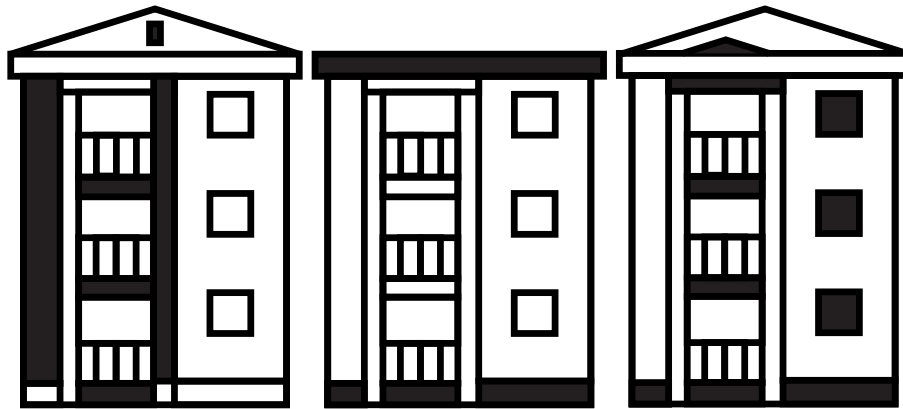


MY



DECKER

STORY

TAKE-HOME PACKET

# MY NAME

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MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_,

I \_\_\_\_\_ IN A THREE DECKER  
LIVE/LIVED

This packet is yours to keep and to share with family and friends. The goal is to learn from each other as much as possible on stories about three-deckers.

LET'S BEGIN!

## MY 3 DECKER POEM

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You're heard of poetic forms like sonnets, limericks, and haikus...  
**Meet the Three Decker:** A new poetic form inspired by the iconic building type.

### What is it?

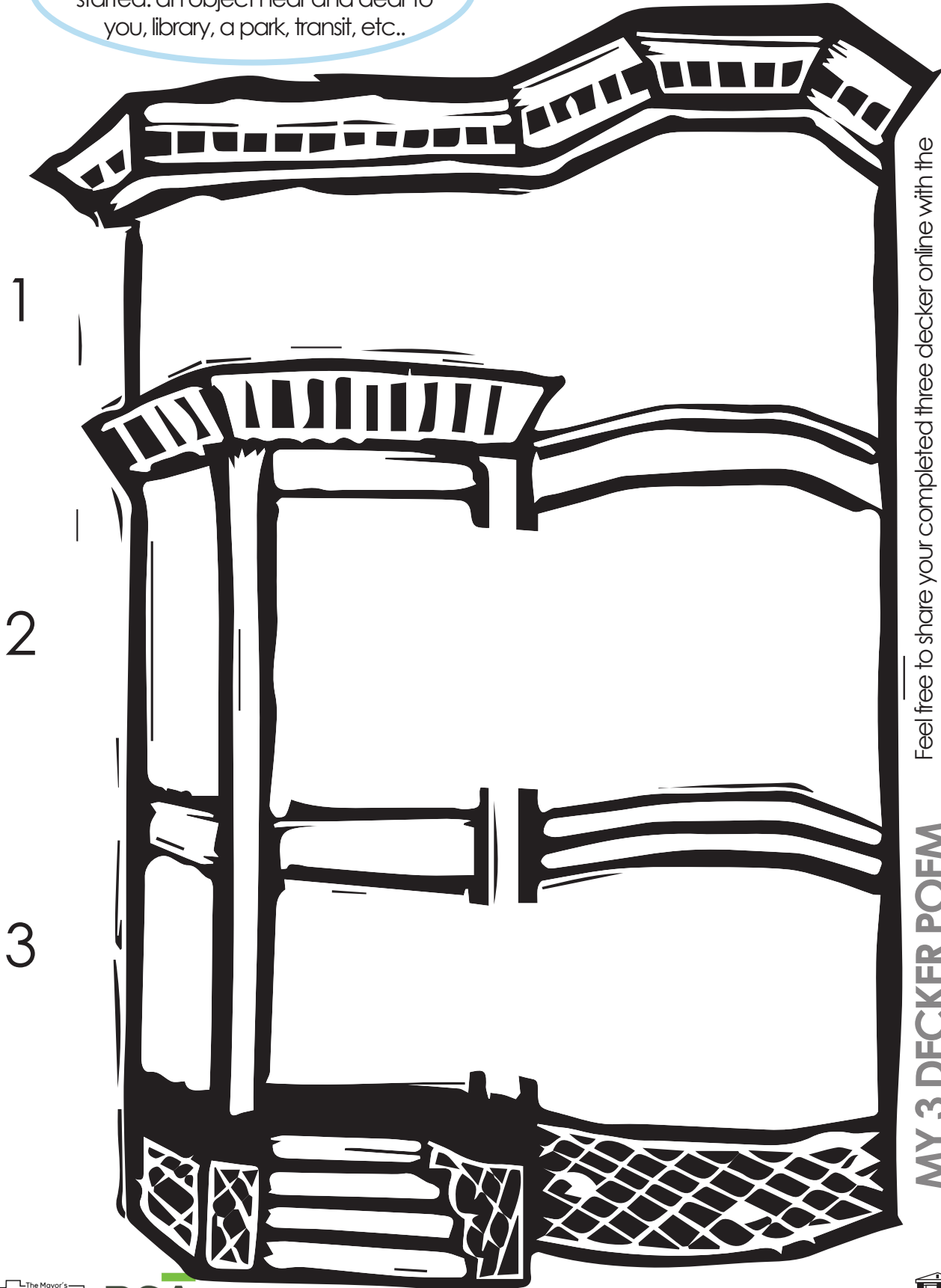
Three tercets (a tercet is a 3-line stanza or block of text)  
One word or phrase that repeats/echoes somewhere in each tercet  
3 writers together in one poem

