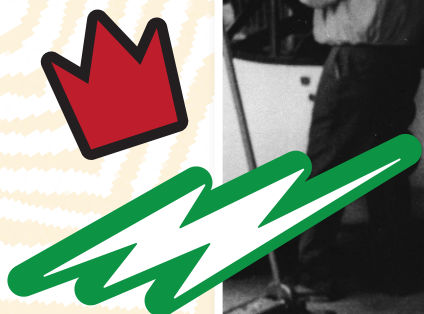
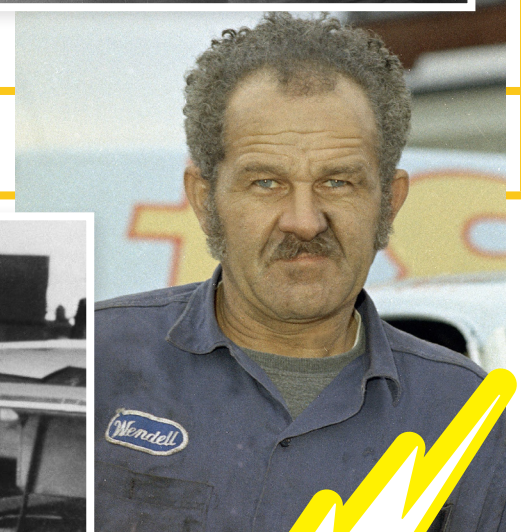
# THE RACE OF A LIFETIME

*Instructions: Read the timeline below to learn more about Wendell Scott's life and achievements and then answer the questions below.*

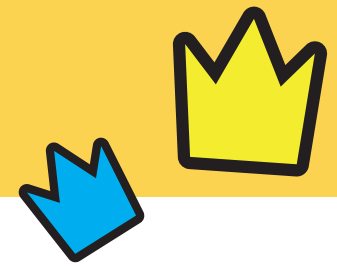
Wendell Oliver Scott was one of the first African-American drivers in NASCAR, which is the **professional** race car driving organization. He was also the first African American to win the highest **competition**, which is the Grand National Series.



<b>1921</b>	Wendell Scott was born in Danville, Virginia.
<b>1935</b>	He started driving when he was just 14. He would help his family by going to the store and he also drove to church.
<b>1943</b>	He began his career in the <b>army</b> and he worked in cars while was there. After he left the army he worked on cars and soon become one of the most well-known <b>mechanics</b> in Virginia. He also worked as a taxi driver.
<b>1947</b>	He started racing for fun and more and more people began to notice his skills.
<b>MAR 4, 1961</b>	He took part in his first major NASCAR race after many <b>challenges</b> .
<b>DEC 1, 1963</b>	Scott became the first African American to win the Sprint Cup <b>Division</b> , the top division in NASCAR. But he was not given that <b>title</b> at first. It took several days for him to be named the winner because at that time some people didn't want a Black man to race or win.
<b>1973</b>	Scott got into a car crash and <b>retired</b> .
<b>1990</b>	Wendell Scott died of spinal cancer.



# READ & RESPOND



**When did Wendell Scott start driving?**

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**What type of challenges did Wendell Scott face?**

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**Why did Wendell Scott retire?**

