

Based on *Author vs. Illustrator*
words by Donald Lemke, pictures by Bob Lentz



About the Book

At the far reaches of Earth, high upon a mountaintop, a bustling city is under attack by a . . . cute little furball? Wait--what?! That's not right. The author wrote this book about a "ferocious beast," not a cuddly critter. Turns out, the book's illustrator has other plans. Page by page, these clashing collaborators are writing (and drawing) themselves into the story for a full-on creator combat--a bookmaking BATTLE ROYALE! Can the author make a successful book with no pictures? Can the illustrator tell a tale without words? Or will this dueling duo get on the same page at last to create the ultimate happy ending? *From Lemke & Lentz (the quirky collaborators behind Call of Doodie and Book-O-Beards) comes [Author vs. Illustrator](#), a laugh-out-loud picture book about the not-so-simple process of creating a picture book. Full of over-the-top humor and under-the-radar lessons--including the skills of teamwork, conflict resolution, and respect--this book is a must-have for young writers, budding artists, and lifelong book lovers.*

About the Creators

[Donald Lemke](#) is an award-winning writer of comics and books for young readers. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota with his amazing wife, Amy, and their three growing-up-way-too-fast daughters.

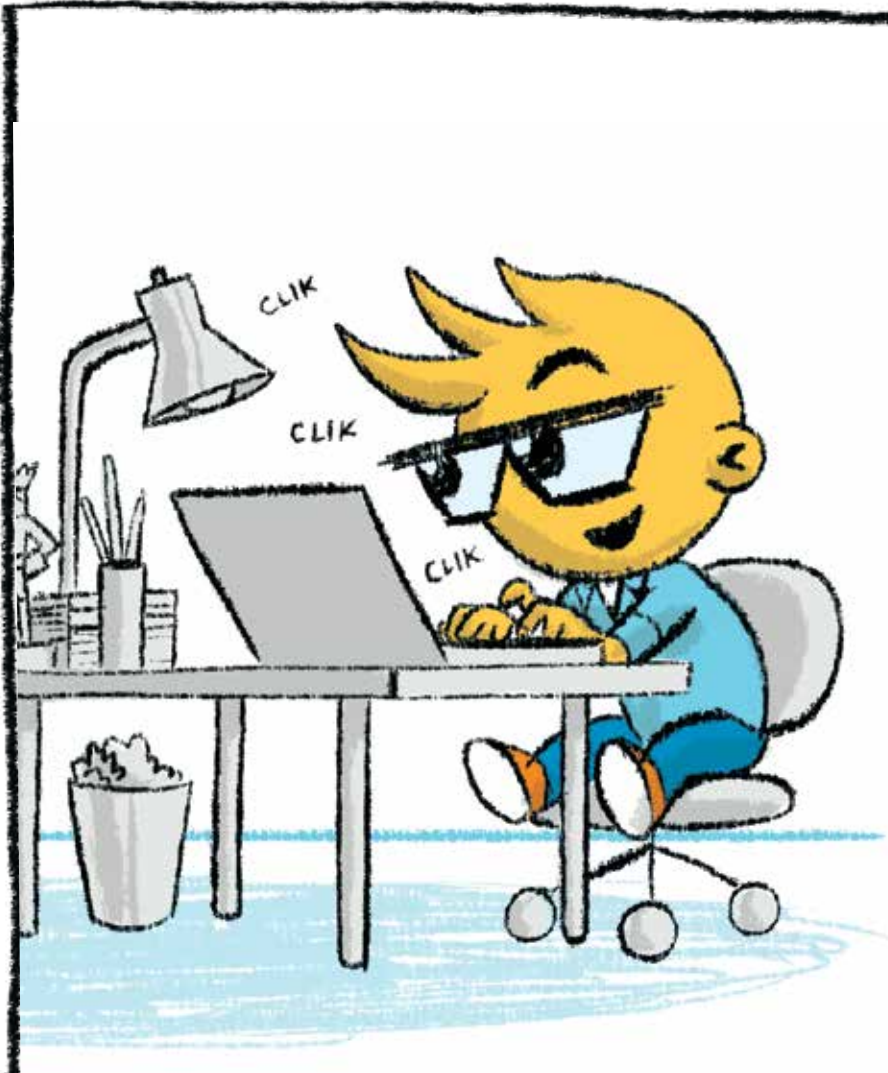
[Bob Lentz](#) is an art director, designer, and illustrator of many books for kids. Bob lives in Bloomington, Minnesota, with his wife, Rosalee, and their two children (and a very hungry Boston terrier).

