

## Purpose

The Comparing Characters Venn diagram helps students to compare character traits and make literary connections. They can use the organizer to compare two characters from the same story, characters from two different stories, or to compare and contrast a literary character with an actual person.

## How to Use the Organizer

Model the use of this graphic organizer by comparing and contrasting two well-known literary characters. Write the names of the characters inside the hats. Then have students supply character traits. Write differences in the outer circles. If the characters share a trait, show students how to record the information in the place where the circles overlap.

## Skills

Students will:

- + recognize character traits
- + compare and contrast two characters
- + make judgments regarding similarities and differences

## Examples

### Primary Grades

A group of second graders compared and contrasted the wolves from the stories "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

### Intermediate Grades

Fifth-grade students were asked to compare two characters from a novel as part of their final assessment on historical fiction. This student chose to describe two characters from *Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff.

Name: Jessica Date: 9-12

### COMPARING CHARACTERS

Compare and contrast two characters. How are they different? Write your answer in the outer part of the circles. How are they the same? Write your answer in the parts of the circles that overlap.

WOLF from 3 little pigs	Shared Traits	WOLF from Red Riding Hood
was Mean Blew houses down climbed in the chimney Fell in a pot of water	Tricky Tried to eat the others wouldn't give up	Pretended to be nice Put Grandma in the closet and dressed in her clothes Was chased away by the woodcutter

Name: Tommy P. Date: October 10

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Aki	Shared Traits	Shazan
Japanese American family was interned during WWII Ignored racism A very good student Quiet, respectful	New to the town this year Mother grew up in hometown Had unique way of talking Played Bats	Father killed on a ship in Pearl Harbor Always says racist remarks Very angry Not a good student

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