



#FontanaTogether

Bono's Giant Orange

The Bonos (related to the late Sonny Bono - Cher's husband) moved to Fontana in the 1920s and grew grapes there. Trying to make a living during the Great Depression in the 1930s, Bono opened a fruit stand and sold orange juice. During the travel boom that followed World War II, they quenched the thirst of many Route 66 travelers. But, during the 1950s when the new freeway network was built, the Bonos turned their business into a delicatessen. [Giant Orange](#)

The "giant orange" was not always at its present site at Bono's. It was moved there several years ago when the Fontana Historical Society (of which John Bono was president) asked him to place it in the parking lot to preserve it. The [Giant Orange](#) (6.5 ft. - 2 m. tall) was built with a wood framework covered with stucco by Mr. DeVries. His fruit stand was located three miles to the east of Bono's. Its bright orange color caught potential customers' eyes from afar. After the stand closed it was donated in 1993 to the Historical Society, who placed it at the local Walmart, but had to move it, and Bono let them place it in his parking lot.

Materials:

- California Giant Orange Coloring Sheet
- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloring Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

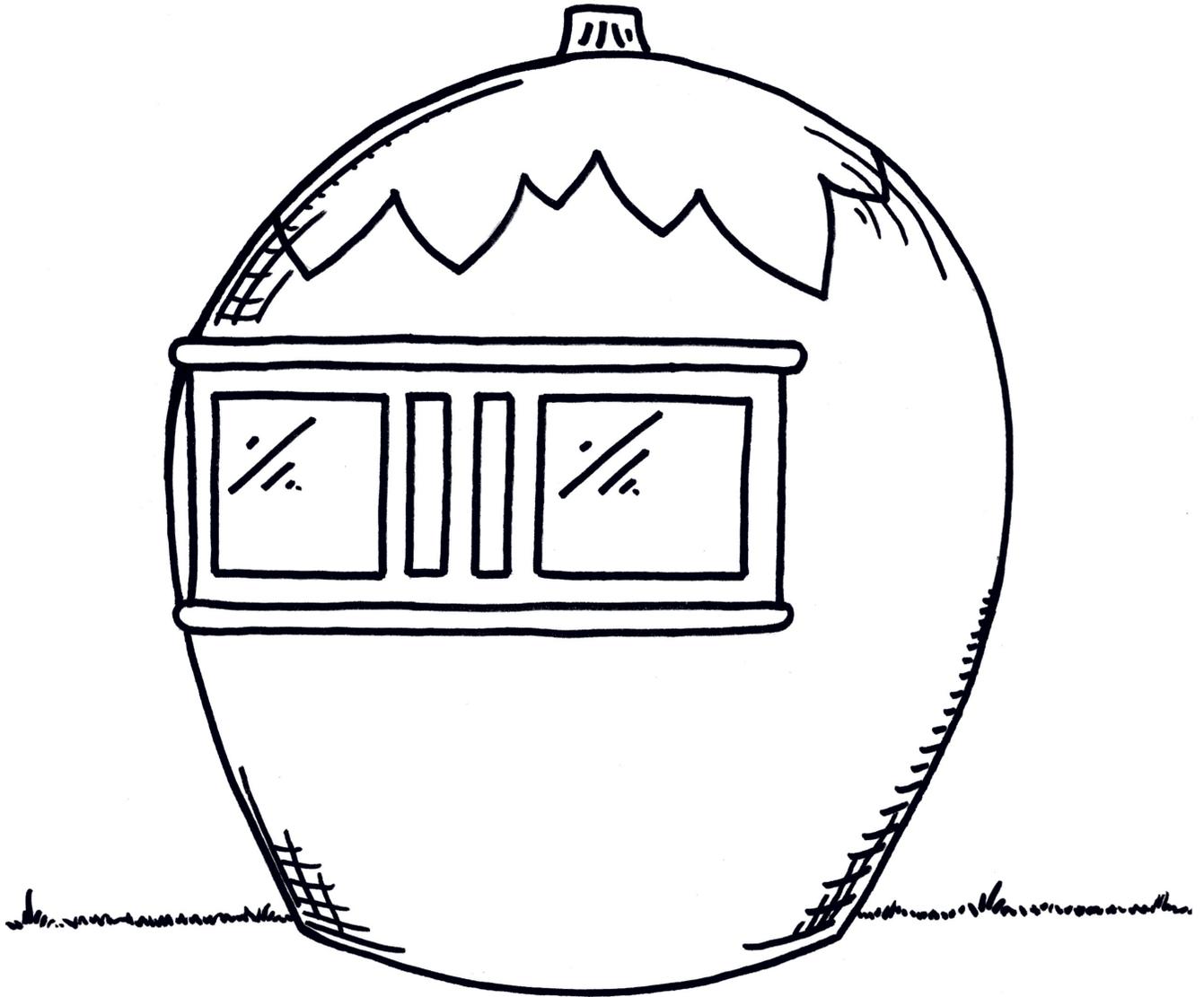
Students' will google "Bono's Giant Orange" to see what it looks like, if possible take a drive down foothill to see where it resides on Route 66.

Students will color the giant orange drawing attached, cut it out, and place it on the refrigerator as an artifact of history.

Modifications:

Students can draw their very own collage of oranges to represent Bono's.





California

This building in Rancho Cucamonga is shaped like a giant orange.
What do you suppose they might sell there?