

American Born Chinese: Unit 1

Monkey King: Pages 7-20

Jin Wang: Pages 23-40

Chin-Kee: Pages 43-52

1. Complete the anticipation guide.
2. Why did the monkey king show frustration and dislike other monkeys after being asked to leave the party?
3. Who are Jin Wang's two friends at Oliphant High School? Analyze the pictures of their interaction.
4. Why does Jin Wang act differently with each of his two friends? How should he act toward each of them?
5. What was Danny's reaction to Chin-Kee's arrival?
6. Big Idea: Theme. Identity is a major theme throughout *American Born Chinese*. Find clues in this first section about how the Monkey King struggles with identity and complete a graphic organizer. Next, find clues about how Jin Wang struggles with identity and complete a graphic organizer.

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Anticipation Guide

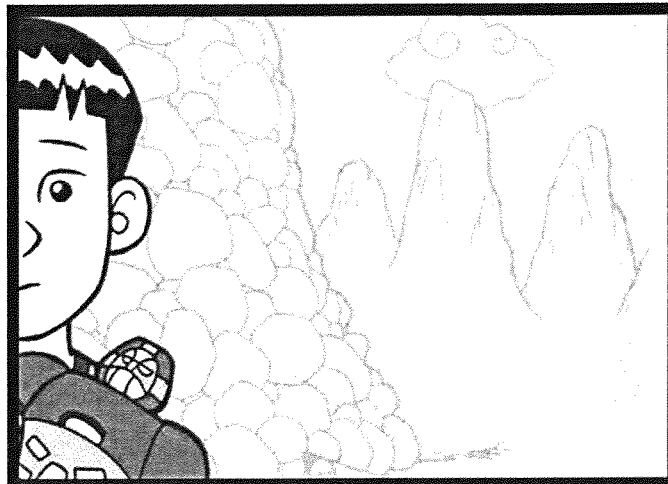
1. Complete
2. Sm. group discussion
3. Open to class - be ready to discuss

