## **Hamilton Cast Read Along**

## **Activity Sheet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**: Please use this activity sheet in connection with the Hamilton Cast Read Along session listed below. The activity sheet can be completed during or after watching the Read Along. Students may use the space provided or their own materials to answer the questions.

## Brick by Brick

By Charles R. Smith (Author) & Floyd Cooper (Illustrator)

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READ BY: Vincent Hooper (Standby, North American Tour)

THEME: Honor, Respect & Recognition: Washington D.C. is the home to many of the nation's most iconic buildings. Many of the hands that designed our nation's capital, and constructed its buildings like the White House and U.S. Capitol were enslaved Black people who did this hard work for free while they were not free themselves. Please keep this theme in mind when completing the activity sheet.

CONNECTION TO SELF
1. Design a monument in honor of the 300 enslaved Black people who worked for 8 years to build the White House.  If you are completing this activity sheet on your computer, please describe in a few sentences what you would draw
CONNECTION TO TEXT
2. Write a letter to your Congressperson asking them to consider adding a permanent plaque in the White House to honor the work of the enslaved people in the construction of the building.
CONNECTION TO CAST —
3. Vincent Hooper spoke about how he had a natural talent for drawing. What is a special skill you have?

Thank you for participating in Hamilton Cast Read Alongs! We encourage you to share this activity sheet with us by email at hamilton@gilderlehrman.org.