

# Commas and Semicolons

- Both punctuate items in a list
- Use commas if the items are single words or simple phrases
- Use semicolons if the items contain commas already

Over the summer Jim helps clean for  
Mary, Ted, and Lia; walks the dogs of  
Millie, Erin, and Min; and waters  
plants for Luke, José, and Carlos.

To help students understand when to use semicolons with lists, print out these pages onto cardstock and cut out.

Make two copies of the semicolon.

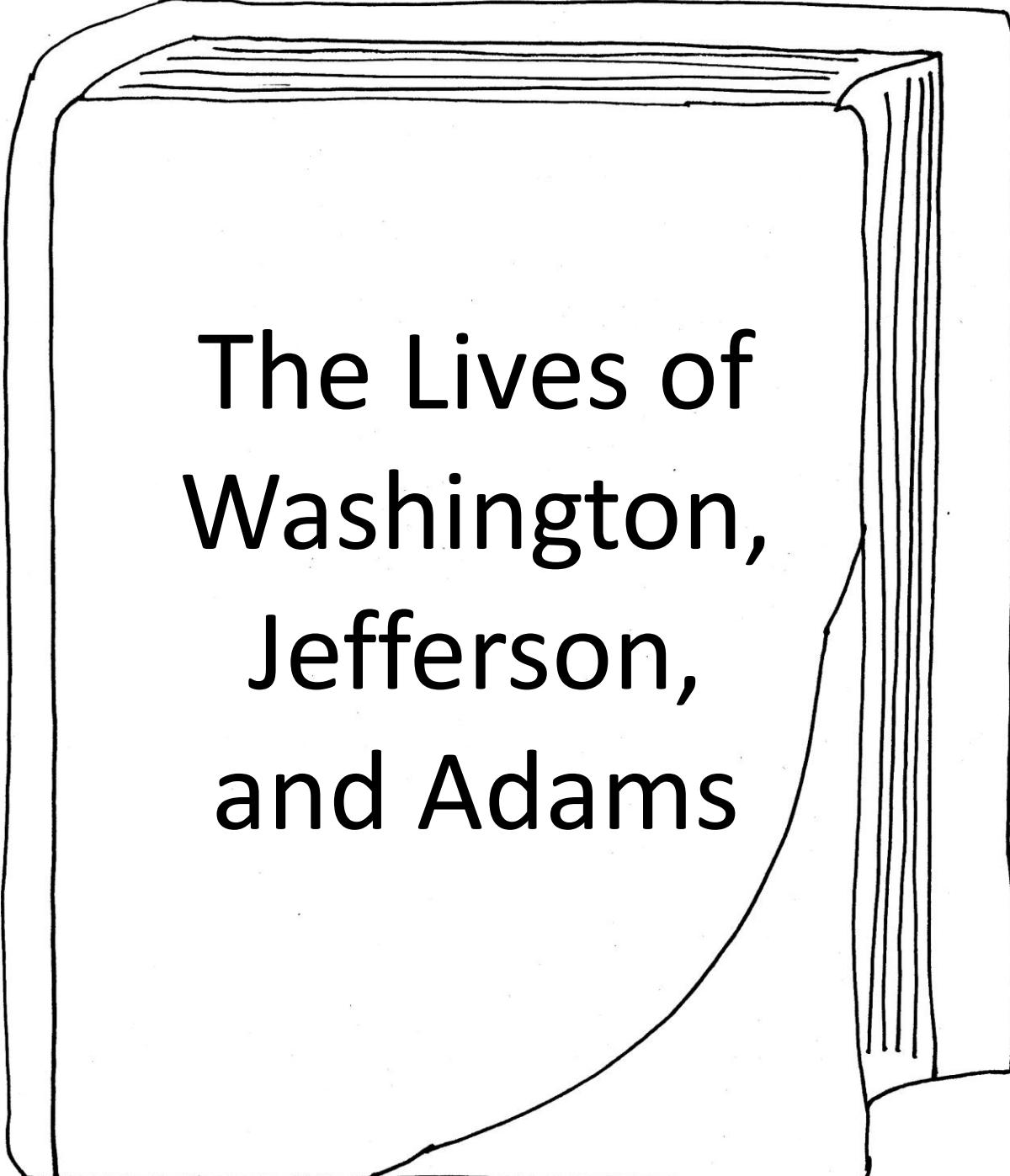
Have students stand up and each hold one item in a list. Point out that each book, plate, calendar, or state already has a comma within it.