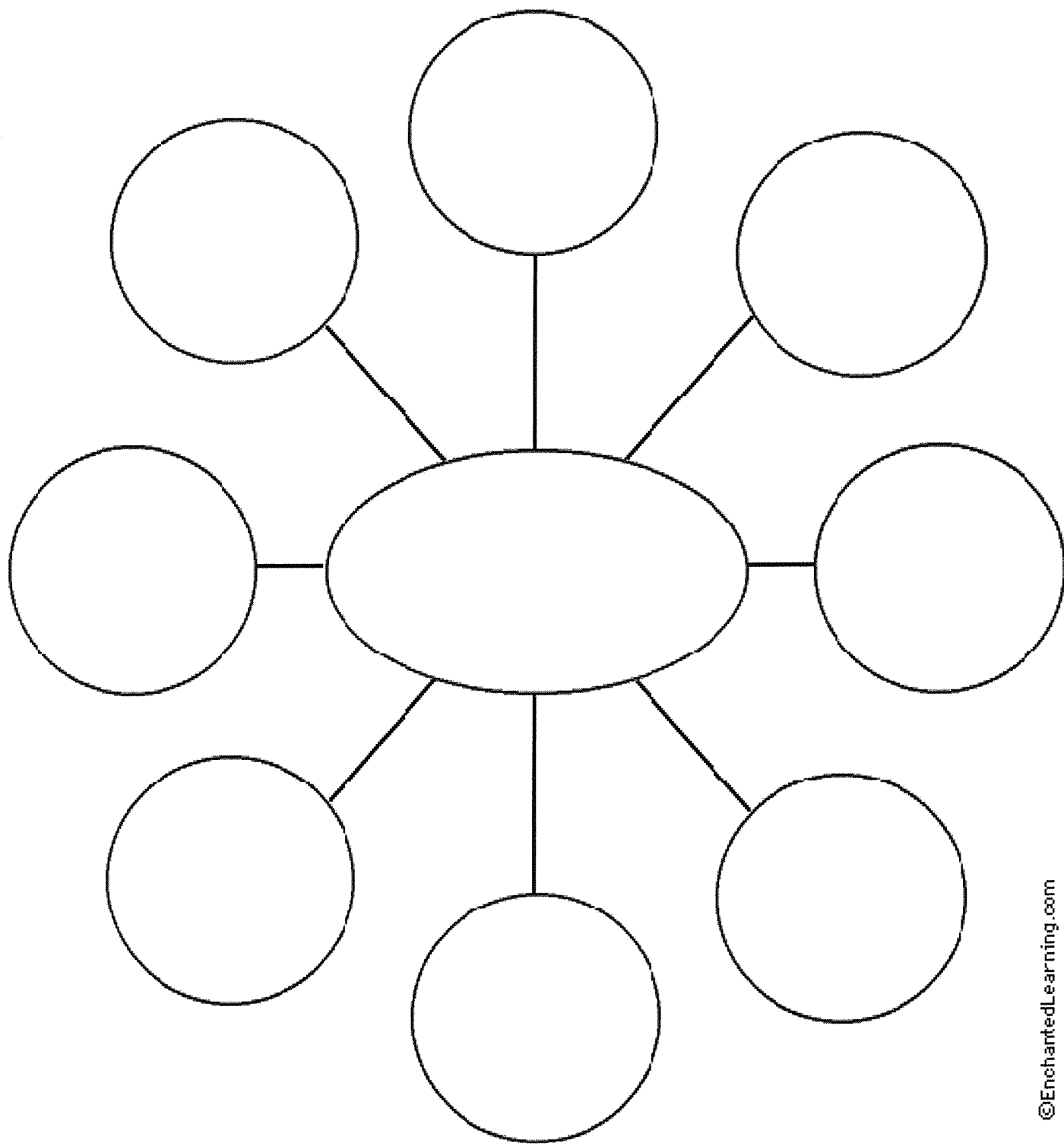
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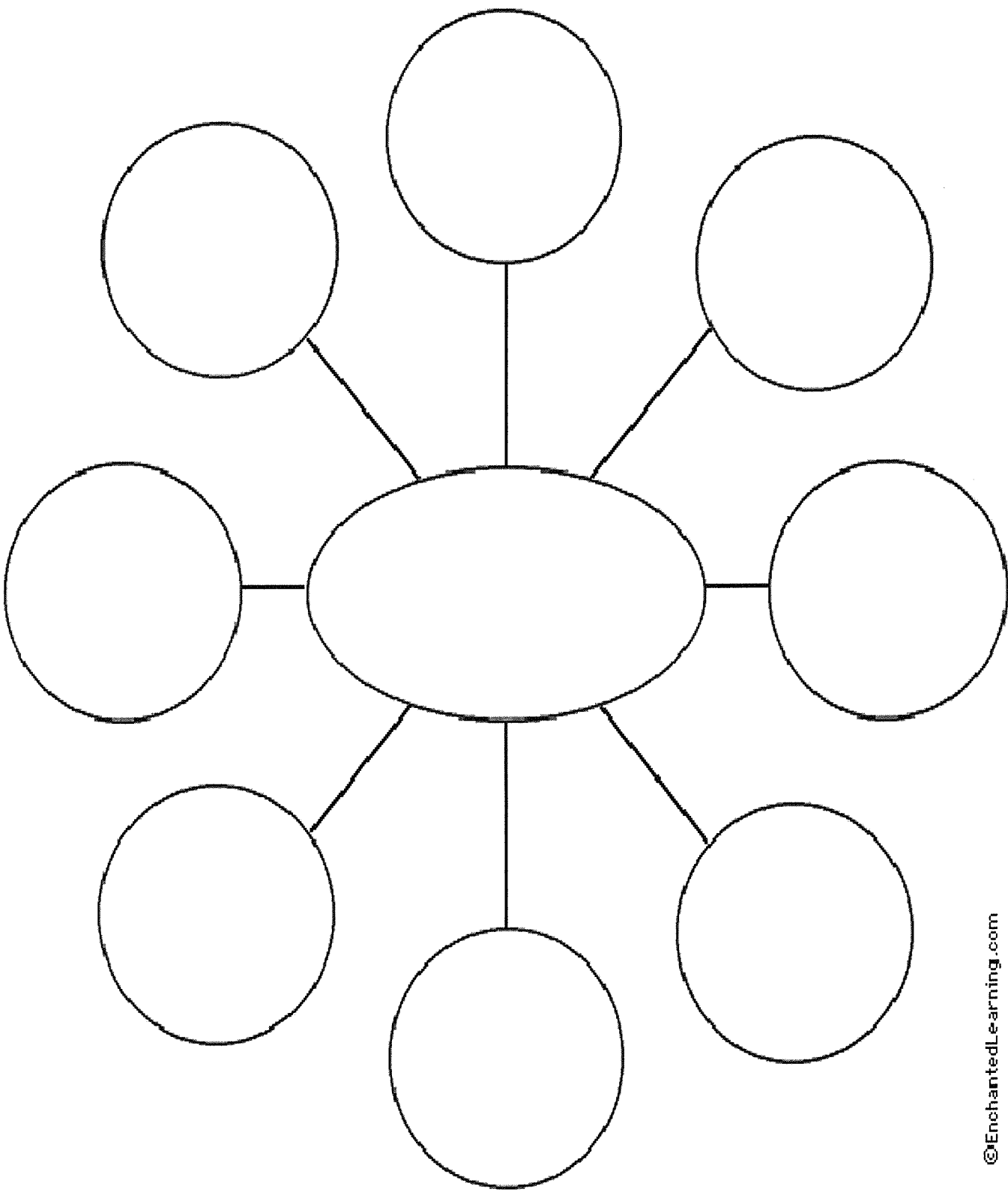
Answer "True" or "False" to what you believe about each of these statements.

