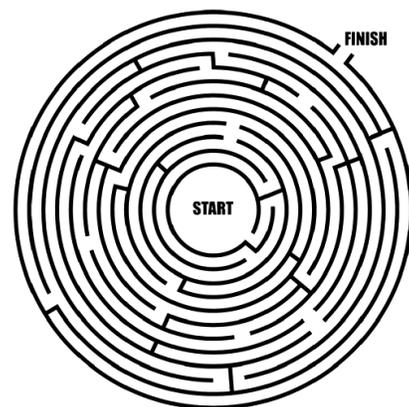


MAZES VS LABYRINTHS

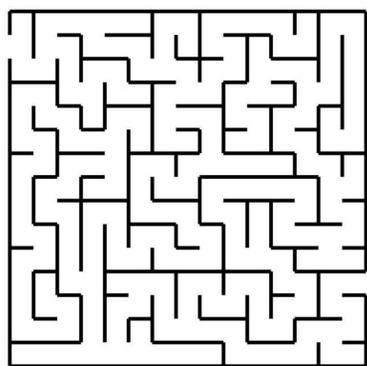
WHAT IS A MAZE?

A maze is a puzzle with an starting point and many different paths to choose in order to find the exit. The circle on the right is a maze. Notice that it has one way in and one way out. There are several choices to make to solve the maze. A wrong choice results in a dead end.

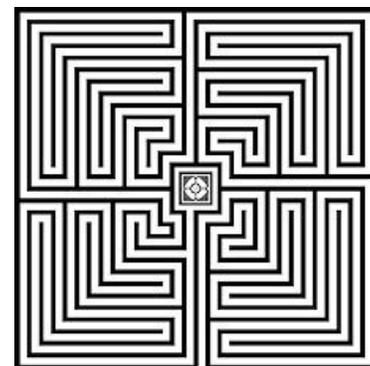


WHAT IS A LABYRINTH?

The circle on the left is a labyrinth. There is only one way in and out. Trace your way through the labyrinth with a pencil. Notice there are no choices to make or puzzles to solve. The labyrinth to the right is also known as a **Classical Labyrinth**. The oldest Classical Labyrinth was built by the Egyptians around 2000 B.C. That's over 4000 years ago! Labyrinths come in many shapes and sizes and have been used in many countries and cultures. These creations represent different things to different people. For some, it symbolizes a spiritual or religious journey. For others, it is a way to meditate and relax. Knowing what you now know about labyrinths, can you tell which of the squares below is a labyrinth and which is a maze? Draw an arrow from the word to the correct image.



Maze
Labyrinth



The square-shaped labyrinth is also known as a **Roman Labyrinth**. These were first built in Europe and North Africa around 200 B.C., in places where the Romans settled.

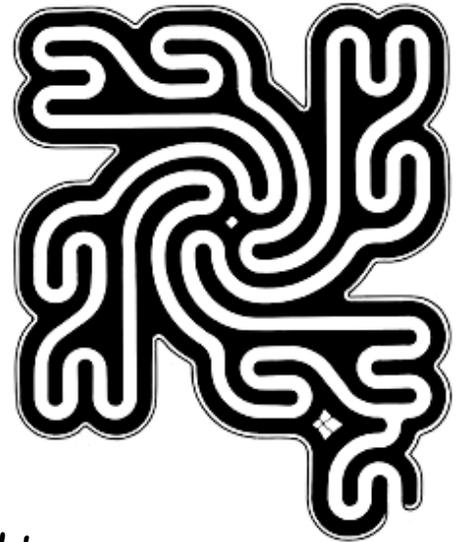


Medieval Labyrinths

Medieval Labyrinths were first developed in Europe around 800 A.D. The labyrinth on the left is an example of a Medieval Labyrinth. New Harmony, Indiana, has two labyrinths, one of which is in this style. The one standing today is a recreation constructed of hedges in 1939, but the original was built by the Harmonists who settled New Harmony in 1814.

Contemporary Labyrinths

The final type of labyrinth was first developed in the late 1900's, so it is the newest of all of the labyrinths. These come in all shapes and sizes and can even be shaped into animals or objects. To the right is an example of a Contemporary Labyrinth.



Draw Your Own Labyrinth!

