



Test Your Lenape Knowledge!

Match the following terms with the correct definition

Henry Hudson

used for currency and trade

Dugout Canoe

translation of the word “Lenape”

Unami

used for transportation and fishing

Wampum

language of the Lenape

Algonquian

“People from down River”

“Ordinary People”

explorer who met the Lenape in 1609



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Hello – hèn

School – shkul

Teacher – wèhwatëwèt

Children – mimënsàk

I'll see you again – xu làpi knewël

Here's some words to try at home!

Lake

Sky

Ocean

Turtle

Clouds

Why the Turtle Phratry is Best

They say that the three persons or manlike animals who started the totems of the Lenape once had an argument about which was best. As they argued, they came to a big river, on the other side of which they could see food.

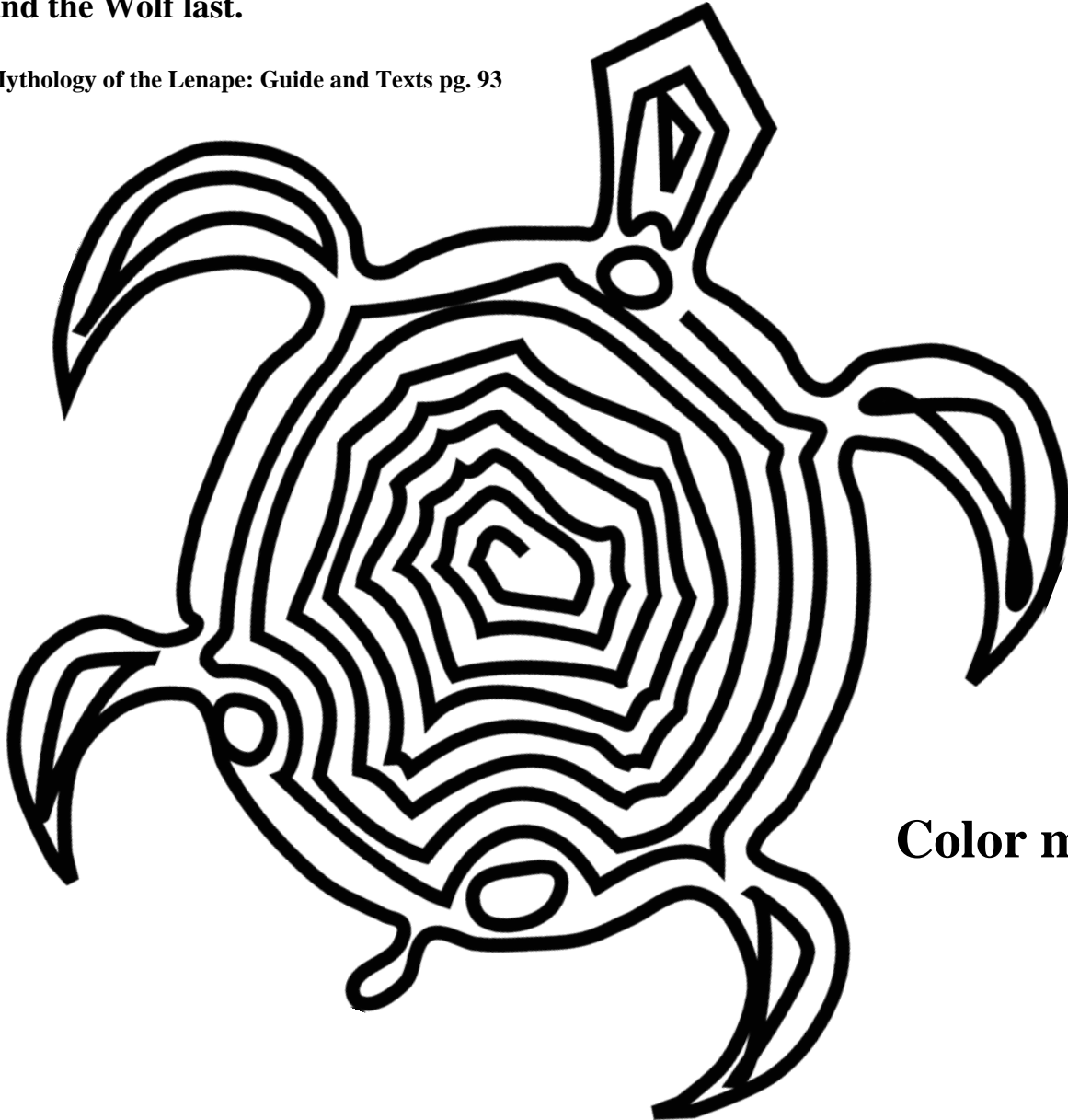
Now, the Turkey boasted he could get across to the food, and the Turtle said the same. But the Wolf had to give it up right there.

Then the _____ took a running start and flew, but he gave out close the other shore and fell into the water but finally managed to flounder ashore.

Meantime the _____ just walked across underwater and got the food! (laughter) – but the _____ could do nothing but run up and down the bank and howl.

That is why they decided that the Turtle is the best, the Turkey next, and the Wolf last.

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