

Compare/Contrast Venn Diagram

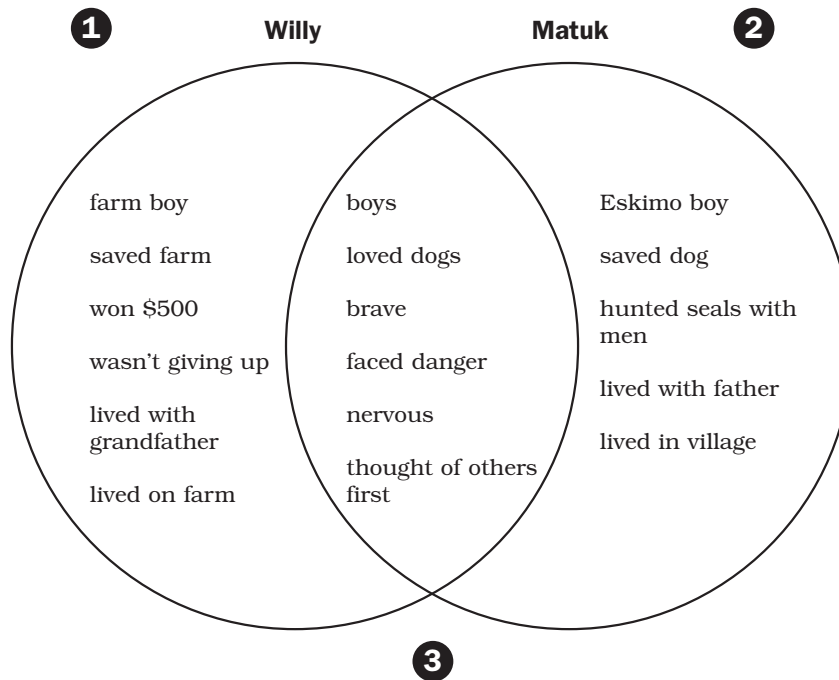
What is a Venn Diagram and why is it important?

A Venn Diagram (Manzo & Manzo, 1990) is a visual aid that, when completed, allows students to see how two or more people, places, events, or ideas are alike and different. It helps students extend their thinking and apply text information by comparing and contrasting elements of stories or content information.

How can I use a Venn Diagram with my students?

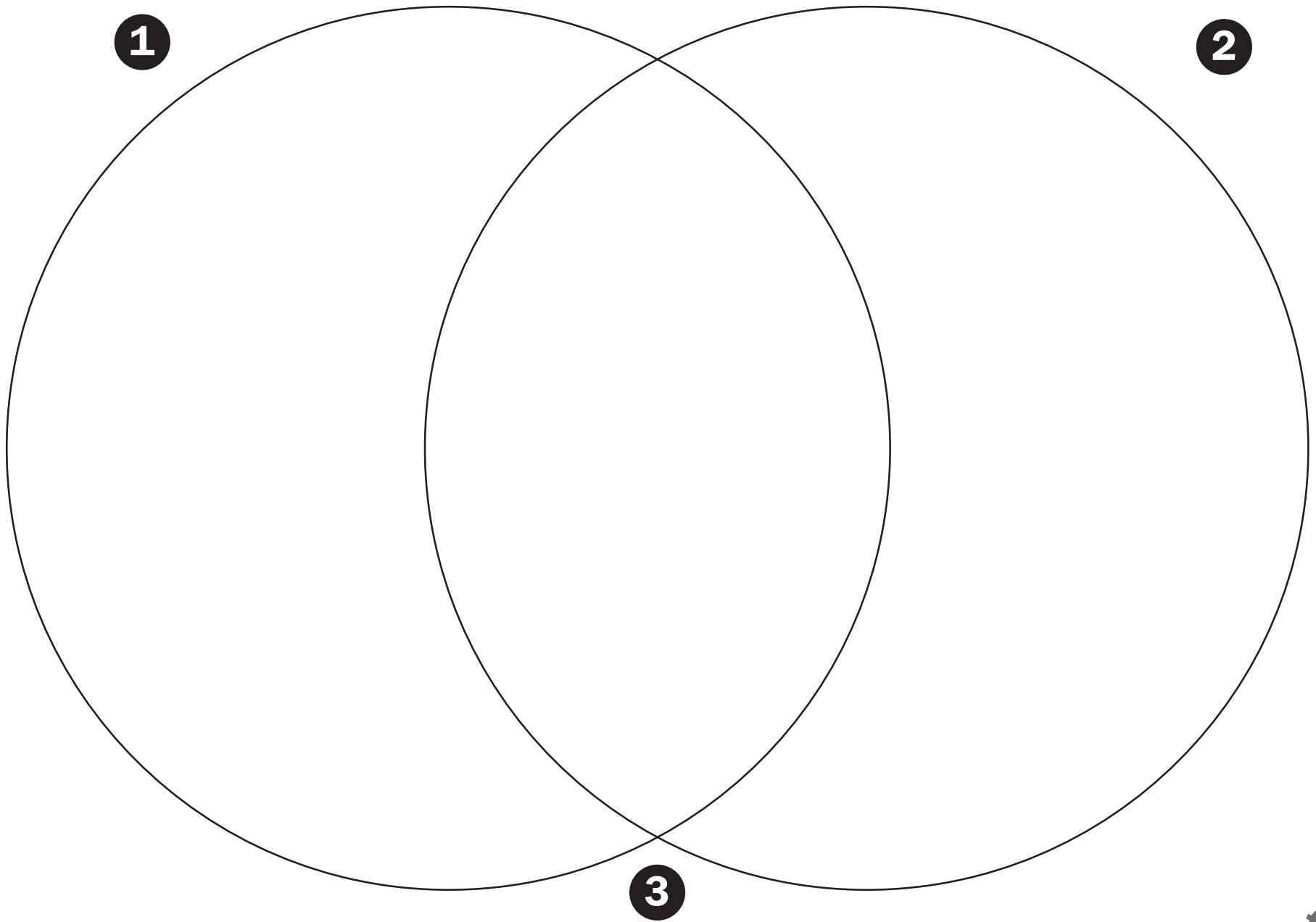
After students read a passage that compares and contrasts two people, events, ideas, or objects, encourage them to complete the Venn Diagram. They should list the properties of each item being compared down the sides of the diagram (1 and 2) and the properties that are common to both in the intersection (3). Ask students questions that help them relate the information in all three sections. For example, ask how characters from two stories are different, but also have some characteristics in common. Students can then write a summary from the information in the diagram. They should write one paragraph using information from section 1 of the diagram, the next paragraph with information from section 2 and, finally, the third paragraph with information from section 3.

