Primary School

Dutch Landscapes Activity Sheet

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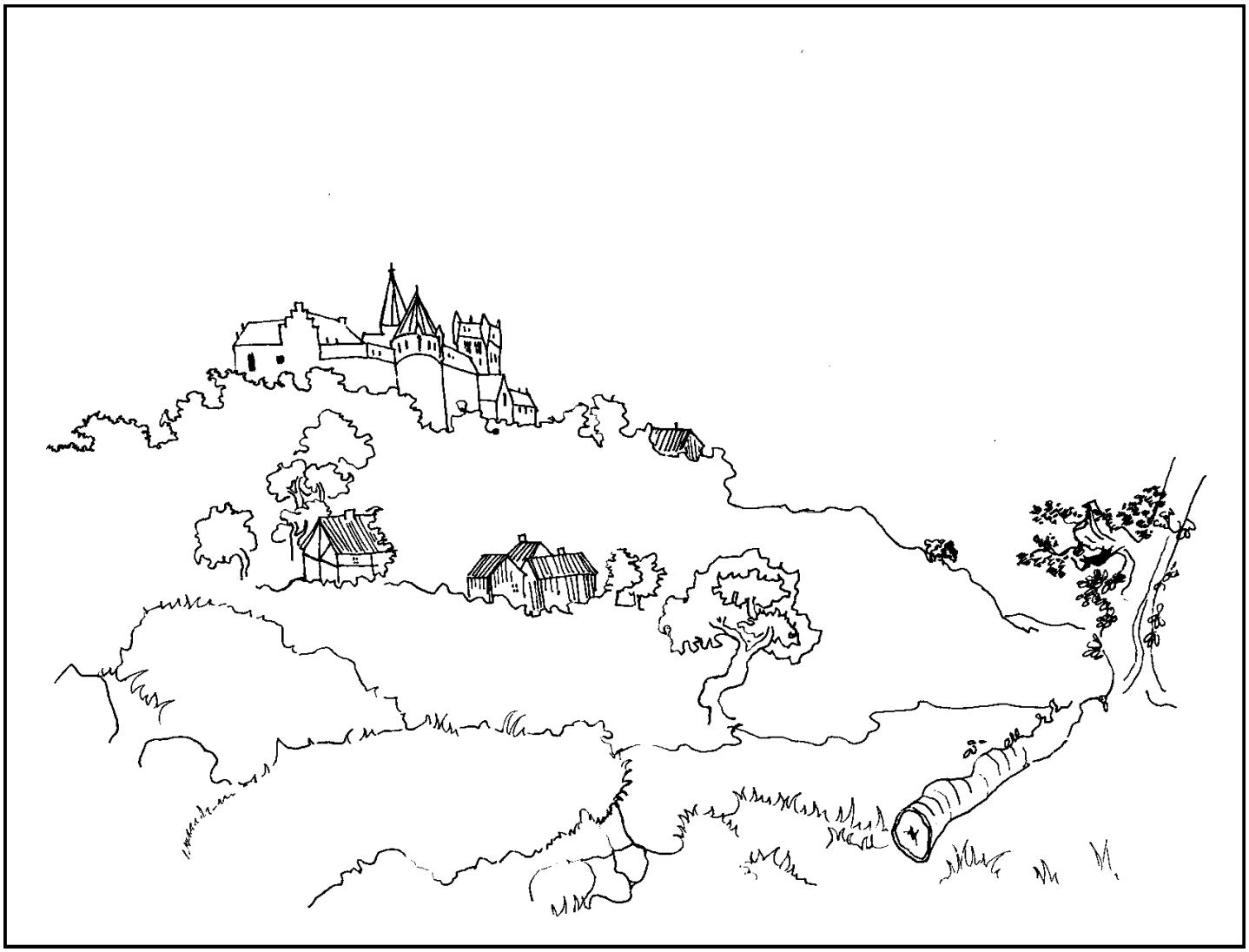
Art Surpassing Nature: Dutch Landscapes in the Age of Rembrandt and Ruisdael

Colour in this picture using autumnal colours



Jacob van Ruisdael (c.1628-1682), *The Castle of Bentheim*, 1653

THE DUTCH GOLDEN AGE

The **17th century Dutch Golden Age** refers to a time when trade, science and art flourished in Northern Europe. The wealthy trades men and sea merchants bought paintings to hang in their homes; showing off their wealth and hard work. These paintings often showed off their land or their ships at sea.