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WRITE ABOUT IT!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*—and in every book!—a story needs to be written. On a separate sheet of paper, write about one (or more!) of the ideas below.



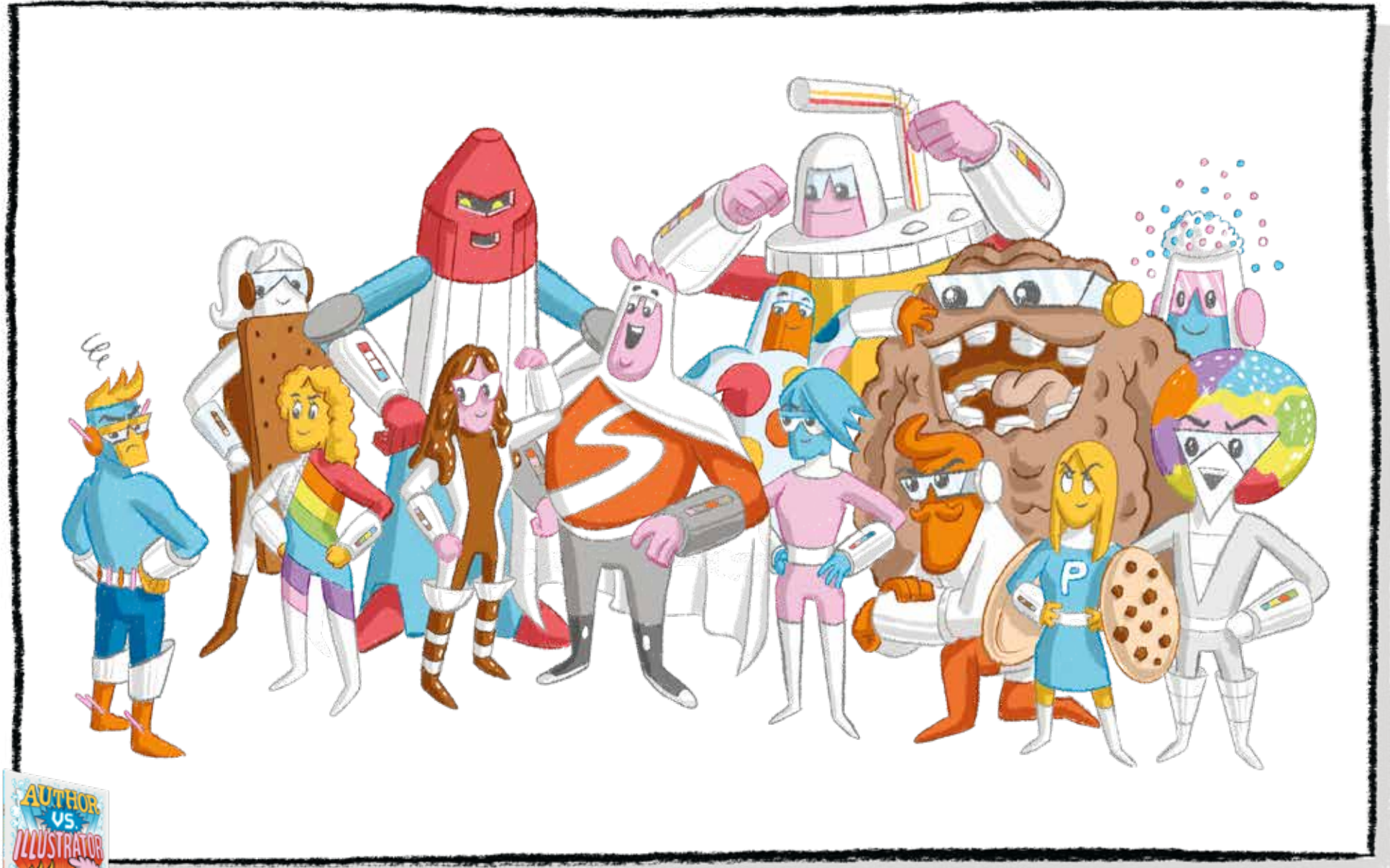
- Inspiration can come from many places and in many forms. What inspires you?
- At the end of the book, the Author and Illustrator are on their way to show their story to their editor. What is an editor, and what do they do?
- Do you ever fight with your friends or siblings? How do you resolve conflict?
- Are you Team Author, or Team Illustrator? Or neither? Why?



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WRITE A SUPERHERO STORY!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the illustrator draws a picture of an entire team of ice cream-themed heroes. Which one is your favorite? On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about them.



