Comparing Characters
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Understanding characters is a writing and a reading comprehension skill. When authors create characters we use all sorts of tricks to learn about them. We make lists of what they love and what they hate, we draw pictures of their rooms and of their faces. You can use the same tricks to understand and compare characters too.

1. Imagine that one of the circles below holds everything you know about a main character from any book. Imagine the opposite circle holds a different character. The characters could be friends, or they could be enemies, but they will always have something in common. Fill the two circles with words and doodles that represent the characters you chose. See how those people are different and how they are the same. The third circle is for you!

2. How are the characters you chose different? ____________________________________________

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3. What is the most important thing that your characters have in common? ________________

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4. Draw two of the characters you picked below. Include as much detail as possible from the tips of their hair down to their shoes!

Character 1

Character 2

5. Which of these characters are you most like (inside or out)? You could feel the same way, share some of the same traits, have similar likes and dislikes, or you might even look like one of the characters.

I am like _____________________, because ______________________________________________________

6. Optional Extension Idea: Draw the bedroom of a character. Include toys, books, posters, decorations, and siblings—anything they might have!