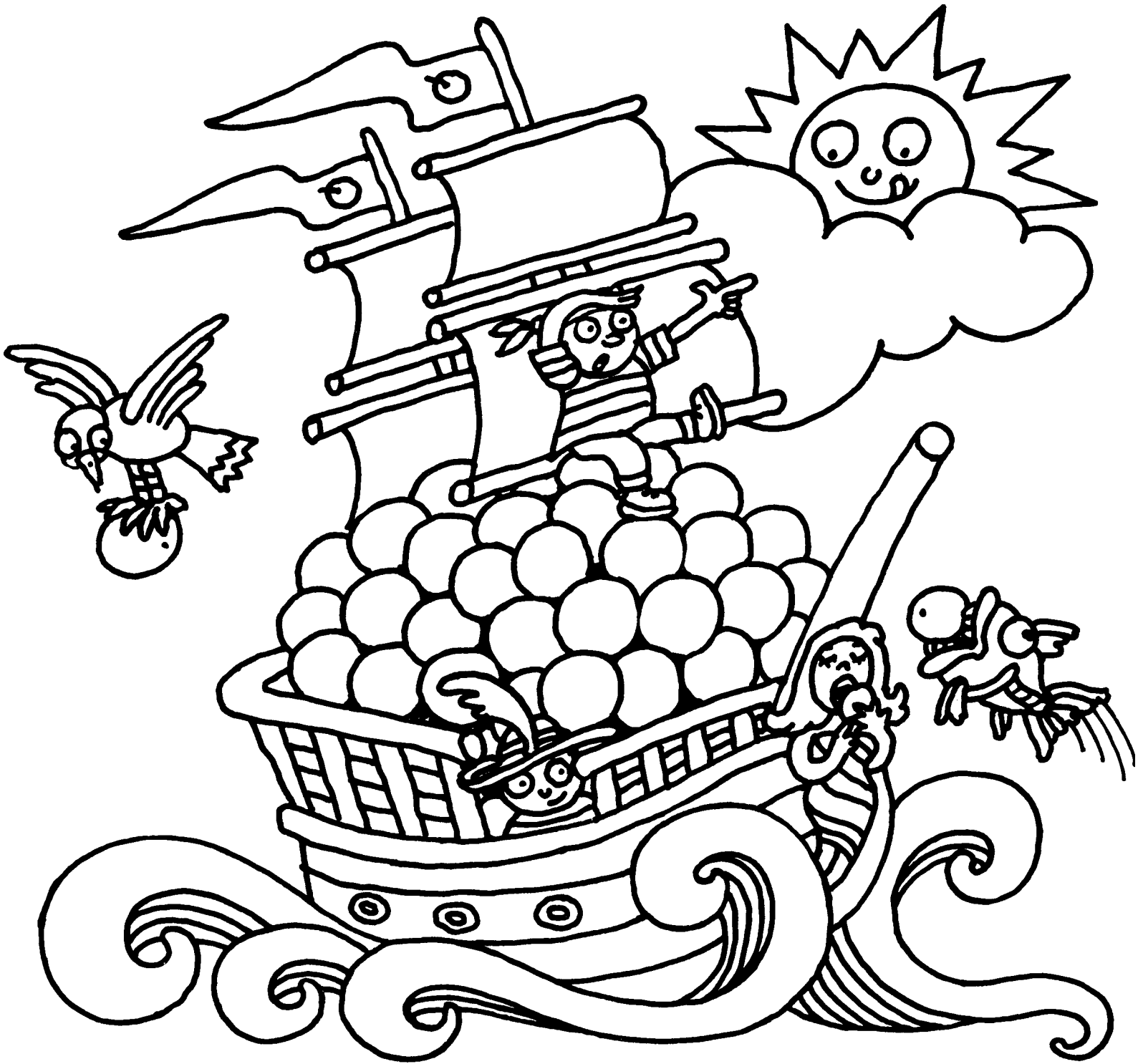


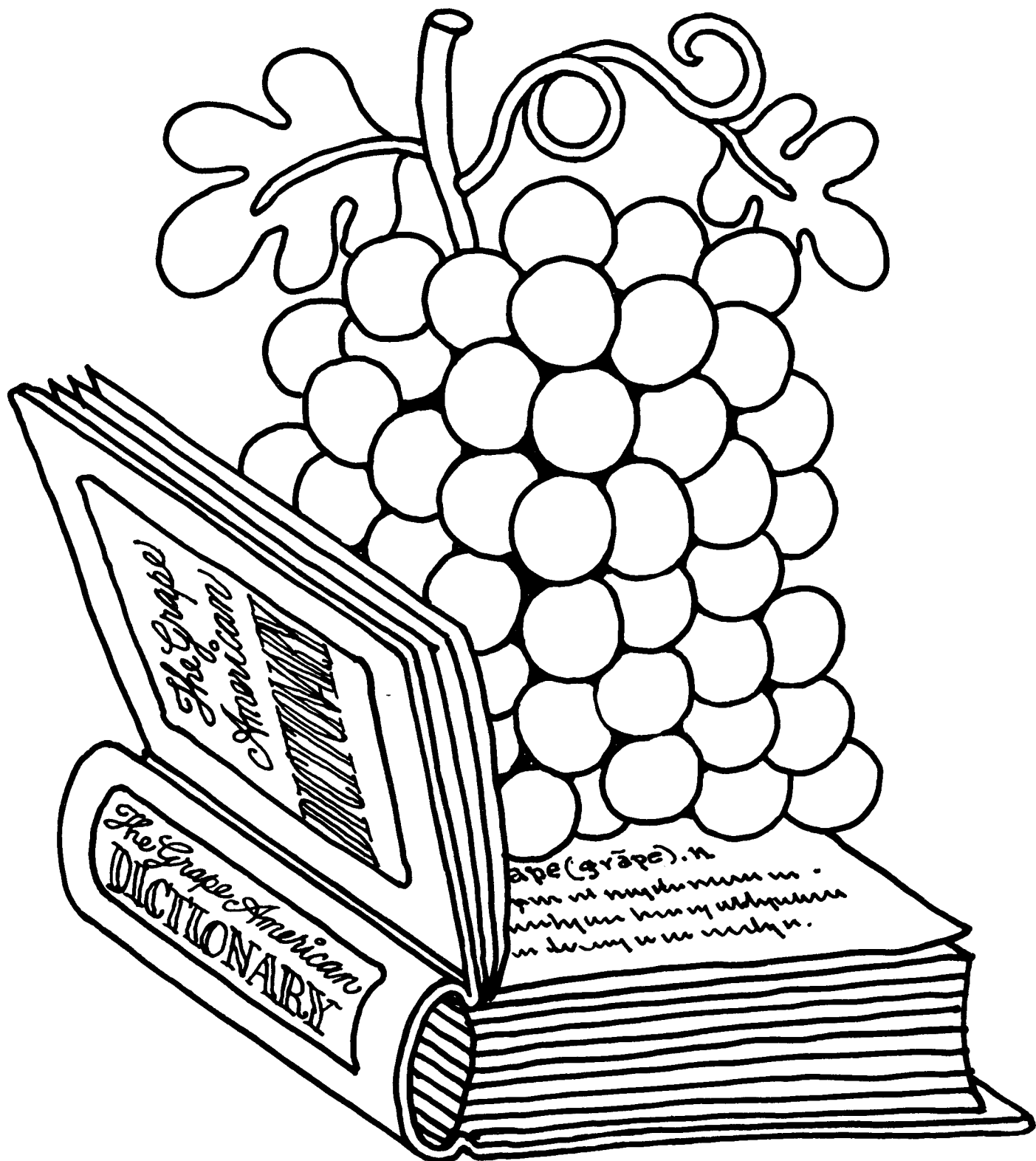
The harvest for fresh grapes is in full swing in October. California produces nearly all the fresh grapes grown in the United States.



Spanish *explorers* brought an Old World species of grape called *Vitis vinifera* to the New World. This *species* was first planted in California in 1769 by Franciscan friars, also from Spain.



October 25, 1881: Pablo Picasso's birthday



grape (grap) n. derived from an Old French word "grape," meaning "bunch" or "cluster"; also a kind of hook used to harvest grapes. Compare to the English word "grapple."