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LOOKS MORE LIKE A _____ TO ME!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the author tries to draw a picture, which the illustrator thinks looks like something entirely different. What do you see in the image on the left? Write about it, being as funny or as serious or as detailed as you want to be!



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DRAW A CARICATURE OF YOURSELF!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the creators appear in the book as illustrated versions—or caricatures—of themselves. In this activity, write about yourself on the left: your family, your hobbies, whatever! Then, on the right, draw a “cartoon” version of yourself. What features make your caricature unmistakably you?

About me:

My caricature:



DRAW YOURSELF AS A SUPERHERO!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the creators write and draw themselves into the story as silly characters themed after ice cream—one of their favorite things. Write about one of your favorite things. Then, draw yourself as a superhero, and theme your character after that thing. What is their name? What are their powers?

My favorite thing:

My superhero character:



DRAW A MONSTER-PET!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the illustrator is inspired to model the beast after his real-life pet dog. Do you (or someone you know) have a pet? If it were a monster, what would it look like? Would it be cute? Would it be scary? Draw it below!



Pet/Type of Animal:



MAKE FACES!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the creators in the story display many different emotions. What kind of expression would you draw on each face to match the word below it?



Happy



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Silly



Frustrated



Hungry



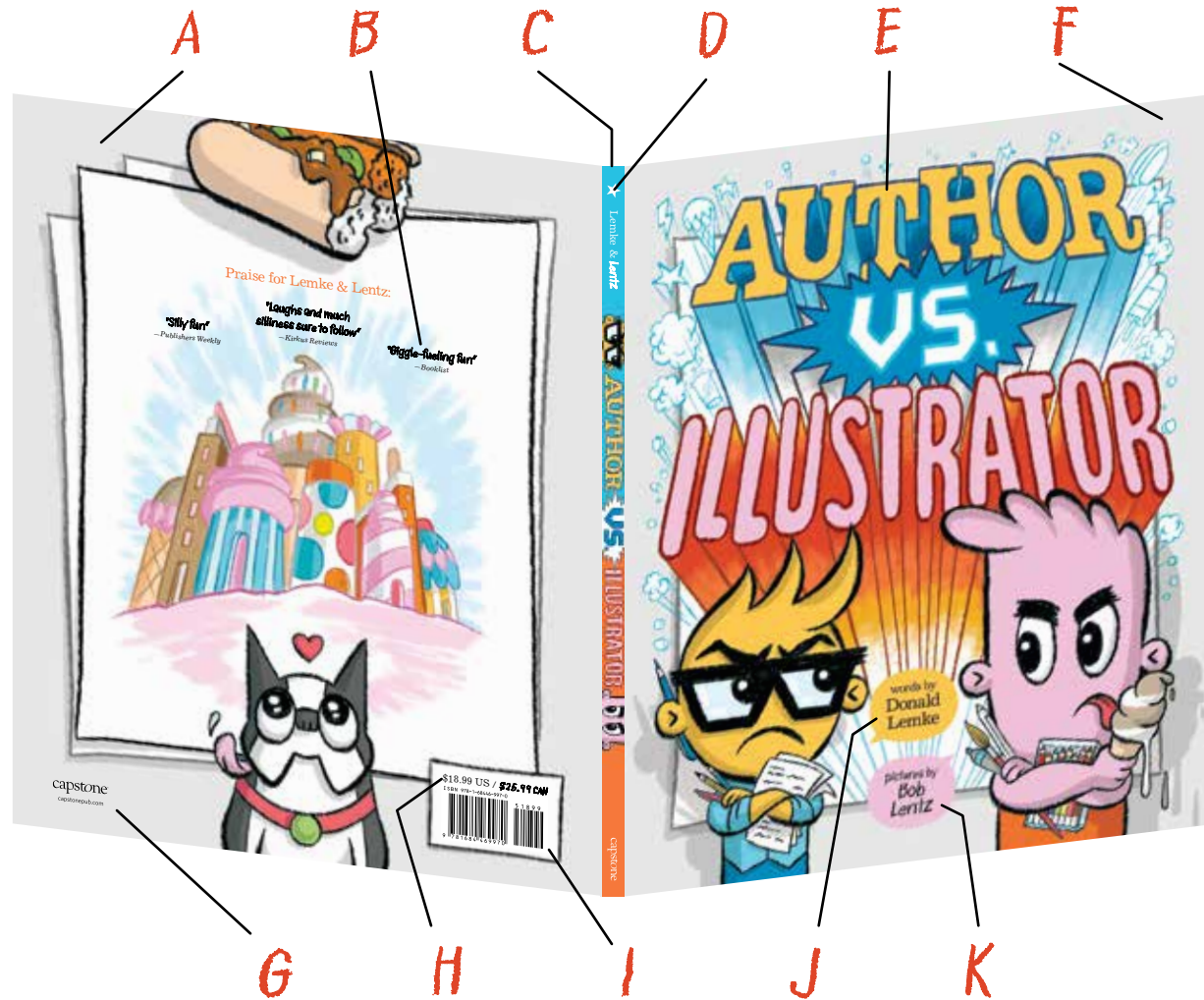
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LABEL THE PARTS OF A BOOK COVER!

