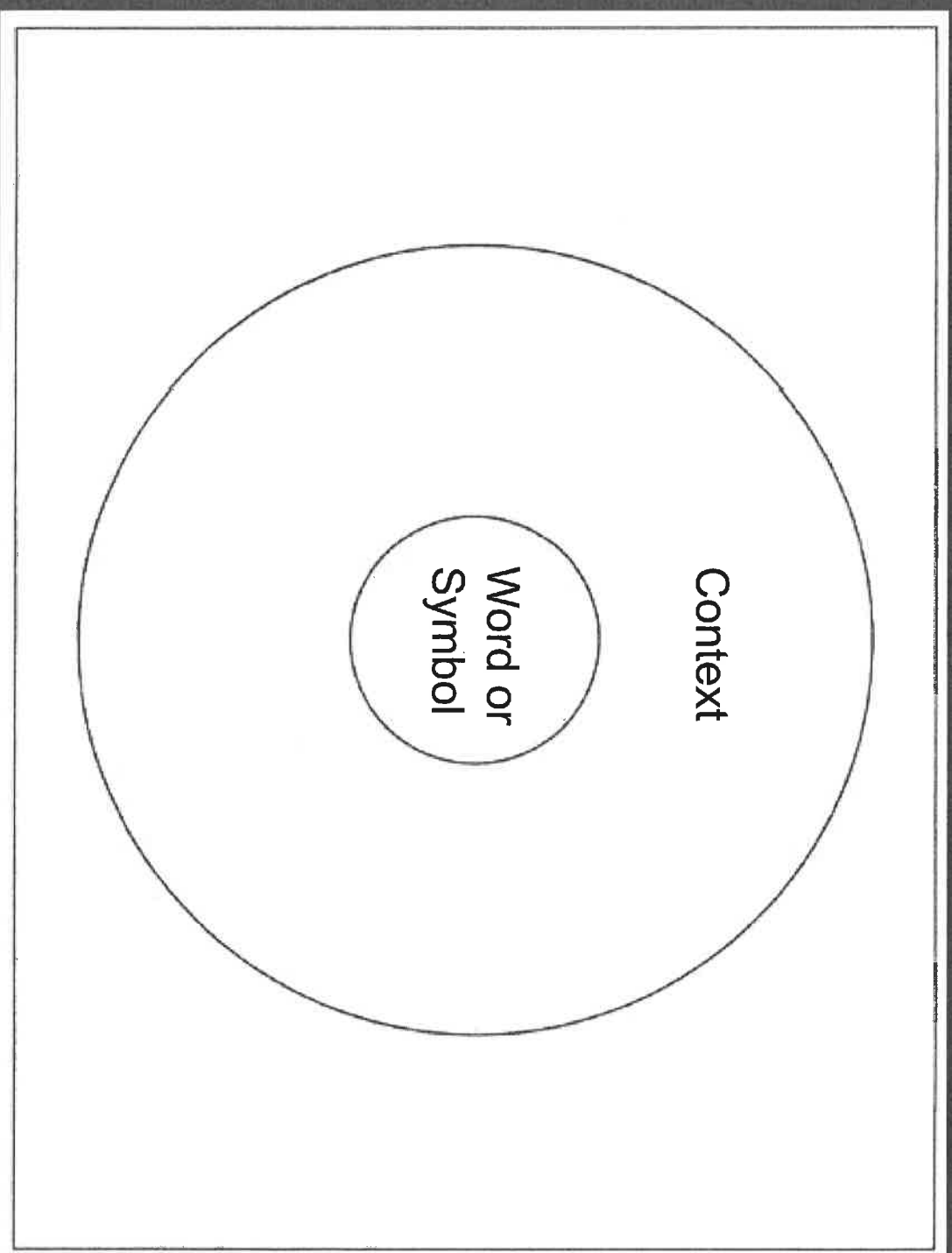


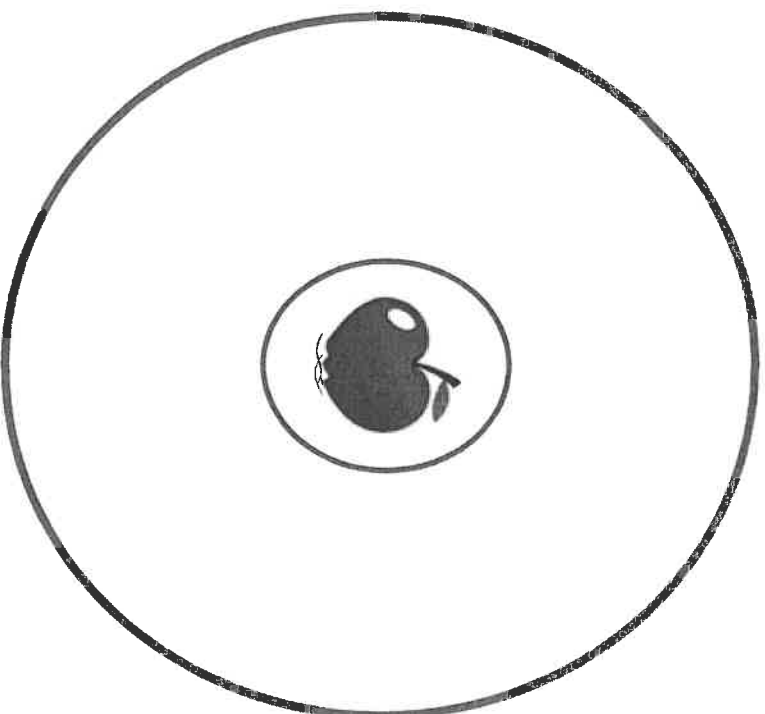
# The Circle Map:

Define a concept, word or an idea



# The Circle Map for the English Learner

## Diagnostic and Instructional Tool



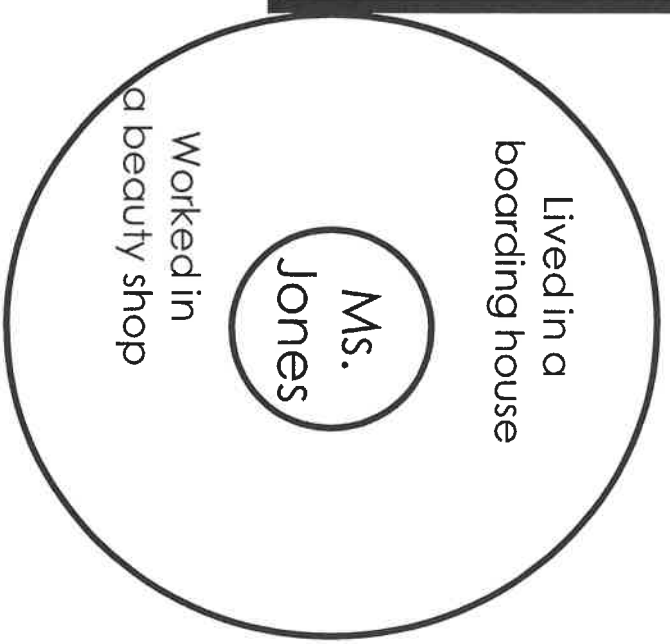