Following is a Venn Diagram for two characters, Willy and Matuk, two characters from different stories.



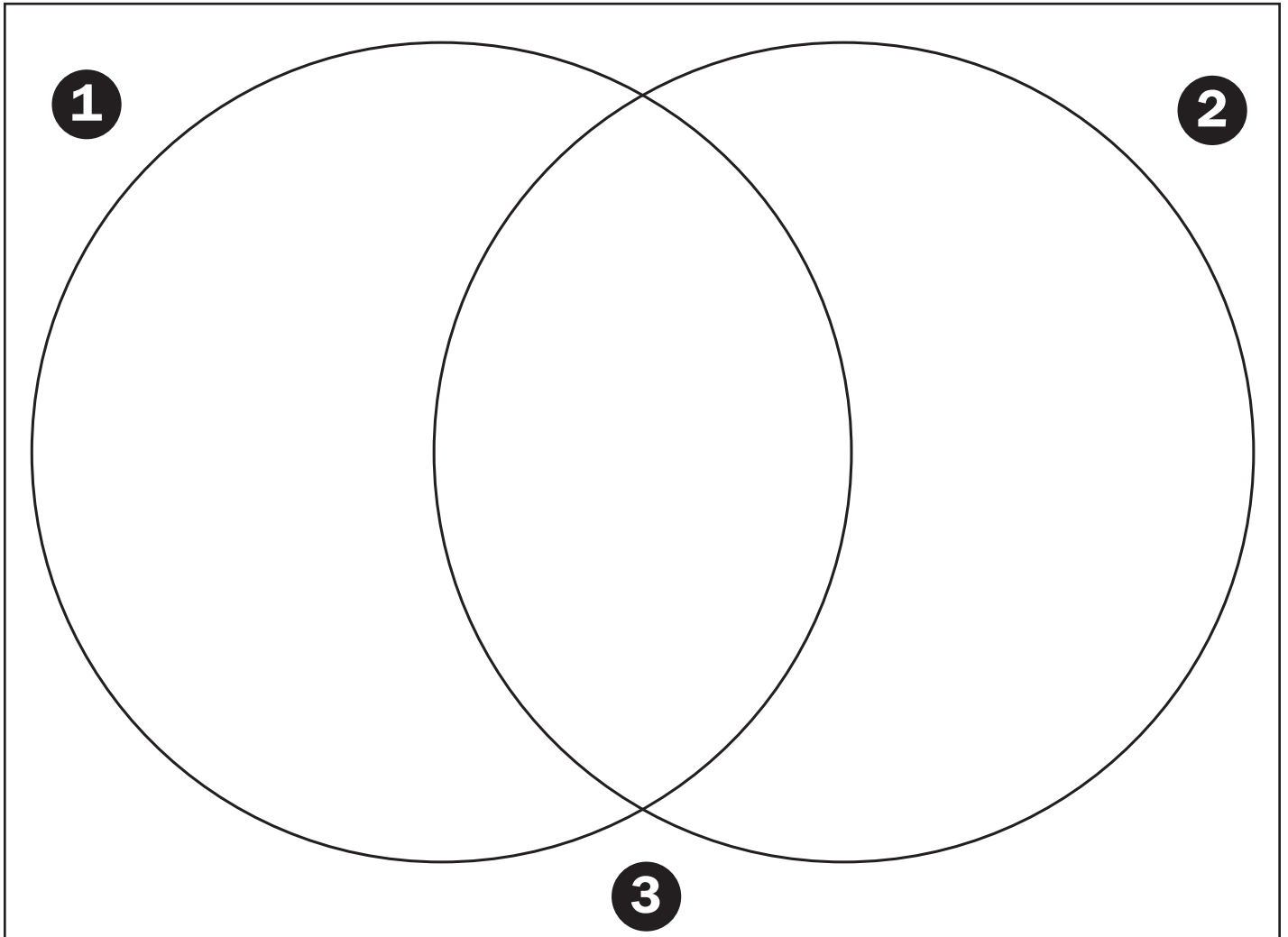
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Compare/Contrast Frame and Summary (Venn Diagram)



Summary:

