

WEICOME TO THE WORLD OF

MORGAN HORSES

Hi Kids! It's me *Blaze*, your trusty *Blaze magazine* mascot.

I've been doing some equine history lessons lately, and learned about a fascinating horse named Justin Morgan! He's a legend!

Born in 1789 in Springfield, Massachusetts, he started life as a small, rough-coated colt named "Figure." But his owner, **Justin Morgan**, knew there was something special about this little horse.

For 30 years the little bay stallion worked long hours in the fields and on the roads of Vermont. His amazing feats made him a local celebrity and earned him the nickname "Little Giant."

Justin Morgan was not as big as the draft horses, nor as tall as racehorses, but he outperformed them both.

This amazing horse went on to become the father of an entire breed called Morgans. Learn more about **Morgan Horses** in this fun issue of *Blaze News*!

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It's easy to recognize the small, intelligent and people-loving Morgan Horse. With a rich history, and the amazing ability to perform in so many different horse sports, the Morgan has a lot to offer. And so does its Association.

The American Morgan Horse Association Youth (AMHAY) is an international organization of young people who have a common interest in the Morgan Horse, which is in fact, America's oldest breed.

With youth members in the United States, Canada, and all over the world, **AMHAY** offers a variety of programs that challenge members to become involved, to learn, and be knowledgeable about all areas of the horse industry.

To learn more, visit **www.morganhorse.com** or visit AMHAY's Facebook Page - American Morgan Horse Association Youth "Say Hay".

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Test YOUR MORGAN HORSE KNOWLEDGE? ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE?

TRUE Morgan Horses helped
OR early settlers clear the

TRUE The State Horse of Tennessee is the Morgan.

TRUE Morgans were the first recorded American breed of horse.

TRUE Morgans are
always Palomino
and black.

TRUE The average height of a OR Morgan is 14-15 hands.

TRUE Morgans are used only for riding; they cannot pull a carriage.

Morgans live an average

FALSE of 20-30 years.

TRUE The United States Army's official horse was once the Morgan.

TRUE Only experienced riders should purchase a Morgan Horse.

TRUE 'Figure' was renamed

OR 'Justin Morgan' after the
man who owned him.

Blaze star

JUSTIN TIME FOR a CURE



Justin Time for a Cure is a charity program sponsored by the AMHA Youth Council. Young Morgan enthusiasts from around the country host events and raise money to benefit people fighting cancer by donating to the Shirley Bowman Nutrition Clinic. To find out how to host an event visit www.morganhorse.com/youth.

IF I Were a Mergan

FILL IN THE BLANKS. BE SERIOUS OR BE SILLY! HAVE FUN!

I'd want my name to be _____ (favorite character in a movie). I'd have a _____ (adjective) tail and a stunning _____ (color) mane. I'd start each day early and _____ (action verb) with _____ (best friend). Then I would ____ (an action) with my friends and go _____ (an action ending in 'ing) through the pastures for fun. My favorite things are _____ (food), _____ (an activity), and _____ (favorite drink). I _____ (emotion) _____ (person in your class) so much I start to ______ (horse sound) whenever they're near. If I were a Morgan, I'd be _____ (adjective), (adjective), _____(adjective), and always ready to _____ (an action)!



THINKING?



Spot the Differences







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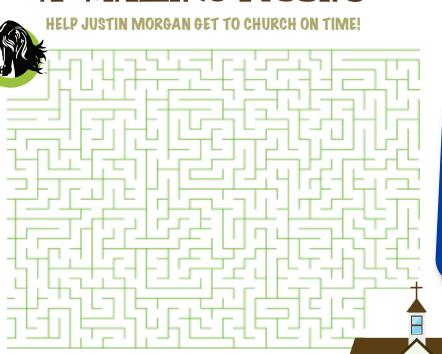
Somewhere in the tack room are 6 missing cowboy boots.

Can you find all 6 matches?

DID YOU KNOW?

Morgans excel at driving, dressage, reining, cutting, trail riding and pulling carriages.

A-MAZING FIGURE





DID YOU Know?

The U.S.
Government
once had a
Morgan
breeding farm.



ANDOVVERS IORSE SMARTS: 1-T; 2-F (Vermont & Massachusetts); 3-T; 4-F (chestnut, bay, brown, plack, palomino,



