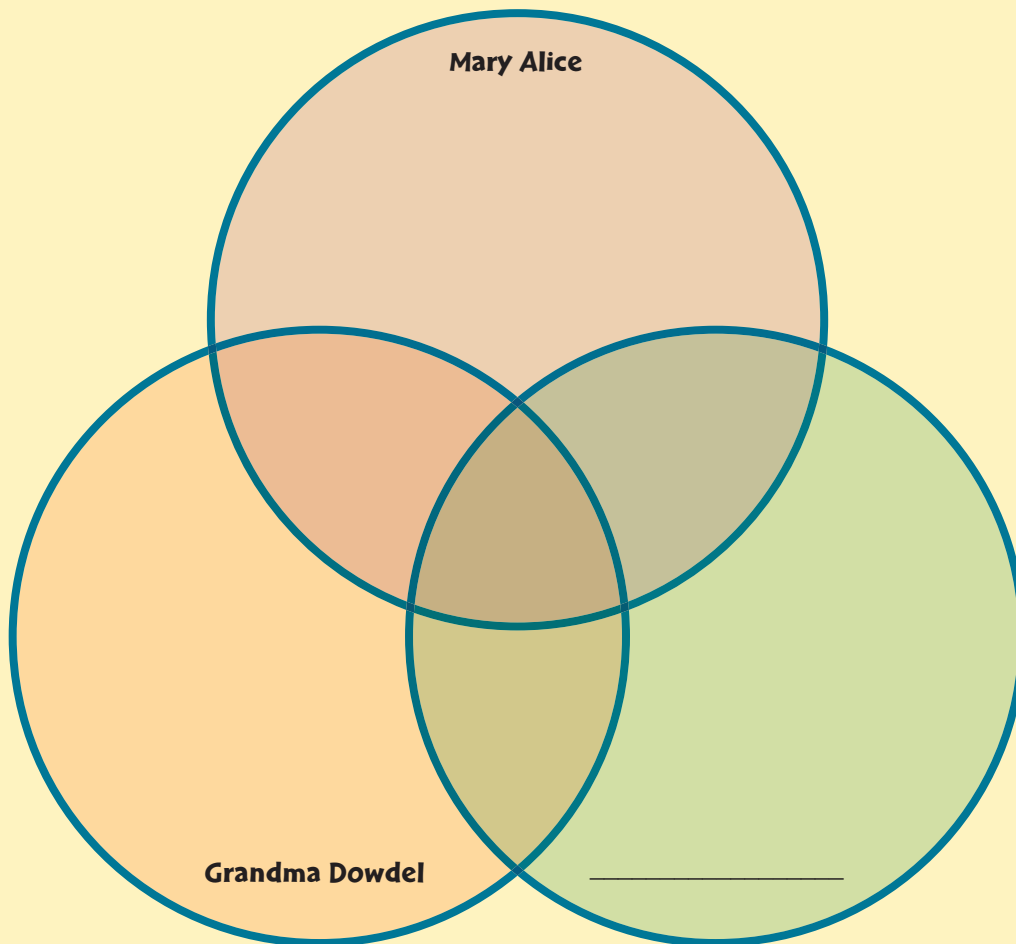


Comparing Grandma Dowdel, Mary Alice and _____.



This can be done in pairs or small groups.

By the end of the novel, it is apparent even to **Mary Alice** that she has become much more like her **grandmother** than when she first moved in with her. Reflect back over the story and determine characteristics of both Mary Alice and Grandma — some they will share, some they won't. Using the Venn Diagram below, plot the characteristics you have come up with. If the traits are shared, enter them in the overlapping section of the two circles. To add spice to this task, choose a third character from the story (i.e. Carlee, Mrs. Weidenbach, Mildred Burdick), then enter several important characteristics for that particular character. Any characteristics that this character might share with either Mary Alice or Grandma Dowdel should be entered in the sections of the circles that overlap.

