

Monday 6th May 2020

LO: To identify features of a character's personality

READ AND LISTEN TO the next part of Charlotte's Web (Chapters 6-7, pp.42-51).

Vocabulary

timothy – type of grass which is widely grown for grazing and hay

clover – a plant of the pea family



hoisted – lifted, raised

jubilee – a special anniversary (or time of year in this context)

Frigidaire – refrigerator (fridge)

morals – principles of right and wrong

scruples - a feeling of doubt or hesitation with regard to whether something is right or wrong

milk of rodent kindness – care for others (based on the saying 'milk of human kindness')

compunctions - feelings of guilt that prevent or follow the doing of something bad

anaesthetic - a substance that reduces or removes pain

hysterics – a wildly emotional reaction

Task (with links):

Using the text in chapters 5, 6 and 7, create a character profile spider diagram of Charlotte, focusing on features of her personality.

Spider diagram templates can be found on pages 3 and 4.

Success Criteria:

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| 1. Write Charlotte in the middle of the spider diagram. |
| 2. In the sections around the outside of the web, write words and phrases to describe Charlotte's personality. |
| 3. Use the quotations below to remind you what she is like and to help you think of words to describe her. |

These quotations from Charlotte will help you to think about the sort of character she is. However, you might find more ideas if you look back through the text of chapters 5, 6 and 7 to read how Wilbur describes her.

Chapter 5

“...it's just my fancy way of saying hello...”

“Well, I *am* pretty. There's no denying that. Almost all spiders are rather nice-looking. I'm not as flashy as some, but I'll do.

“Now I knock him out, so he'll be more comfortable. He can't feel a thing now.”

“All our family have been trappers. Way back for thousands of years...”

“I have to get my own living. I live by my wits. I have to be sharp and clever... I have to think things out...”

Chapter 6

... Charlotte spied it and made the announcement.

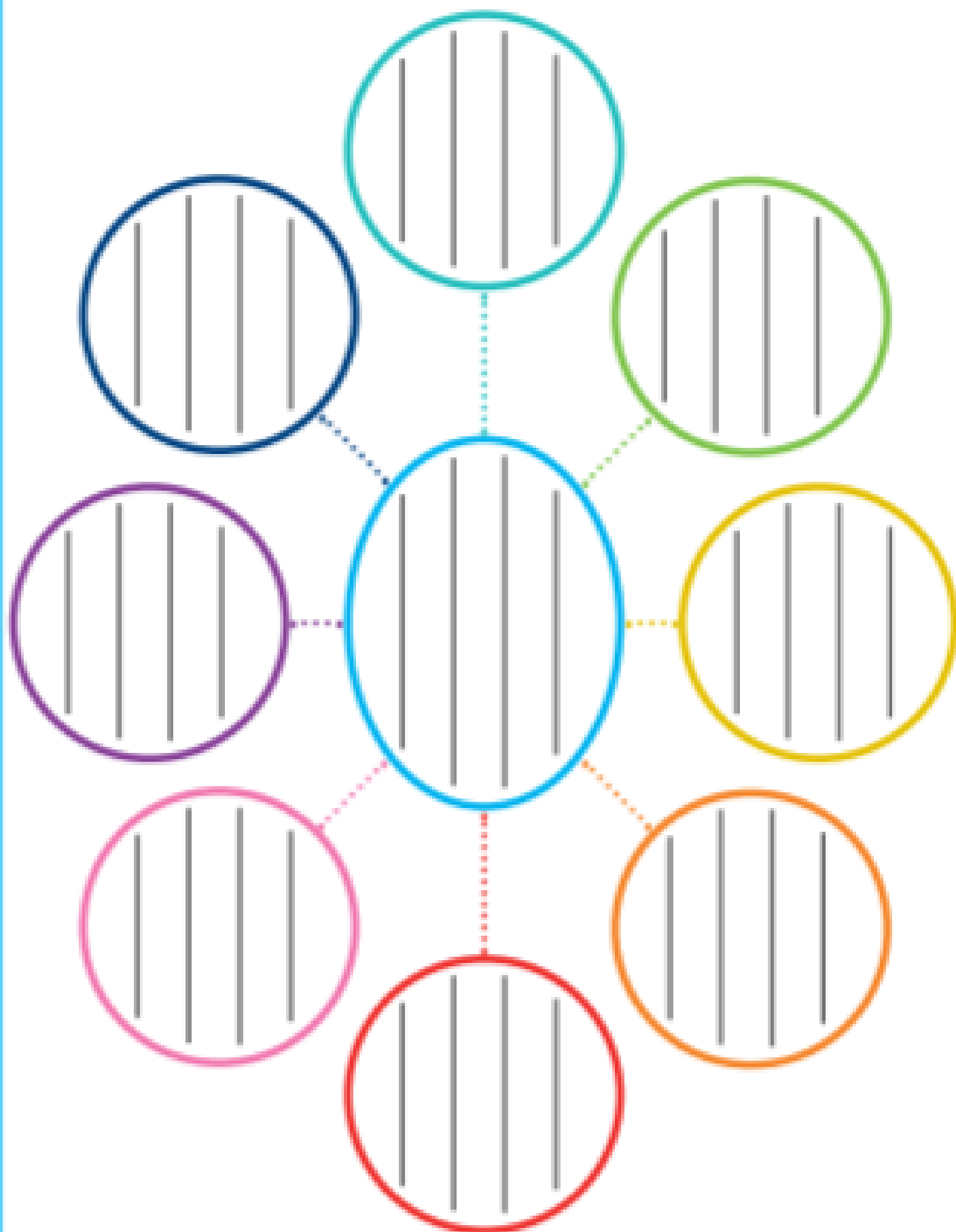
“Fine! Seven is a lucky number.”