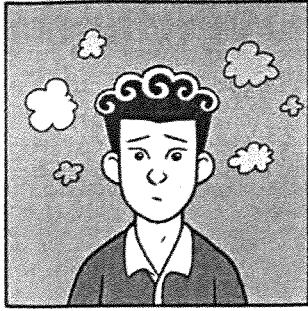
True False

1. ____ ____ An individual's value is determined by how much they accomplish?
2. ____ ____ True friendship means always agreeing with each other.
3. ____ ____ Anyone who lives in America should learn English.
4. ____ ____ If you want something that is good, it is okay to change yourself to get it.
5. ____ ____ We should always defend friends and family members, even when they embarrass us.
6. ____ ____ We should follow our family traditions, even when they make us unhappy.
7. ____ ____ When something is hard, the best answer is to quit, or run away.
8. ____ ____ When you have something to say, it is always best to say it.
9. ____ ____ If you have feelings for someone, you should tell them.









American Born Chinese: Unit 2

Monkey King: Pages 55-84

Jin Wang: Pages 87-106

Chin-Kee: Pages 109-130

1. Make a list of five other groups who have been ostracized for different reasons.

2. Complete the Venn diagram of what all of these characters have in common.

The Monkey King
Jin Wang
Chin-Kee

3. Big Idea: Theme. The power of stereotyping is another common theme in *American Born Chinese*. Make a list of the ways that Chin-Kee is stereotyped so far in this novel.

4. Choose one of the two assignments below:

a. Create a collage depicting how propaganda influences your prejudice toward another group. Consider the power of advertising and television shows/movies.