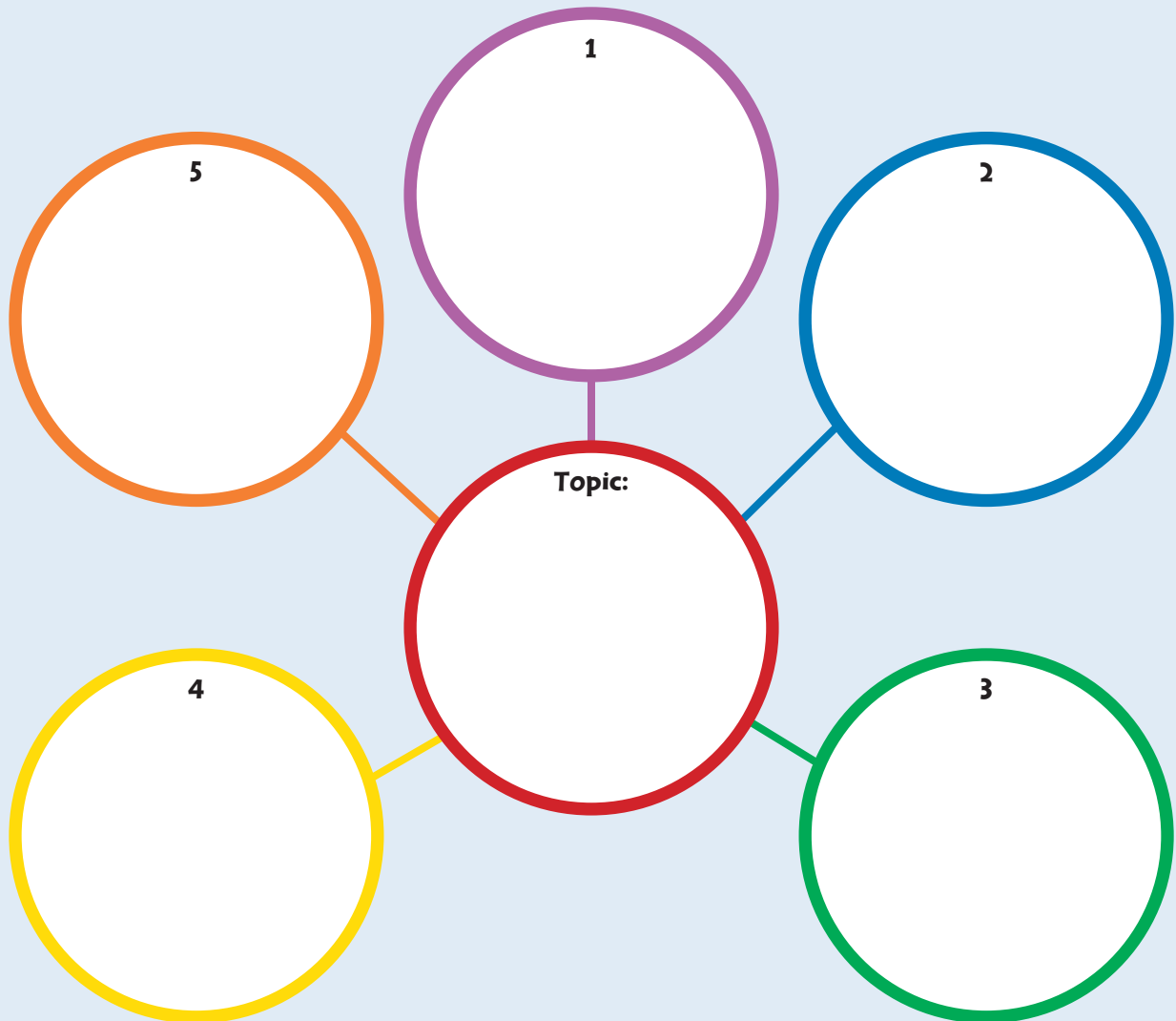


Become an Authority



There are many topics mentioned or addressed in ***A Year Down Yonder***.

These include The Great Depression; life in the 1930s in rural America; pecans and pumpkins; The Daughters of the American Republic; Christmas pageants; tornadoes; large snakes native to Illinois; trapping foxes; The Great War and its veterans; radio programs of the 1930s, etc. Choose a topic from the novel that you found of interest. Place it in the center circle and then consider five additional subtopics that would aid in one's understanding of the topic. Put these subtopics with a very brief description in the remaining numbered circles.



The Five W's



Choose an important event from the novel and using the facts from this event, complete the chart below.

EVENT: _____

What happened?

Who was there?

Why did it happen?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?