*Like its namesake, a three decker poem builds community through collaboration.*

**START** by choosing a floor to write the first tercet. Then pass the poem to a friend or a neighbor. The second and third writers should complete the other two floors, remembering to repeat/echo one word or phrase from the first.

NEED INSPIRATION?

Think of a local reference to get you started: an object near and dear to you, library, a park, transit, etc..



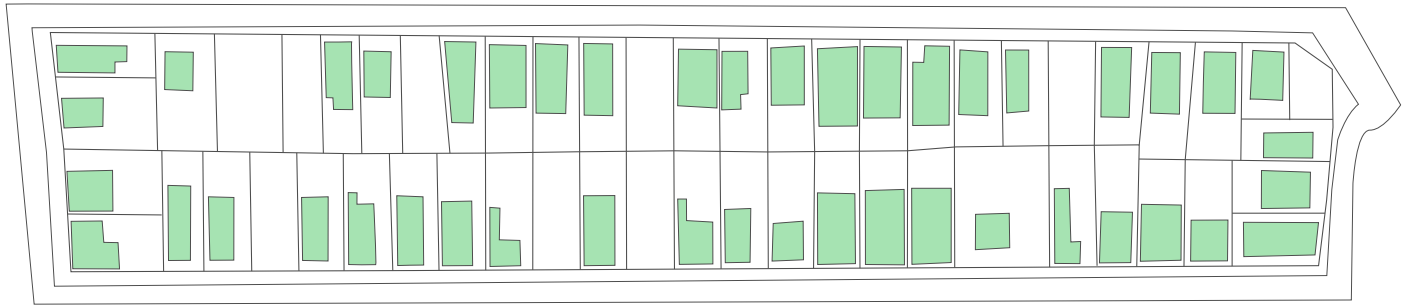
Feel free to share your completed three decker online with the hashtag #3deckerpoem and @dot write.

**MY 3 DECKER POEM**

Created by **Write on the Dot**: A community reading series & literary platform based in Dorchester, MA

# MY STREET

Outline where on your street your building is/was. Was it on a corner, in the middle?



