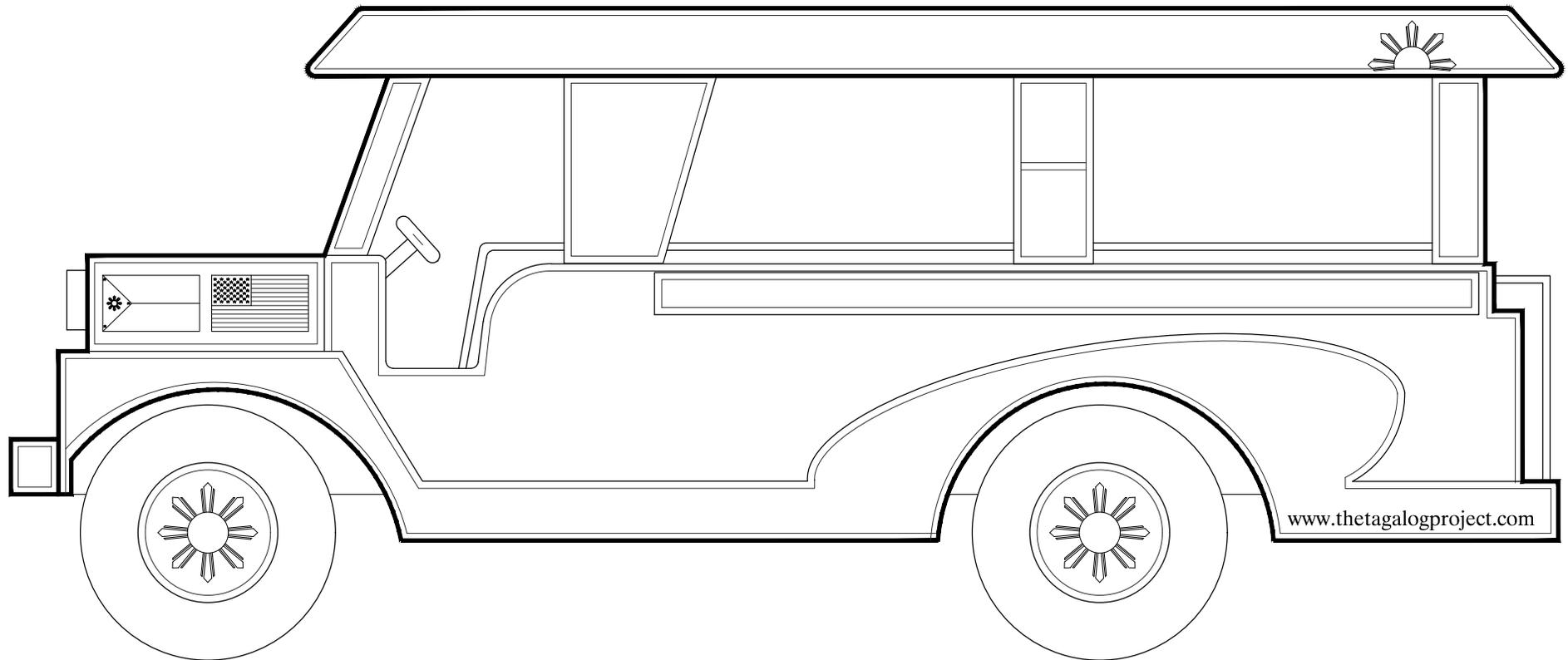


# THE TAGALOG PROJECT: DESIGN YOUR JEEPNEY!



## Jeepney

Sometimes called simply jeeps (Filipino: dyip), are buses and the most popular means of public transportation ubiquitous in the Philippines. They are known for their crowded seating and kitsch decorations, which have become a wide spread symbol of Philippine culture and art.

When American troops began to leave the Philippines at the end of World War II, hundreds of surplus Jeeps were sold or given to the Filipinos. An American soldier named Harry Stonehill was involved in the disposal of military surplus, and reportedly created a black market for the surplus including jeeps. The Jeeps were stripped down and altered locally: metal roofs were added for shade; and the vehicles decorated in vibrant colors with chrome-plated ornaments on the sides and hood. The back part was reconfigured with two long parallel benches with passengers facing each other to accommodate more passengers.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeepney>

Let's Design Your Jeepney! Decorate your own personal jeepney by answering these questions about Filipino-American story.

1. What part of the Philippines is your family from? And where do you live now? Write on the side of the jeepney path of desination. How your family immigrated to the US. For example: Batangas City ~ Los Angeles ~ Pinole
2. What generation are you? Are you the 1st Generation immigrant? Have your family been in the US for many years? What year did your family first immigrate here in the US?
3. Who in your family was the pioneer that first immigrated to the US?
4. What line of profession are you in? What profession is your family in? For example is your family in the Navy or Army?
5. Name notable achievements or accomplishments you have. Decorate your jeepney by naming these accomplishments or any other things that is important to you.
6. What makes you proud of being Filipino American?

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