Every book has a cover, each with a standard set of features. Can you match each of the lettered parts of the book cover below with the list on the left?

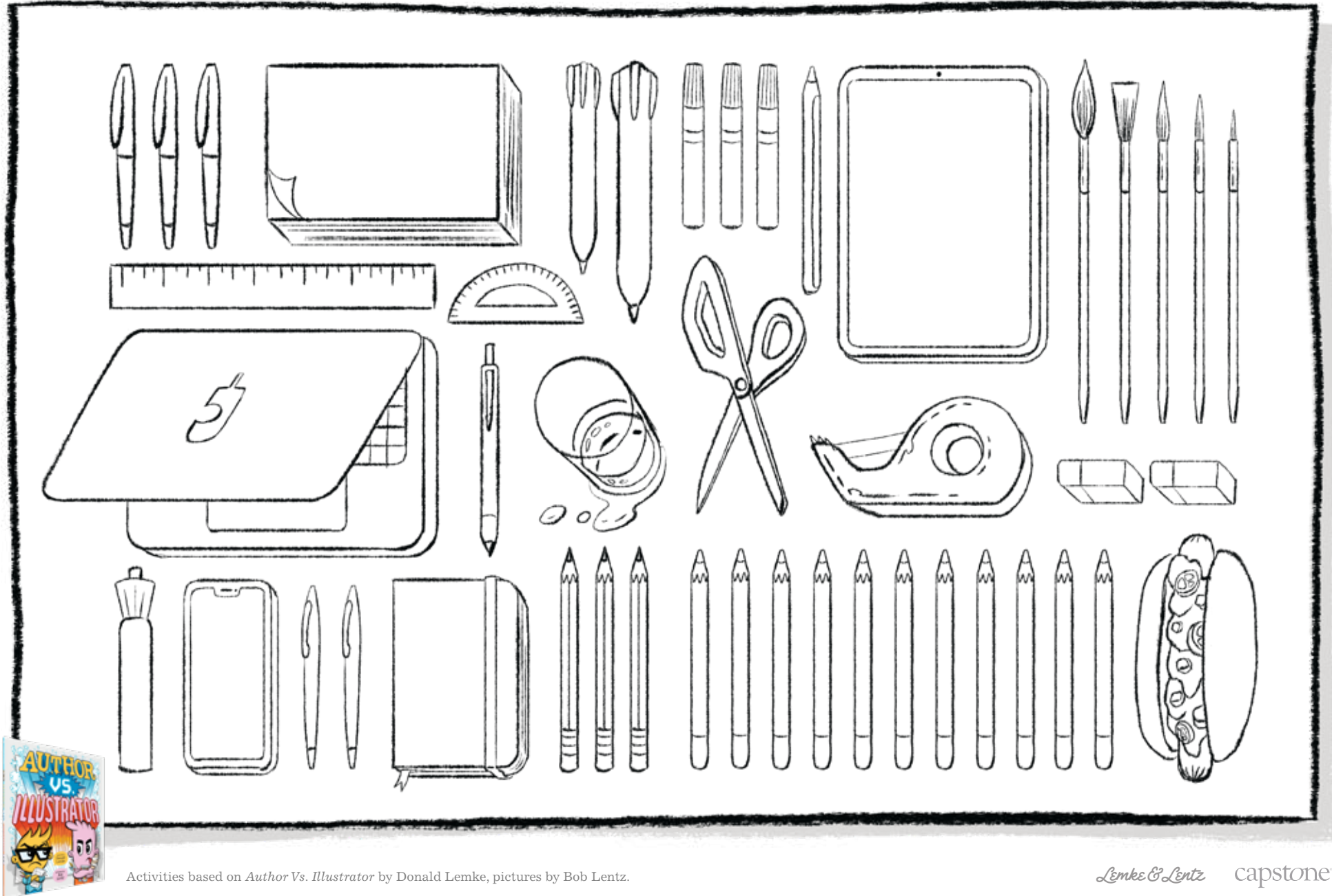
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Answers: 1=C, 2=K, 3=F, 4=I, 5=A, 6=H, 7=B, 8=J, 9=E, 10=G, 11=D