Using one word, describe your three decker!

MY THREE DECKER IS:



Using an **X**, mark where in the city is/was your three decker

# MY THREE DECKER

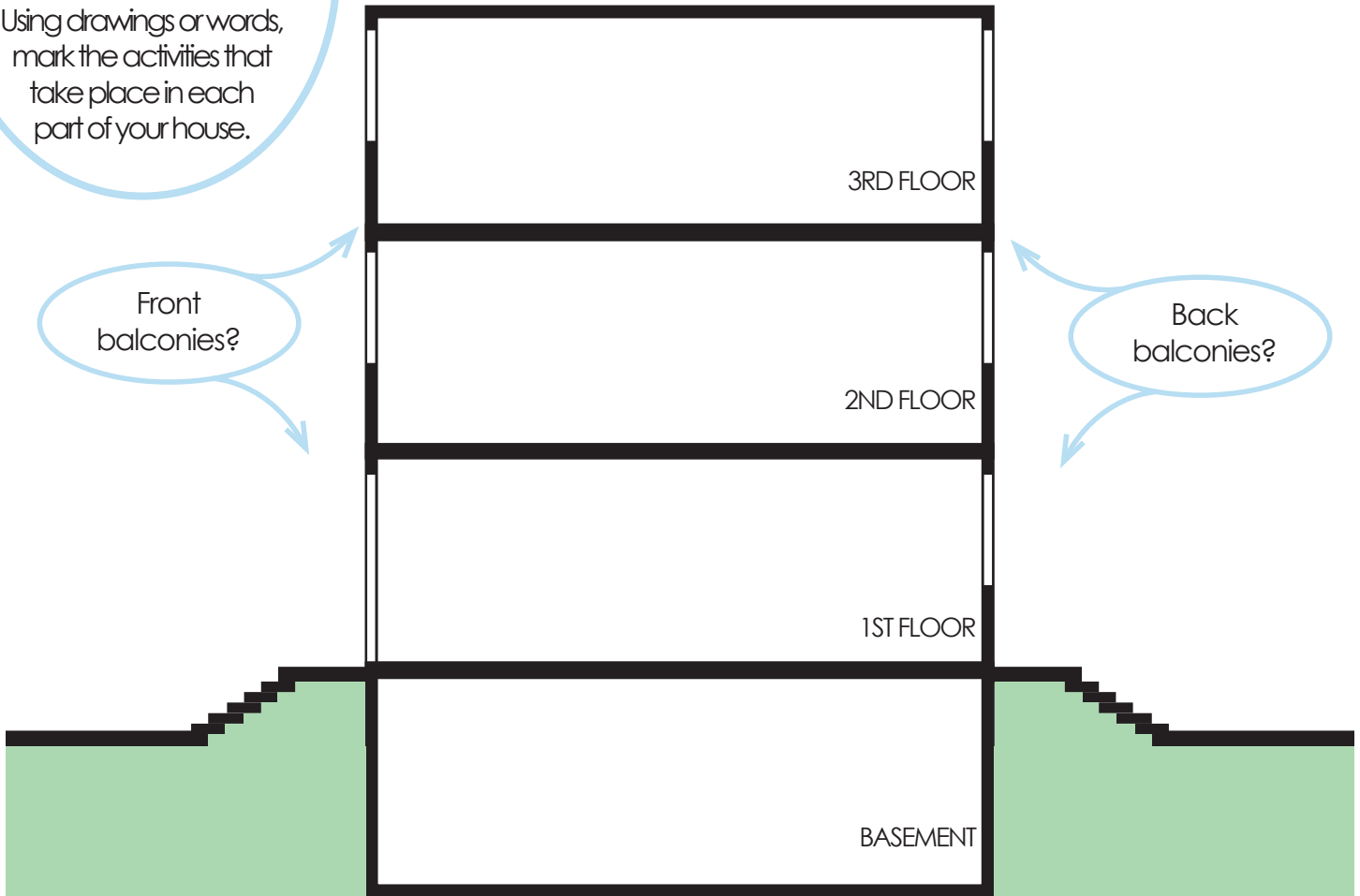
Imagine this section drawing could show what happens inside and around your house on a typical day.