Use the Circle Map with familiar topics to diagnose what the student does or does not know.

This provides the teacher with a starting point for Instruction

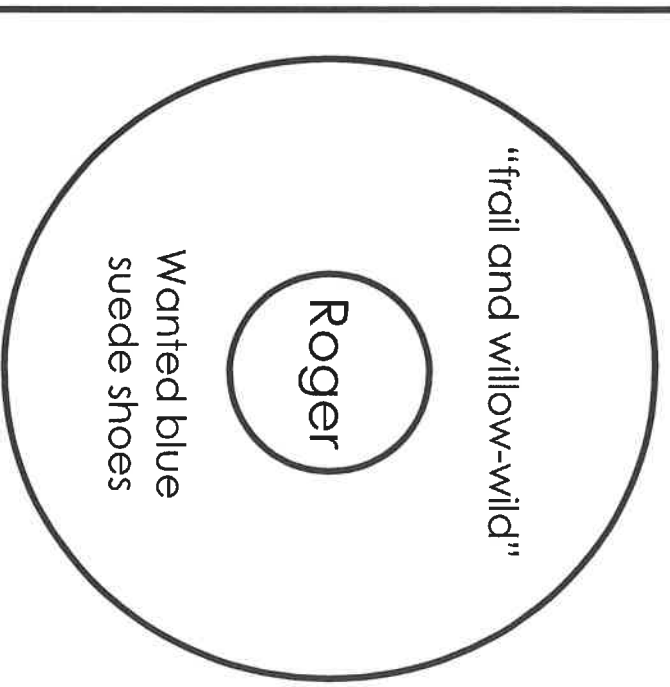
New cultural words and concepts can also be used in this way (Thanksgiving)  
(Builds background knowledge)

