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Maple Versus Ash

In “Bats Striking Out” (pp. 16-18), you read about the problems facing bats made from the wood of maple and ash trees. Use the information from the article to answer the following questions about the characteristics of each wood, and then use the answers to complete the Venn diagram below.

Characteristics of Maple and Ash Bats

Characteristic	Maple	Ash
Are bats made from this wood?		
When did this bat gain popularity?		
Is the MLB considering benching this wood?		
Are emerald ash borer beetles killing these trees?		
Do bats made from this wood ever break?		
How does this bat usually break?		
Does this bat break often?		
Is the slope of grain easy to detect?		
What is being done to fix this bat's problems?		