Using drawings or words, mark the activities that take place in each part of your house.

What kind of roof was on your three decker?

Front balconies?

Back balconies?



 sleeping

 gardening

 music

 socializing

 eating

 phone

 reading

? \_\_\_\_\_

 cooking

 working

 television

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# MY FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS



Older Adults



Adults



Children



Babies

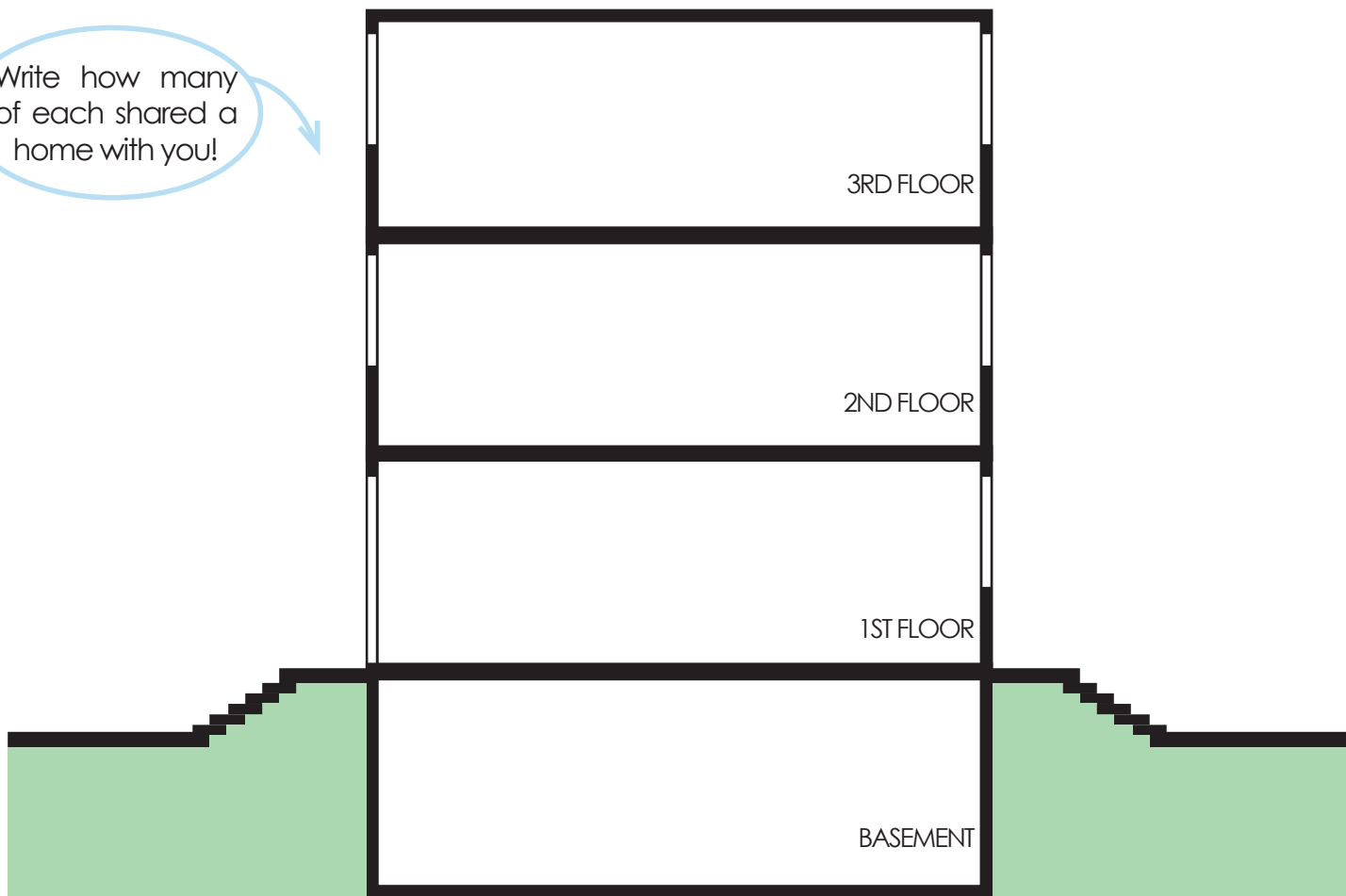


Pet

Think back to who lived in your three decker along with you. How many adults, children, and/or pets shared a home with you?

What about neighbors within the entire building?  
Can you remember who was on each of the floors?

Write how many of each shared a home with you!



