

2nd Grade Author Study



Name: _____ Date: _____

Dear Boys & Girls:

For those of you who are interested in doing some literature investigation, this is the work for you! For this enrichment activity you will hopefully learn more about how to love an author's work for various reasons including: writing style, humor, illustrations, etc.

I would like you to really put a lot of thought into this work. When you have completed this project, I expect you to be capable of explaining what 'author's style' means to you. Happy reading!

Please take spend some time at a library, choosing an author that you would like to study. Please do not choose chapter books, books that are too difficult (do the hand test), or too easy. Check out 5 books by the author you have chosen. Let the fun begin!

The author I have chosen is: _____

He/She usually ☐ does his/her own illustrating.

He/She usually ☐ uses the same illustrator.

He/She ☐ always does his/her own illustrating.



Remember, you will really need to pay close attention to the way that your author writes. Please spread out your author's books, and some books that you have at home. Let's investigate the illustrating. Remember; always write your answers in complete sentences. I would like you to write a paragraph explaining the style, medium used, and the mood that your author's illustrations create. Be descriptive!

Now, please explain why the illustration style fits with the text (words) in your author's stories.



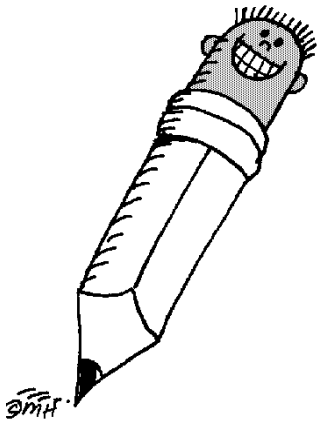
Please make a list of adjective (descriptive words) that you have noticed your author uses in most his/her books.

WORD:	BOOK:	DESCRIBING WHAT?
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Now, please tell if your author usually writes about similar characters. Are they people stories, animal stories, etc. _____

(Did you write in a complete sentence?)



Please describe in a couple of sentences the style your writer uses when writing most of her stories. Does he use humor, seriousness, and rhyming sentences? Also does your author write in first person, or third person? (If you do not know what this is, you will need to find out.)

Now, I would like you to explain in detail why you chose this particular author. What were you drawn to, is it an author you have read before, heard before. Also, now that you have read 5 or 6 books written by him/her, what surprised you the most about the writing? Are you glad you chose this author? Why, or why not? This will not be an easy paragraph, but I want you to put a lot of thought into it. You can do it! _____



On this page I would like you to visit the comprehension strategies that we have been working on. Please make and write about a Text-to-Self connection with one of the stories:

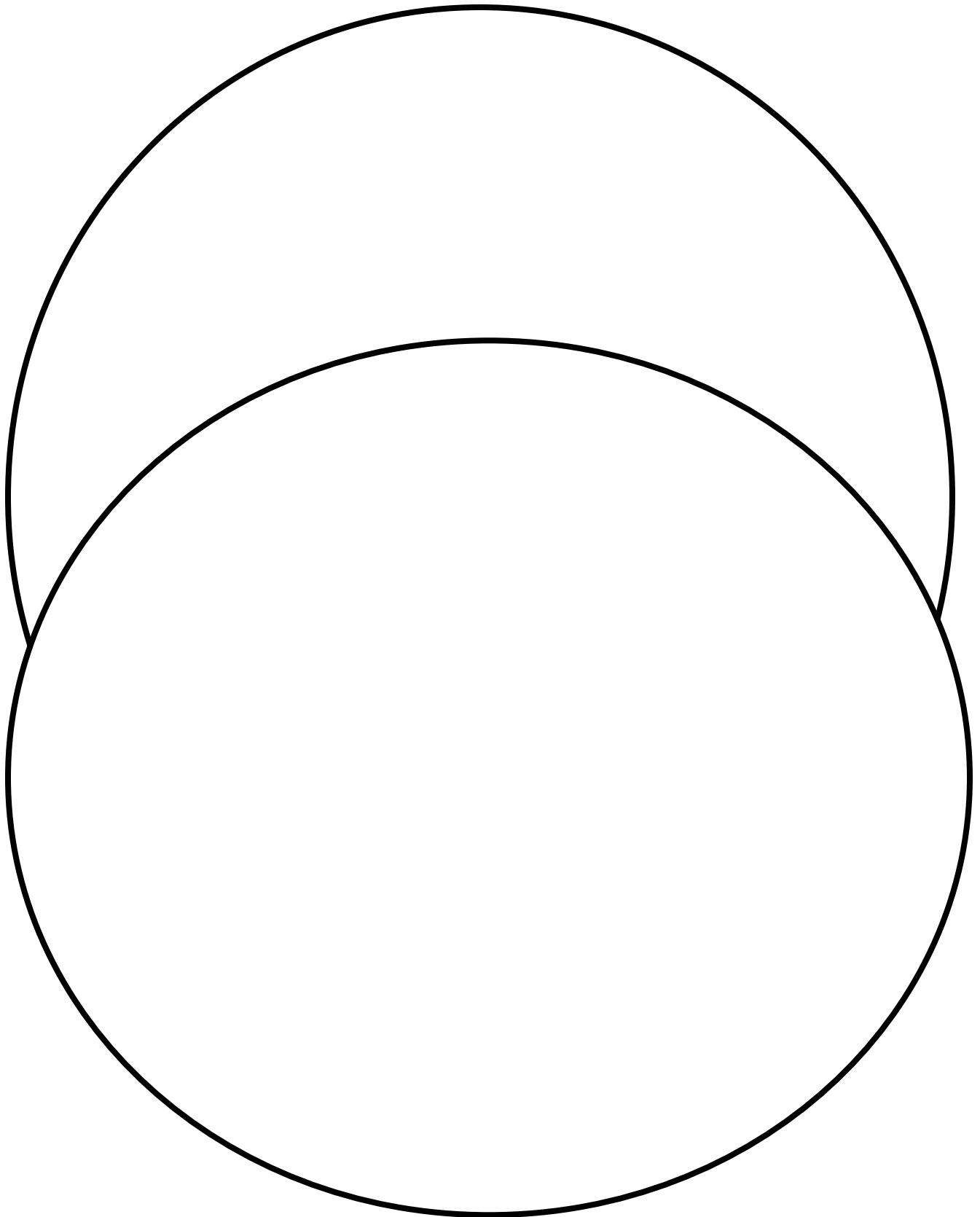
Please make a Text-to-Text connection with one of the stories: _____



Now, tell about a vivid mental image you had about one scene in one of the stories that was about the story. _____

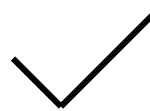
Okay, now describe your most creative mental image that you had that the story caused you to have where you pictured something in your life:

On this page use the Venn Diagram, and using two of the stories written by your author, write as many similarities and differences you noticed between the stories.





Checking My Work

☐

I wrote in complete sentences.

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I used book spelling.

☐

I didn't give up when a question or paragraph was difficult.

Lastly, please describe what writer's style means to you. Tell what you have learned from doing this extra enrichment project. _____