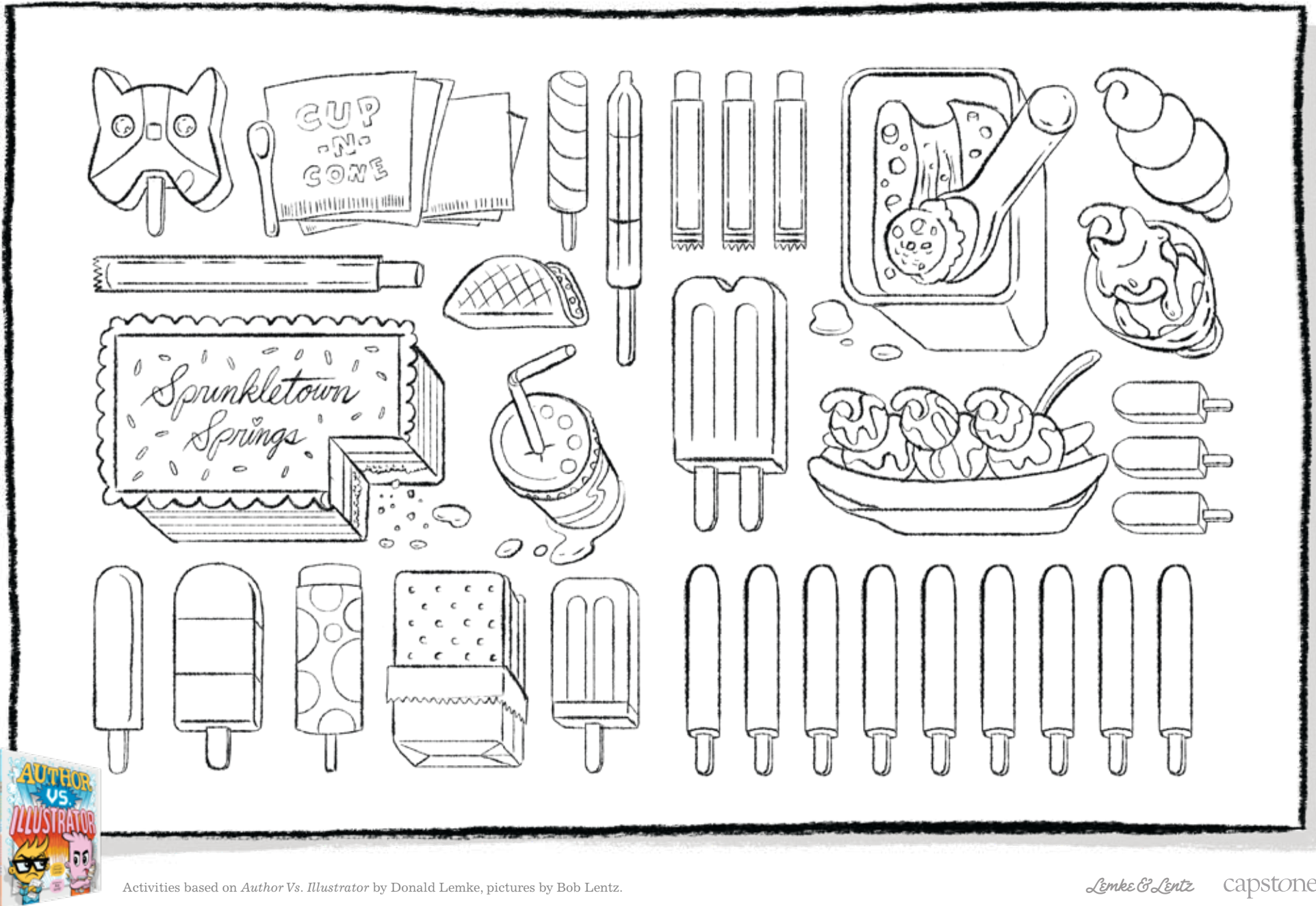
COLORING TIME!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the creators use many different tools to make their stories. Color in these art and writing supplies. What will your color choices tell us about you?



COLORING TIME!

In *Author vs. Illustrator*, the creators theme their story after ice cream. Color in these beloved frozen treats. Which one is your favorite, and why?



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