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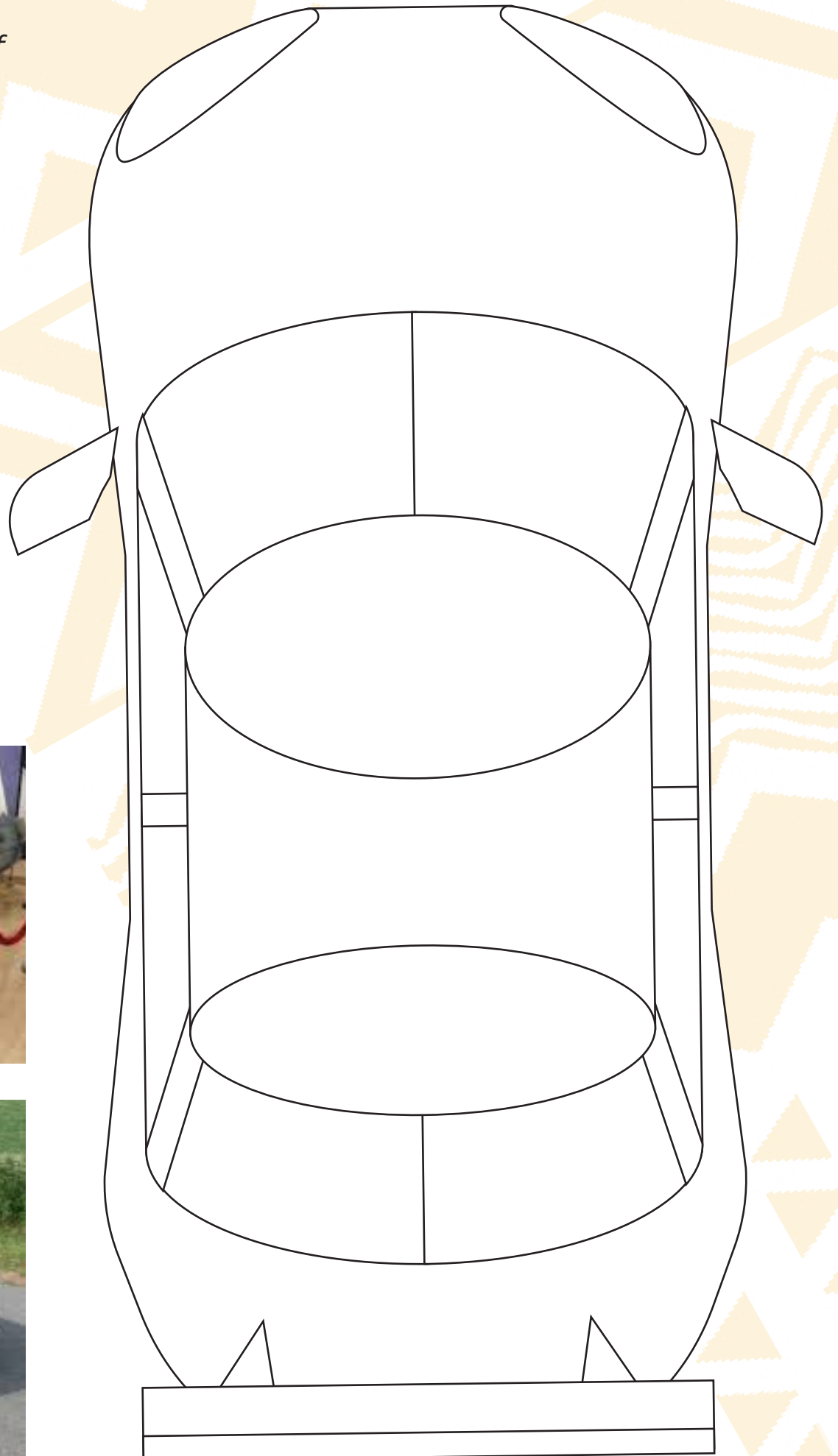
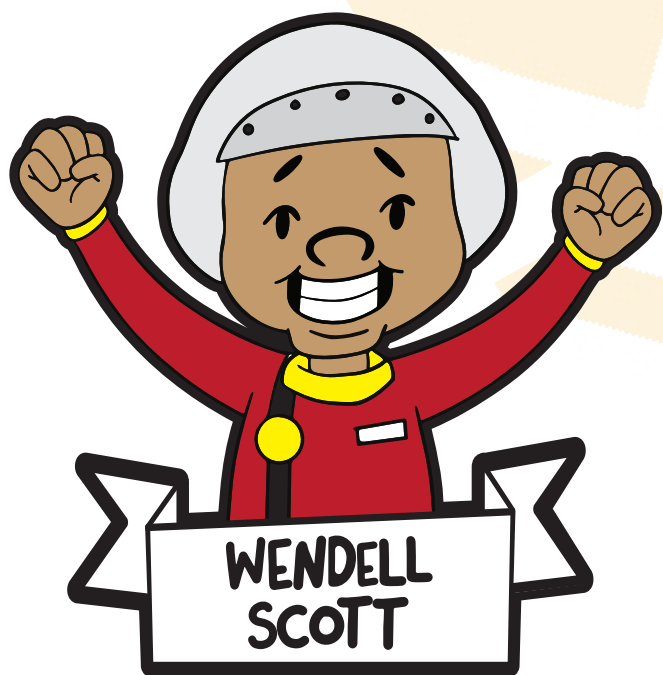
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# ITS YOUR RACE!

