



Summer Reading Assignment

3rd Grade

Boyd-Moline Library Media Center
The First Academy

Please read one of the books on this list. Complete a Double Bubble Map comparing and contrasting two characters in the story (character traits). Also, write a paragraph about one character and how that character showed God's love. Be ready to share with your class in the fall!

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

It's 1948 in Brooklyn, New York, and Dodgers-loving Stevie Satlow, age eight, is thrilled to discover that his idol, Jackie Robinson, and his family, will be moving into his mostly Jewish Flatbush neighborhood. Stevie is absolutely star struck, and though his parents try to reel him in, it doesn't take him long to strike up a friendship with the baseball legend who broke the color barrier in the Major Leagues. Ever patient and kindhearted, Jackie welcomes the boy into his home and the two families forge a close bond. This story was written by Jackie Robinson's daughter and explores themes that are relevant in third grade-friendship, positive conflict resolution, empathy, and understanding.

BL: 4.3 - AR Pts: 4.0

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules

Freddie finds a mysterious package containing sneakers that allow him to run faster than a train and inspire him to perform heroic deeds. This is a fun tale of how you can use the gifts you receive to serve others joyfully.

BL: 3.3 - AR Pts: 1.0

The Journey Begins: A Kaya Classic 1 by Janet Shaw

Kaya's people are known for their skill with horses, and Kaya dreams of winning races on her horse, Steps High. But her pride gets her in trouble, and soon earns her a terrible nickname. When Kaya places the safety of her beloved horse above her blind sister, both girls end up in danger. Kaya is determined to set things right. But how? This first volume of Kaya's classic stories tells how her love of animals and nature helps her grow to be a leader for her people. Third graders will enjoy and connect with Kaya's developing leadership abilities.

BL: 4.2 - AR Pts: 1.0

No Ordinary Sound: A Classic Featuring Melody (American Girl) by Denise Lewis Patrick

Melody is an optimistic, enthusiastic girl growing up in Detroit, Michigan during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. She is excited and proud to share a special surprise with her family. She's been chosen to sing a solo for Youth Day at her church! But what song will she choose? She gets advice from her big brother, and is also inspired by her older sister, but it's the inspirational words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that help her pick the perfect song. There are many unfair things happening during Melody's time, even to people in her own family. But it's an unimaginable tragedy in the South that leaves Melody silent. Who can help her lift her voice and sing? Who will inspire her to keep stepping? During Black History Month we study a famous American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 5.0

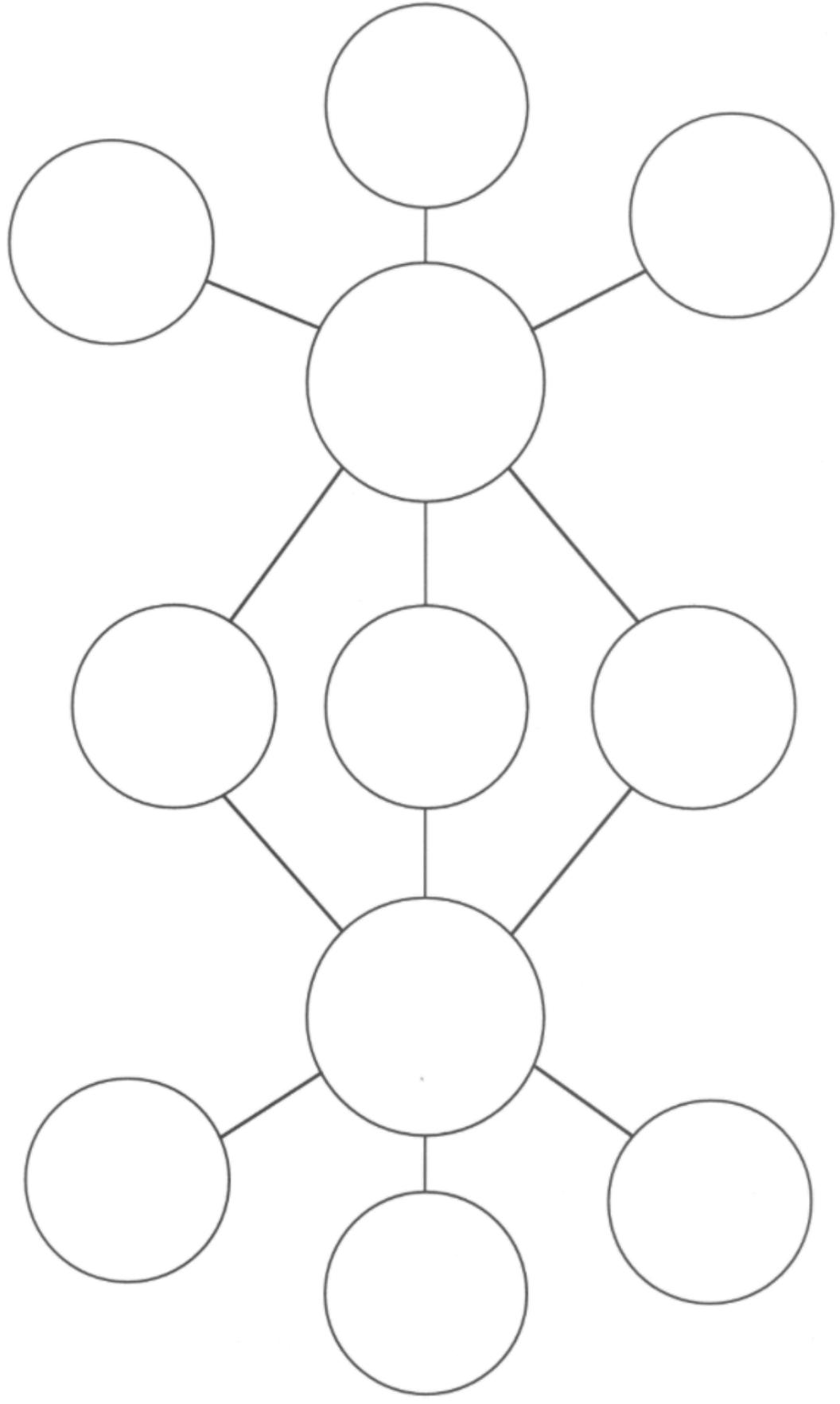
The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng

A young Chinese American girl navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom and finds a true best friend. Book #1 Friendship is always a constant theme for all children of all ages.

BL 3.6 - A.R. Pts: 3.0

Double Bubble Map

Name _____



Double Bubble Map for Comparing (similarities) and Contrasting (differences)