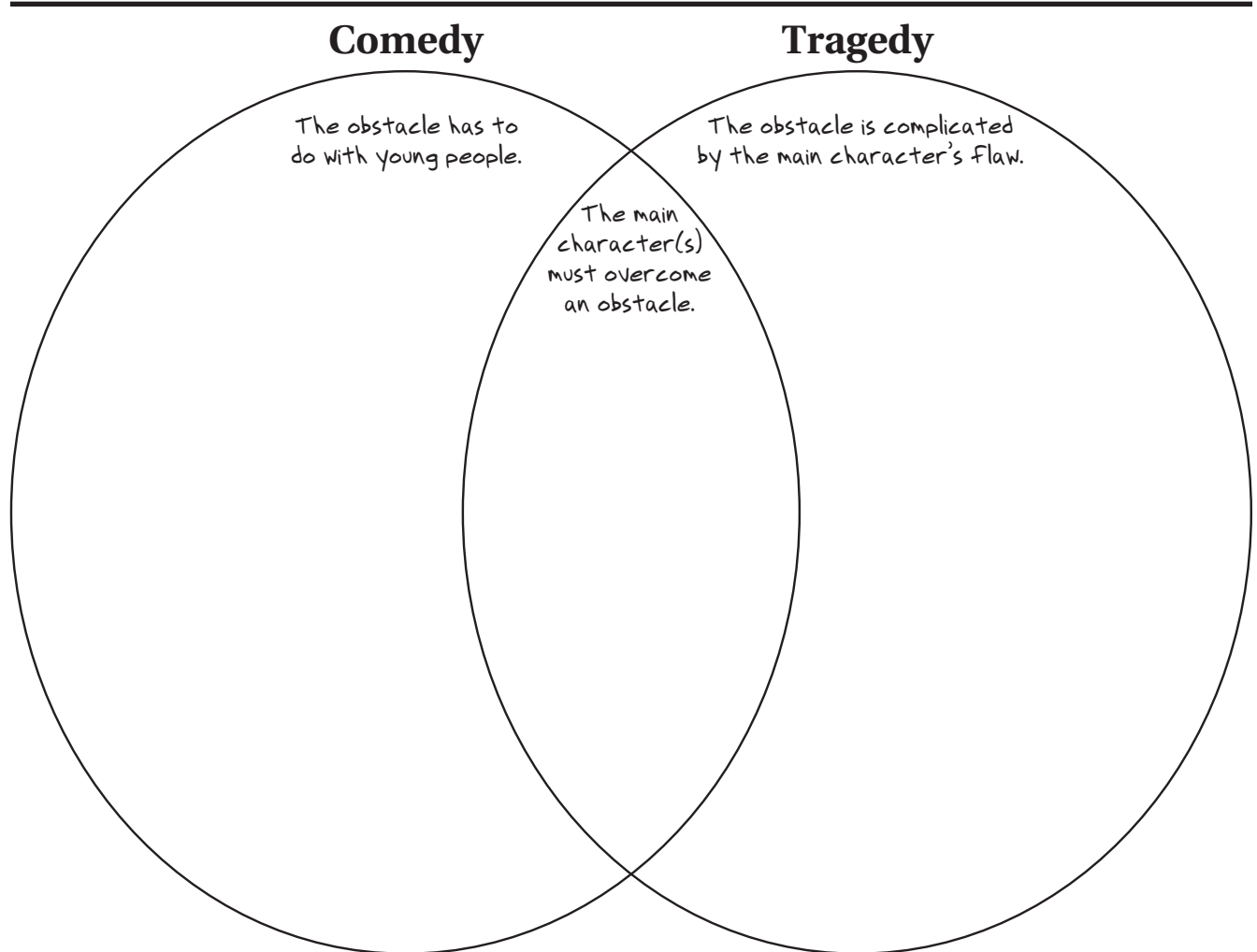


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Comedy Versus Tragedy Venn Diagram

Directions: In "Comedy Versus Tragedy" on page 13, you read about the genres of comedy and tragedy in Shakespeare's plays. Complete the Venn diagram below to help you better understand the similarities and differences in these two kinds of drama. Write the similarities in the overlapping section of the circles, and write the differences in the non-overlapping sections. We've done an example for you.



YOUR TURN

Now that you've examined comedy and tragedy, write an essay on a separate sheet of paper comparing the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet* with an amusing or comical love story. You may choose another Shakespeare play you have read, or a modern book or movie that you like.