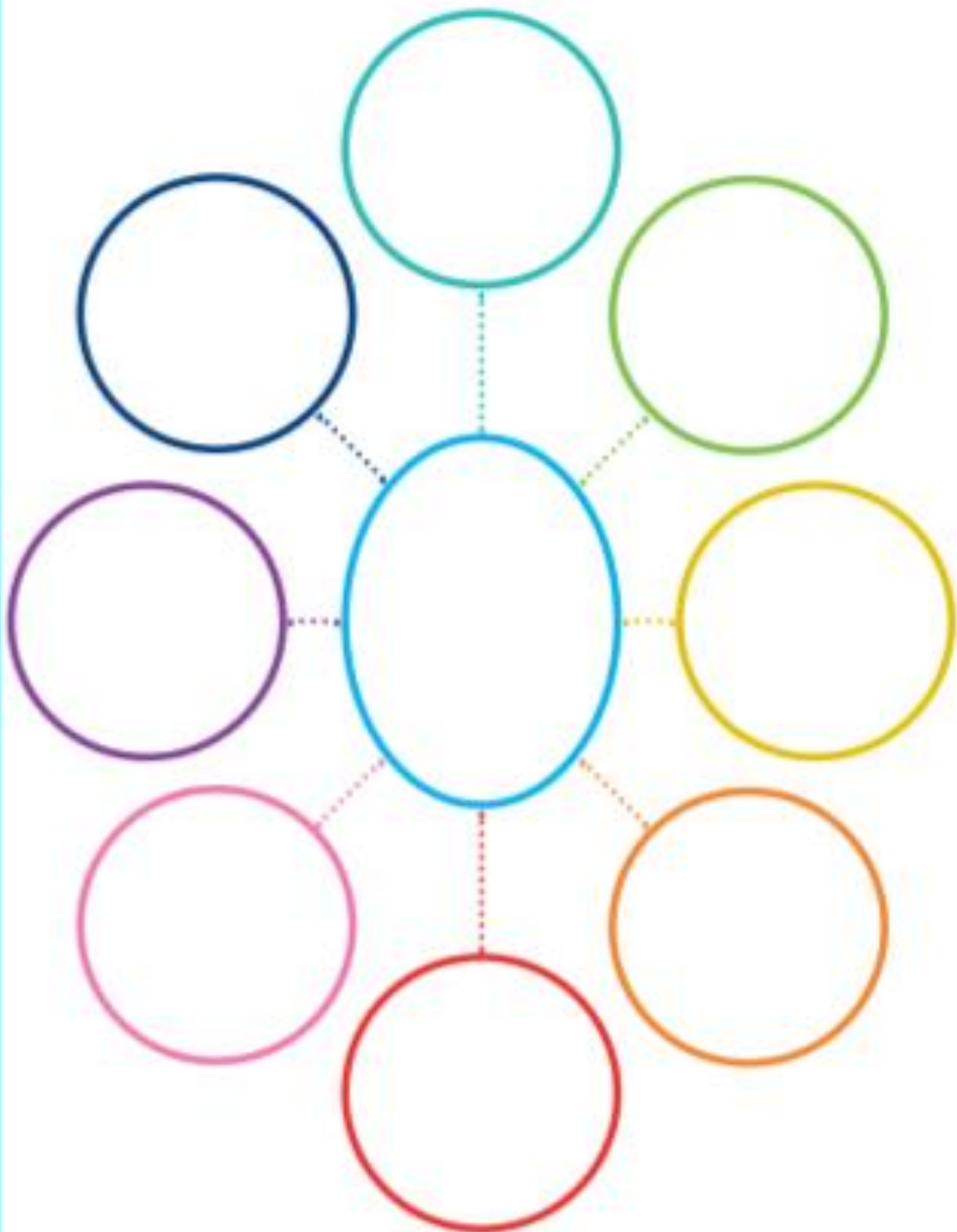
Chapter 7

“I always give them an anaesthetic so they won't feel pain. It's a little service I throw in.”

“You shall not die.”

“That remains to be seen. But I am going to save you and I want you to quiet down immediately. You're carrying on in a childish way. Stop your crying! I can't stand hysterics.”







Steppingstone activity

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Using some quotations and an short extract of the text from chapter 5, create a character profile spider diagram of Charlotte, focusing on features of her personality.

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| 1. Look at the spider diagram template on the next page. |
| 2. Read the quotations below. |
| 3. Think about what they tell you about Charlotte e.g. Is she kind, mean, silly, clever? |
| 4. Choose some words to describe Charlotte and write them in the coloured circles. |
| 5. Re-read p. 41 (below) and add any other words you find in the text that describe Charlotte. |

Quotations from Charlotte:

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"Well, I am pretty. There's no denying that."

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p.41

Charlotte stood quietly over the fly, preparing to eat it. Wilbur lay down and closed his eyes. He was tired from his wakeful night and from the excitement of meeting someone for the first time. A breeze brought him the smell of clover—the sweet-smelling world beyond his fence. "Well," he thought, "I've got a new friend, all right. But what a gamble friendship is! Charlotte is fierce, brutal, scheming, bloodthirsty—everything I don't like. How can I learn to like her, even though she is pretty and, of course, clever?"

Wilbur was merely suffering the doubts and fears that often go with finding a new friend. In good time he was to discover that he was mistaken about Charlotte. Underneath her rather bold and cruel exterior, she had a kind heart, and she was to prove loyal and true to the very end.

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