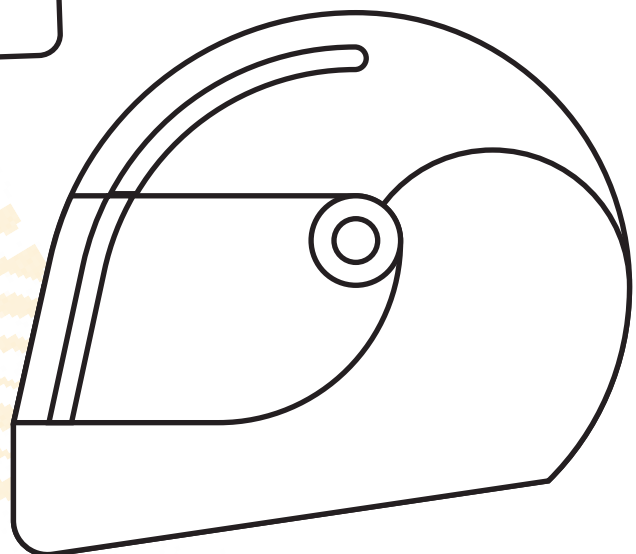
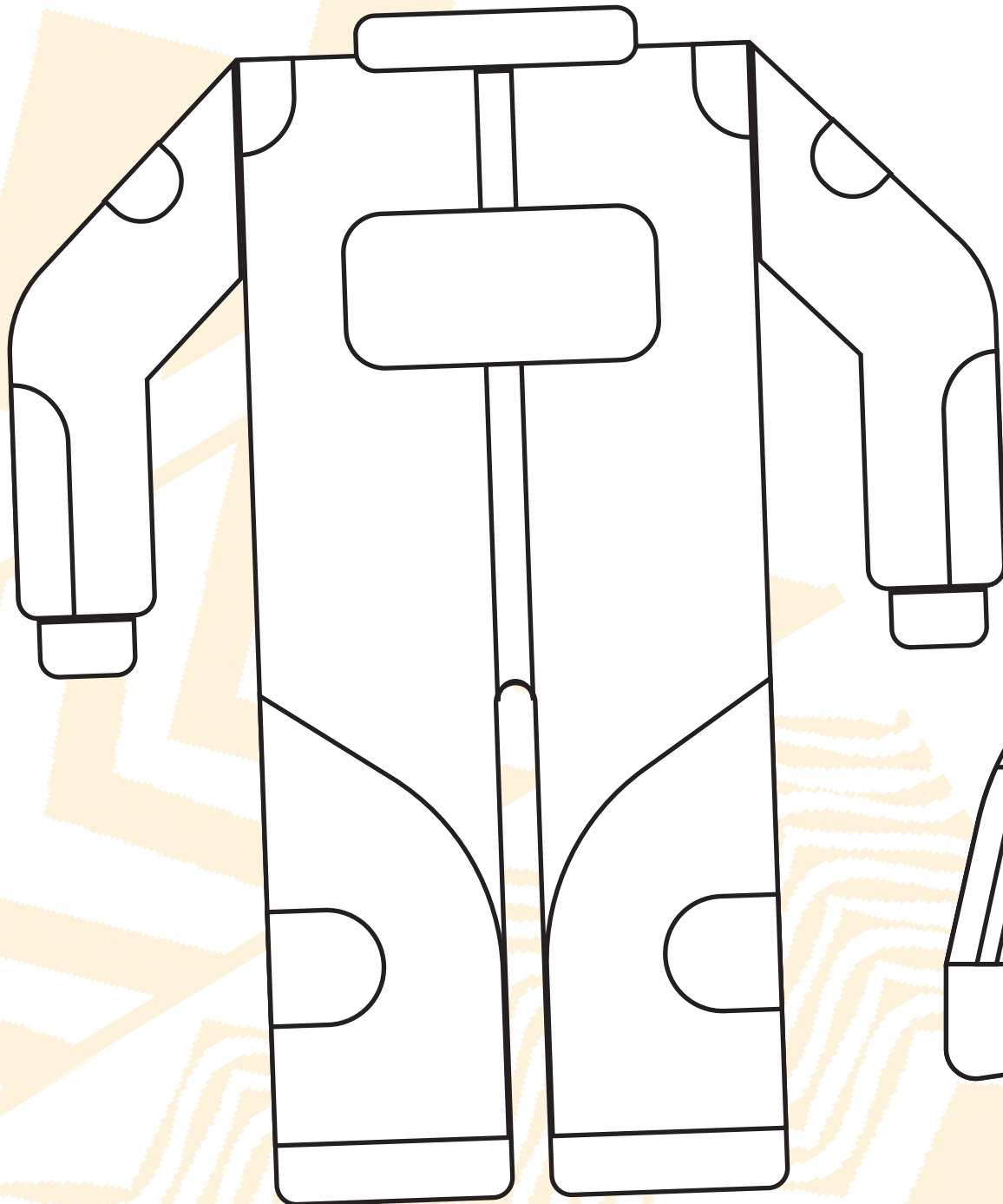
*Instructions: Below you have the outline of a blank car. You get to color and decorate your race car in any way you want! If you feel stuck, pick a number, your favorite colors, and some of your favorite things to represent YOU!*