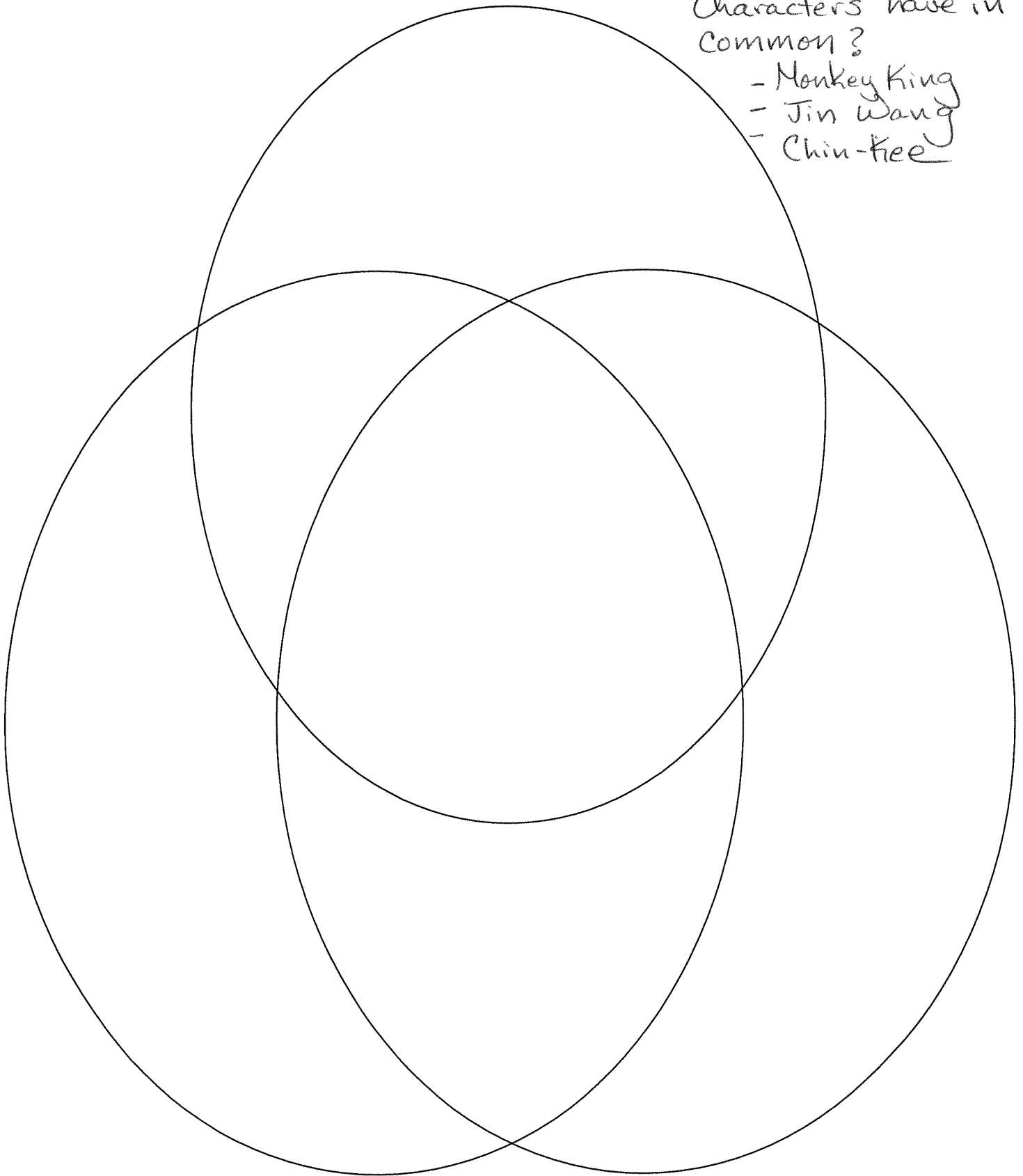
b. Create a soundtrack portraying the problem of prejudice in *your* world.

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Venn Diagram for Characters in

“American Born Chinese” - What do these characters have in common?

- Monkey King
- Jin Wang
- Chin-kee





American Born Chinese: Unit 3

Monkey King: Pages 133-160

Jin Wang: Pages 163-198

Chin-Kee: Pages 201-233

1. Complete another Anticipation guide.
2. Complete ONE of the three paper assignments. (Criteria B)
 - a. Write a 500-750 word essay on how the search for identity is a central theme in *American Born Chinese*.
 - b. Write a 500-750 word essay on how the power of propaganda and stereotyping is a central theme in *American Born Chinese*.
 - c. Write a 500-750 word essay on the similarities of the three characters: the Monkey King, Jin Wang, and Chin-Kee.
3. Complete ONE of the critical thinking assignments (Criteria A)
 - a. Choose one of the following topics: identity, stereotyping, friendship, or coming of age. Create a 2-4 minute video montage combining images from *American Born Chinese*, other appropriate images, and music that explores your chosen topic.
 - b. Envision yourself as an incredible inventor of amazing gadgets. Choose one of the ongoing issues within *American Born Chinese* and imagine a device that could somehow solve one of these problems. Create a mock-up (non-functioning version) of that device and record a 2-4 minute video commercial about your device.

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