- Golden
- Century
- Artist
- Trading
- Fishing
- Windmill
- Water
- Reflection

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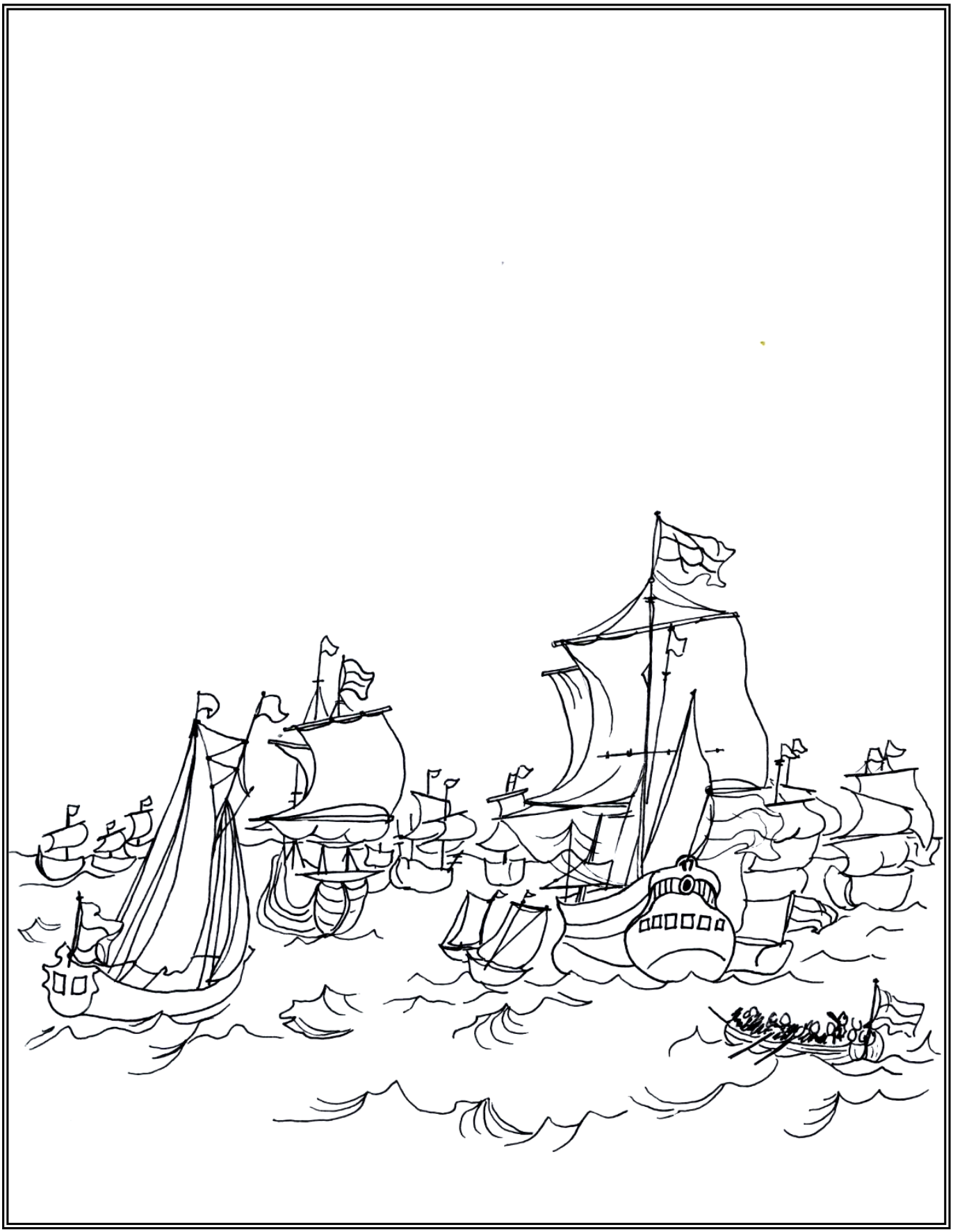
Find these countries on the map of Europe?

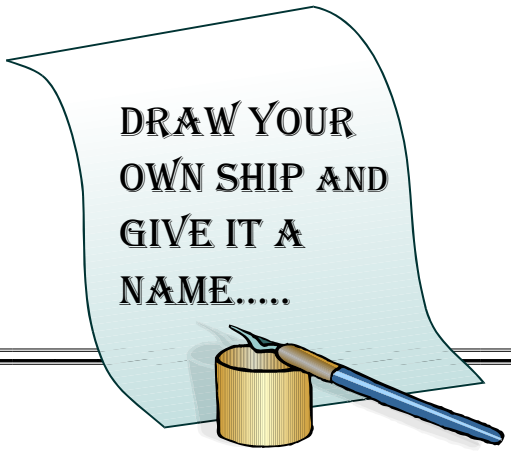
- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- Germany

Do you think that it is a sunny or a rainy day? Or perhaps there is a storm brewing? Colour in this picture and put some clouds in the sky!



Ludolf Backhuysen I (1630-1798), *The Arrival of the 'Kattendijk' at Texel*, 1702

The *Kattendijk* is the name of the largest ship in the painting. She was part of a fleet that left Amsterdam and travelled to India. They collected spices to bring them back to the Netherlands.



Bonus Question: Why is a ship called a she???

Classroom task: Write a short story about an adventure at sea.

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