Therefore, in between the items, a semicolon is needed instead.

Read aloud, saying the words “comma” and “semicolon” as you do.



# Cats, Dogs, and Other Furry Friends



# The Lives of Washington, Jefferson, and Adams

Traveling  
Through  
France,  
Spain, and  
Portugal

apples,  
pears, and  
apricots

1%, 2%, and  
4% milk

cheddar,  
Swiss, and  
Gouda  
cheese

**Friday,**

Jan.

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**Saturday,**

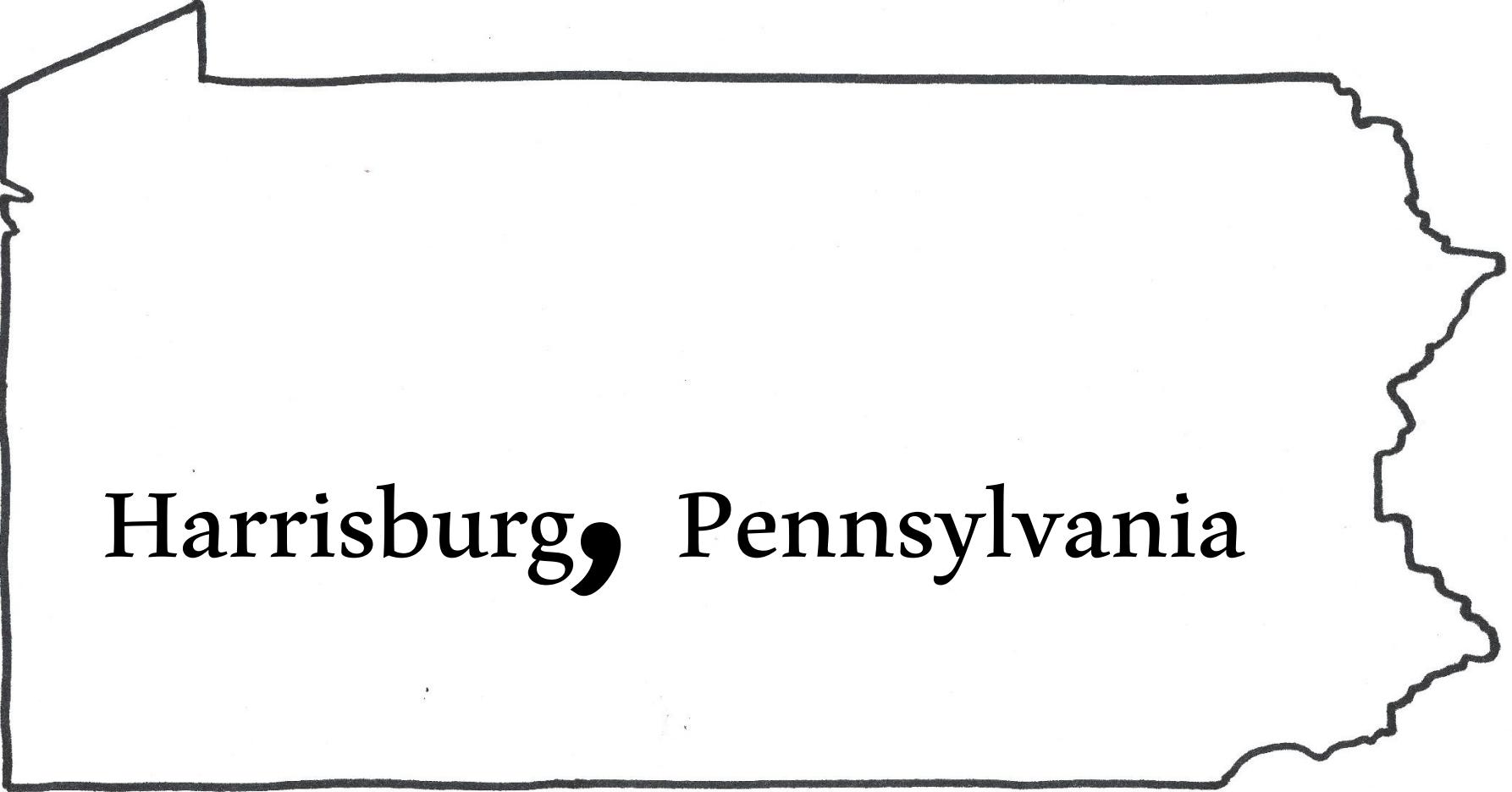
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



# Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

