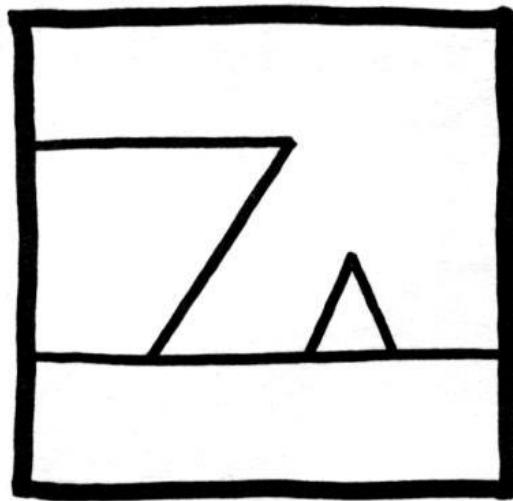


Droodle Construction-- Answer Key by David Pleacher

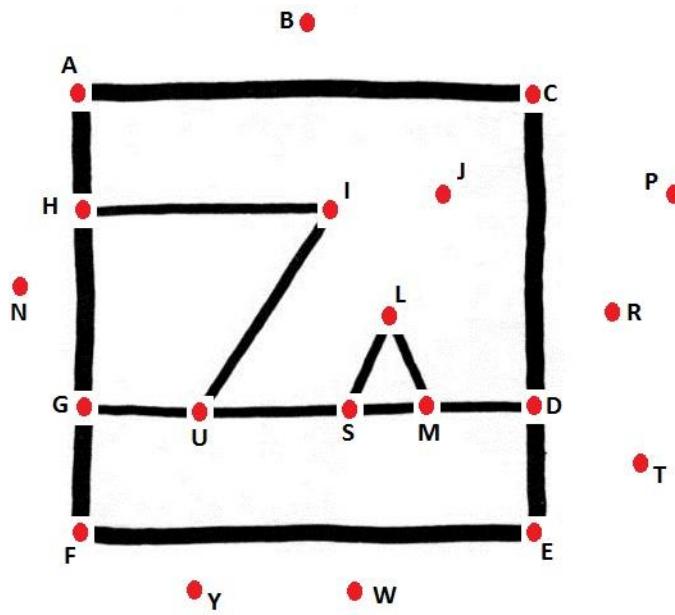


You probably thought the title to this droodle was:

"A SHIP ARRIVING TOO LATE TO SAVE A DROWNING WITCH."

But the real title is:

"A MOTHER PYRAMID FEEDING ITS CHILD."



Answer Key

Factoring Problems

1. Factor $4x - 16$
2. Factor $x^2 - 16$
3. Factor $9x^2(2x + 7) - 12x(2x + 7)$
4. Factor $x^2 + 2x - 15$
5. Factor $x^2 - 8x + 15$
6. Factor $x^2 + 6x + 9$
7. Factor $3x^2 + 2x - 8$
8. Factor $5x^2 - 17x + 6$
9. Factor $4x^2 + 10x - 6$
10. Factor $25x^2 - 9$
11. Factor $8x^3 + 1$
12. Factor $64x^6 - 8$
13. Factor $5x^2 - 100x + 500$
14. Factor $x^4 - 16$
15. Factor $x^2 + 6x + 4$
16. Factor $3x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x - 8$
17. Factor $x^5 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 6$
18. Factor $4x^2 + 20x + 25 - 9y^2$
19. Factor $64x^6 - 1$
20. Factor $x^4 + x^2 - 20$

Corresponding Answers

- M. $4(x - 4)$
- E. $(x + 4)(x - 4)$
- L. $3x(2x + 7)(3x - 4)$
- U. $(x - 3)(x + 5)$
- V. $(x - 3)(x - 5)$
- F. $(x + 3)^2$
- A. $(3x - 4)(x + 2)$
- C. $(5x - 2)(x - 3)$
- T. $2(2x - 1)(x + 3)$
- O. $(5x - 3)(5x + 3)$
- R. $(2x + 1)(4x^2 - 2x + 1)$
- I. $8(2x^2 - 1)(4x^4 + 2x^2 + 1)$
- N. $5(x - 10)^2$
- G. $(x^2 + 4)(x - 2)(x + 2)$
- Y. Prime
- W. $(3x - 2)(x^2 + 4)$
- S. $(x^2 - 3)(x^3 - 2)$
- D. $(2x + 5 - 3y)(2x + 5 + 3y)$
- H. $(2x - 1)(2x + 1)(4x^2 + 2x + 1)(4x^2 - 2x + 1)$
- P. $(x - 2)(x + 2)(x^2 + 5)$

The letters in the answer column spell,
“ME LUV FACTORING, YWS [yes], DHP [my initials]”