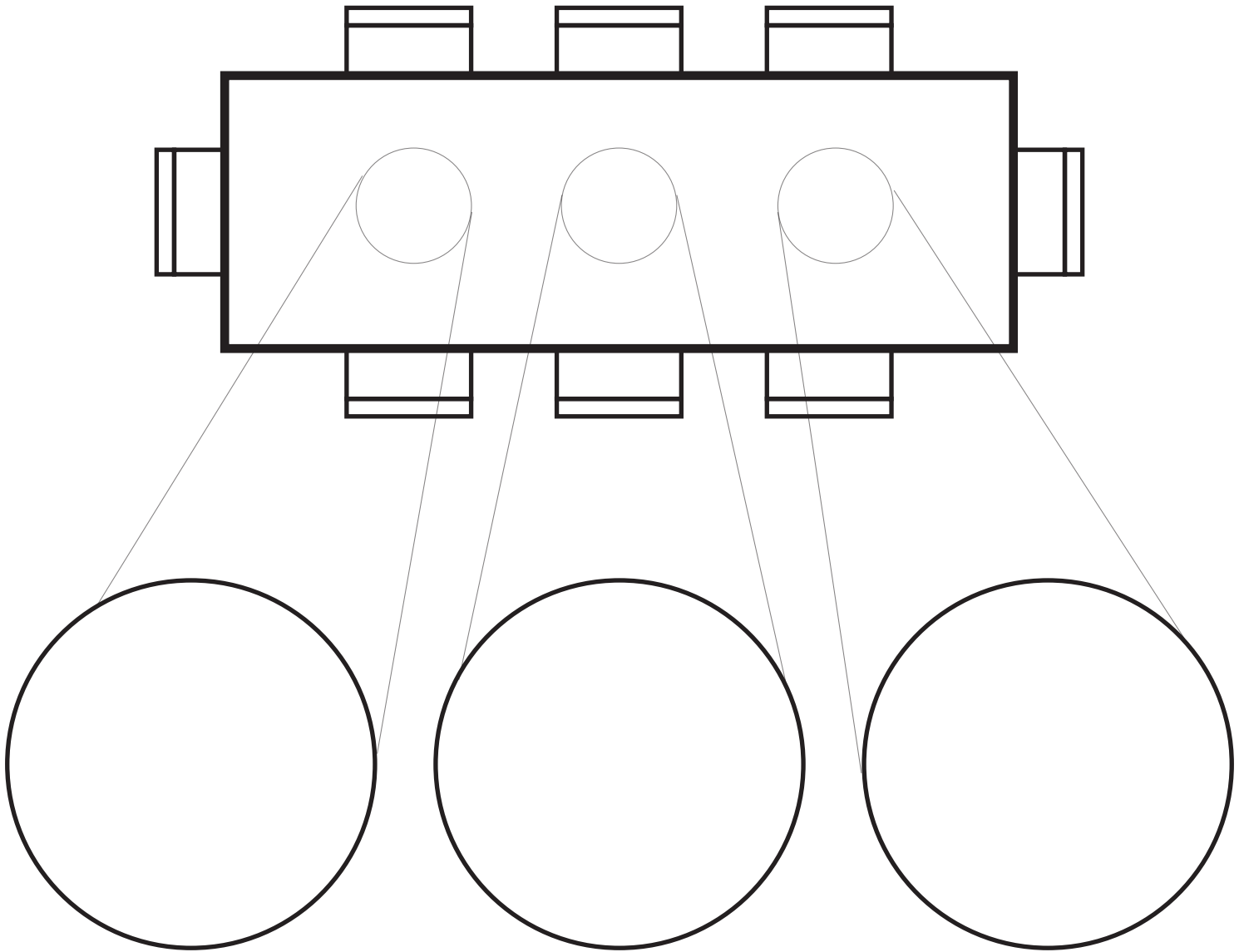
# MY NEIGHBORHOOD SOUNDS

What sounds do you associate with your three decker and the street it is/was on? Circle the ones that stand out to you and draw any others!



# MY MEALS

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Which 3 meals do you specifically remember when you think back on your experience with a three decker? Draw or write them in each of the circles above



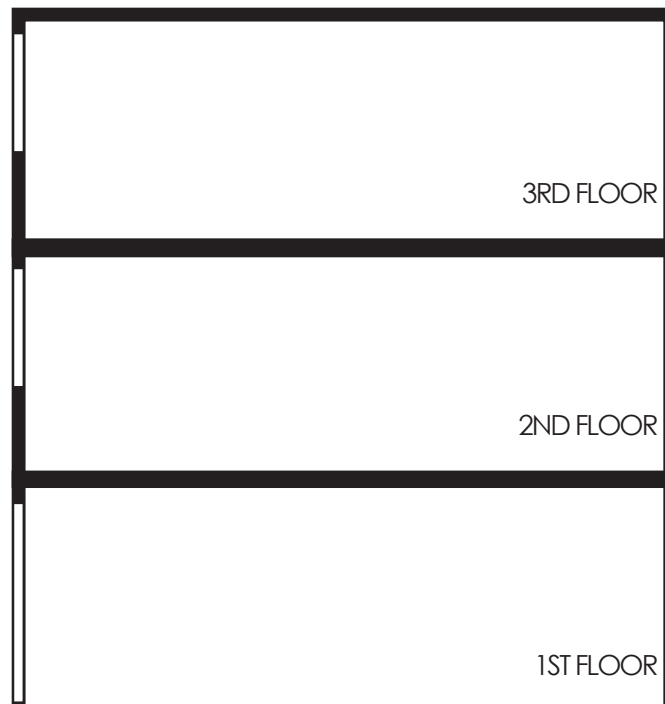
# MY FUTURE DECKER

What kind of roof was on your three decker?

As you reflect on memories on three deckers, what would you carry over into a Future Decker? What would make it better for today's you? Collaborate with others on this exercise!

Use the cut-out illustrations that can be found on the previous page!

Any additional floors?



What's the street like?

# MY FUTURE DECKER

What could go inside? Which activities would you practice in your new home? How would you want to interact with your neighbors?

