

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

Dear Future Fifth Graders,

Welcome to Fifth grade! There is a lot of research that shows the importance of reading on a regular basis as a way to keep your brain ready to learn and grow. In order to keep your brain well prepared to continue your learning in fifth grade, I would like you to do some reading over the summer. I have chosen two novels that are both historical fiction novels set in different time periods of history. The first one is called "**The Sign of the Beaver**," by Elizabeth George Speare. This takes place during the time period of early colonial America and will give you some good background knowledge about our countries' early beginnings. The second novel is called "**Number the Stars**," by Lois Lowry. This novel takes place during World War II and is told from the perspective of a young girl living during that time. When you finish reading the novels, please complete the attached story map for each one, as well as one character map for a main character in each novel. I hope you enjoy the books! I also hope that if you finish these with time left before school starts, you continue to read throughout the summer. You will find that part of fifth grade is always reading! There is one other thing you can do to help you be prepared and that is to practice your math facts. If you have those mastered and can recall those automatically, you will find fifth grade math much easier to adjust to! Have a great summer and happy reading!

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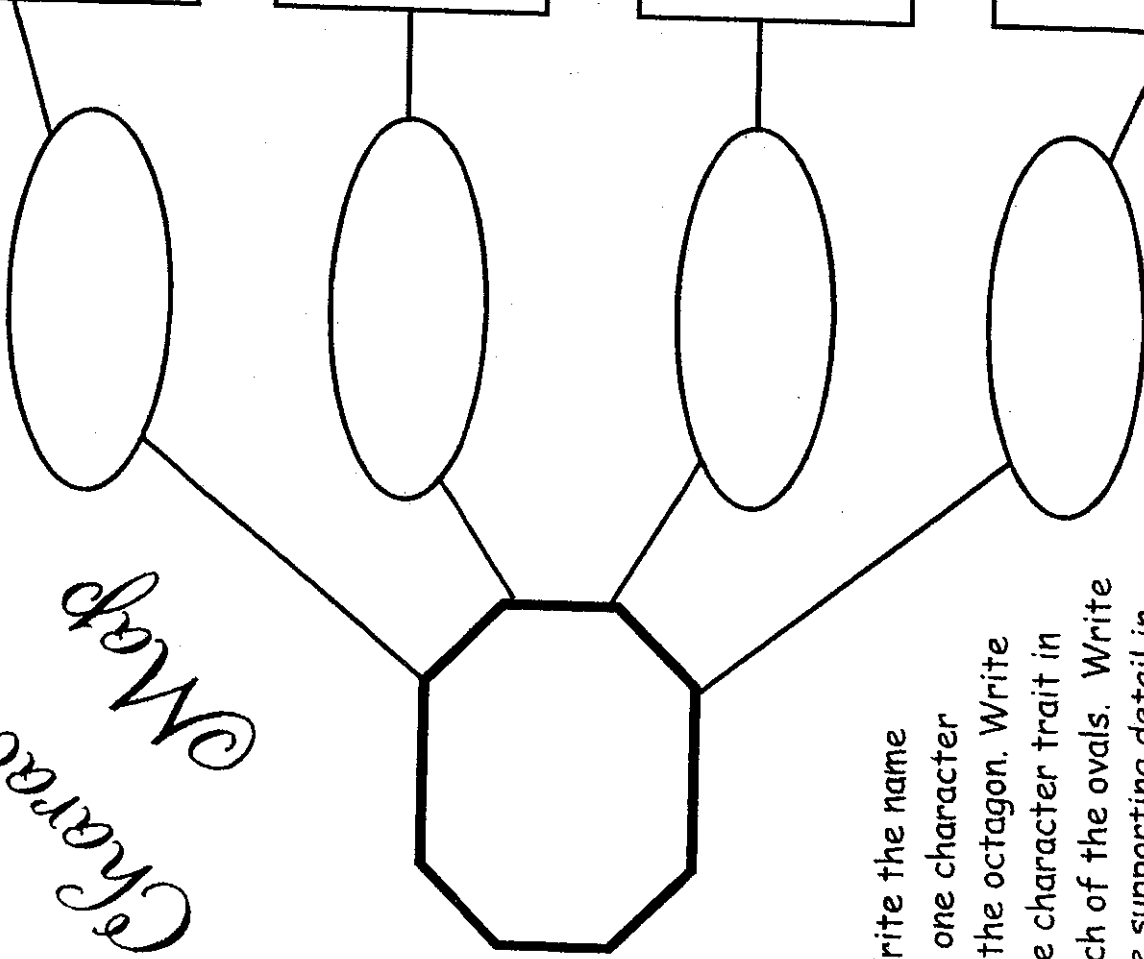
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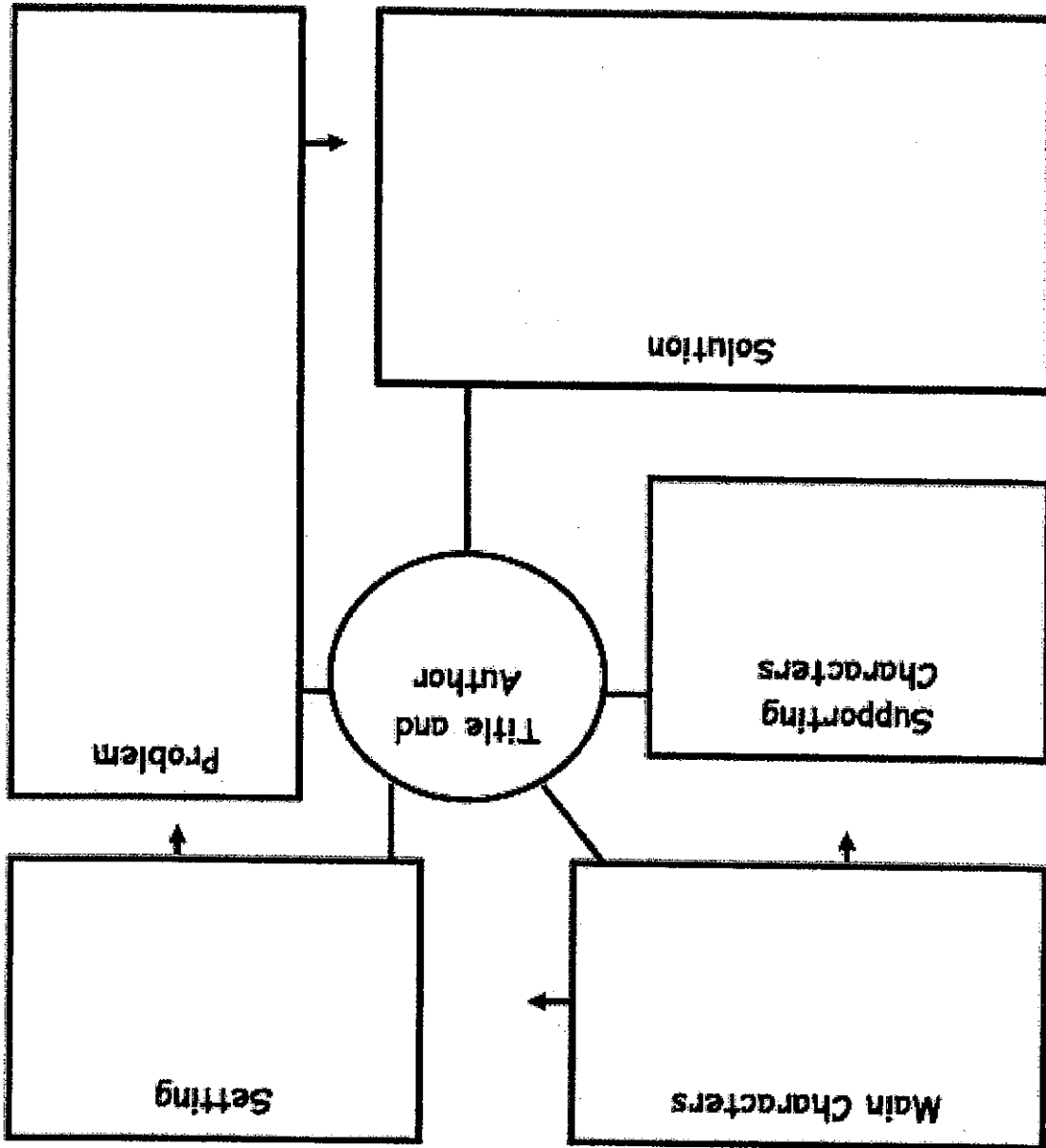
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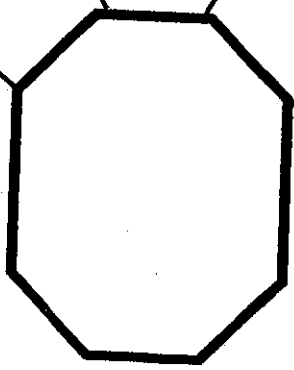
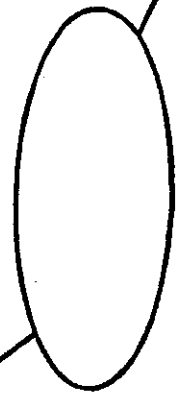
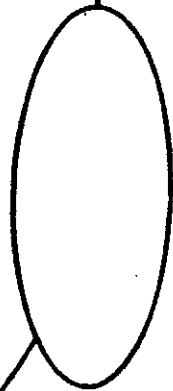
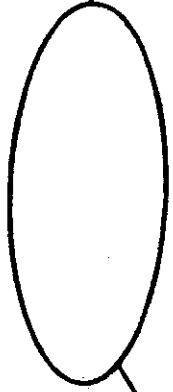
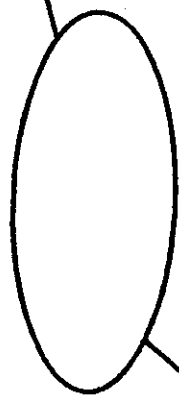
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