*Below are included some pictures of Wendell's cars that he raced in to help you think!*



# DO WHAT YOU WANT TO!

*Instructions: Now design your helmet and racing suit!  
Make them match your car!*



## GLOSSARY

**Professional** - done by people who are paid to play or compete

**Competition** - the act or process of trying to get or win something (such as a prize or a higher level of success) that someone else is also trying to get or win

**Army** - a large group of soldiers organized to fight battles on land

**Mechanic** - a person who repairs machines (such as car engines) and keeps them running properly

**Challenges** - things that test the ability, skill, or strength of someone or something

**Division** - a group of teams that form one section of a sports league

**Title** - the status or position of being the champion in a sport or other competition

**Retired** - not working anymore : having ended

# GOING THE DISTANCE

*Instructions: For problems 1-3, write whether the two sets or objects are equal amounts or not. For problems 4-6, you will find numbers to complete the equations that would make it true.*

1. There are 20 cars in the speedway. Is that equal to  $12 + 7$  race cars?
2. The cockpit is the area where the driver sits. There are 18 cockpits. Is that equal to  $13+5$  drivers?
3. There are 5 flags on the curves, and 16 on the side. Is that equal to  $12+1+7$ ?
4.  $13 = 5 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
5.  $12 = 1 + 7 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
6.  $14 + 2 = 10 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

ANSWER KEY: (1) No (2) Yes (3) No (4) 8 (5) 4 (6) Any two numbers whose sum is 6 (ie 1 + 5; 2 + 4; 3 + 3)

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

**I WILL HONOR**  
THE SACRIFICES OF  
MY ANCESTORS.

**I WILL BELIEVE**  
IN ME.

**I WILL PURSUE**  
MY DREAMS.

**I WILL HELP**  
OTHERS ALONG  
THE WAY.