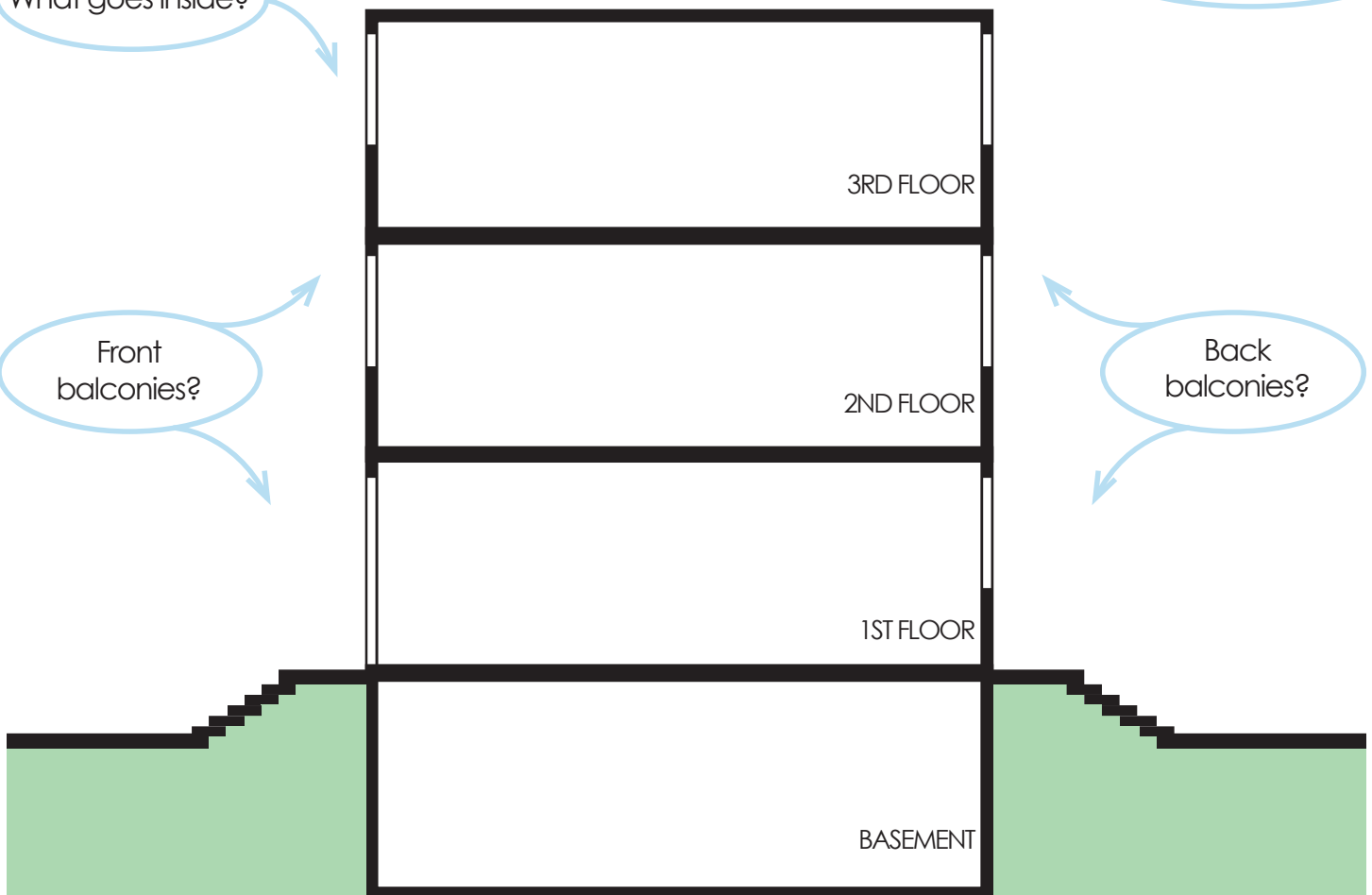
What kind of roof was on your three decker?

What goes inside?

Any additional floors?

Front balconies?

Back balconies?



# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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1. When did you first move to the three decker you focused on throughout this packet? Where did you move from?
2. For how long did you reside in that three decker? How did your street or even neighborhood change over time? Whether socially or architecturally.
3. Which floor was your home on and did you ever move up or down? Who were your neighbors, whether within the building or the street?
4. Were there any events that brought people within your three decker together? How did the street come together?
5. Which modes of transportation did you rely on while living in a three decker? If there were multiple, which were preferred?
6. How did you and your neighbors create community? How did people care for one another?
7. What was perhaps limiting while living in a three decker?
8. What would you carry over from a three decker to a Future Decker? A Future Decker could resemble the three-decker, or be a new building type altogether, but it would cater to your needs of today.



# decker story

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