# The Circle Map for the English Learner

Gathering information about characters in literature



Source of Information: Thank You Ma'am

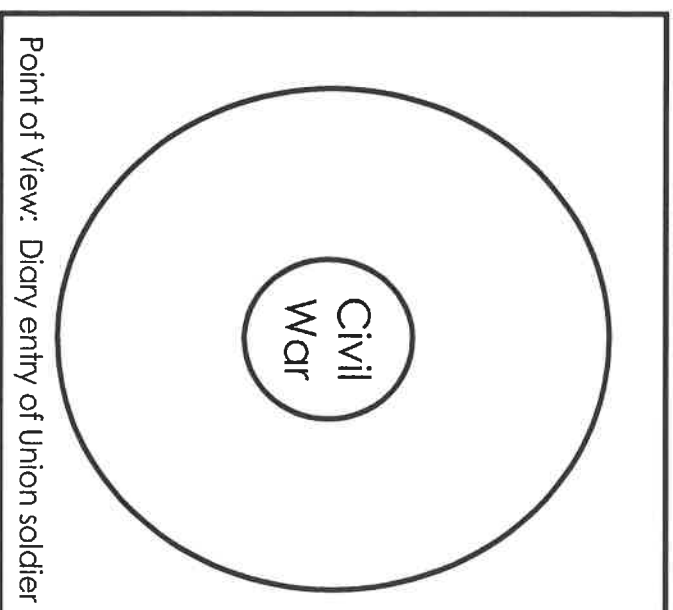


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The Circle Map can be used to gather information for the purpose of defining a major or minor character in a story. The information in the Map can be a direct quote from the text or an inference. If the students create individual or small group Maps, they should be given the opportunity to share and make additions, if desired.

# The Circle Map for the English Learner

To  
Understand  
a  
Particular  
Point of View



Use the Circle Map with the  
Point of View Frame of  
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One who has had a  
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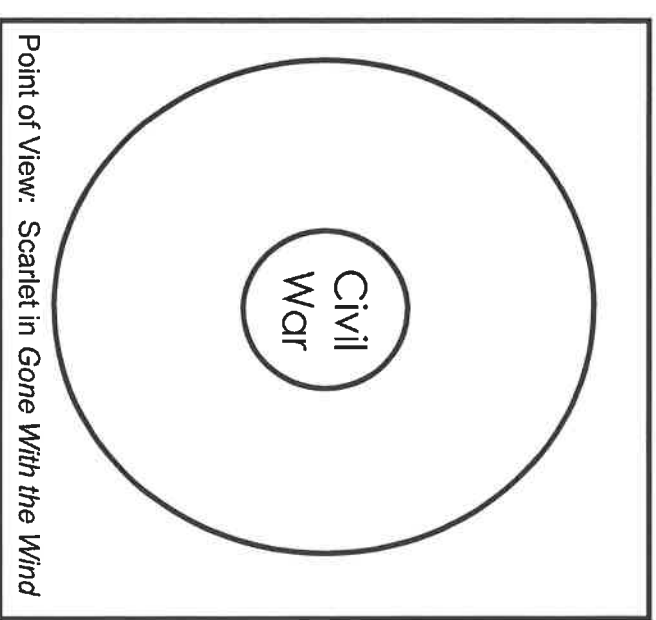
As an extension,

the students

can compare literary

“definitions” with more

factual/reliable accounts.



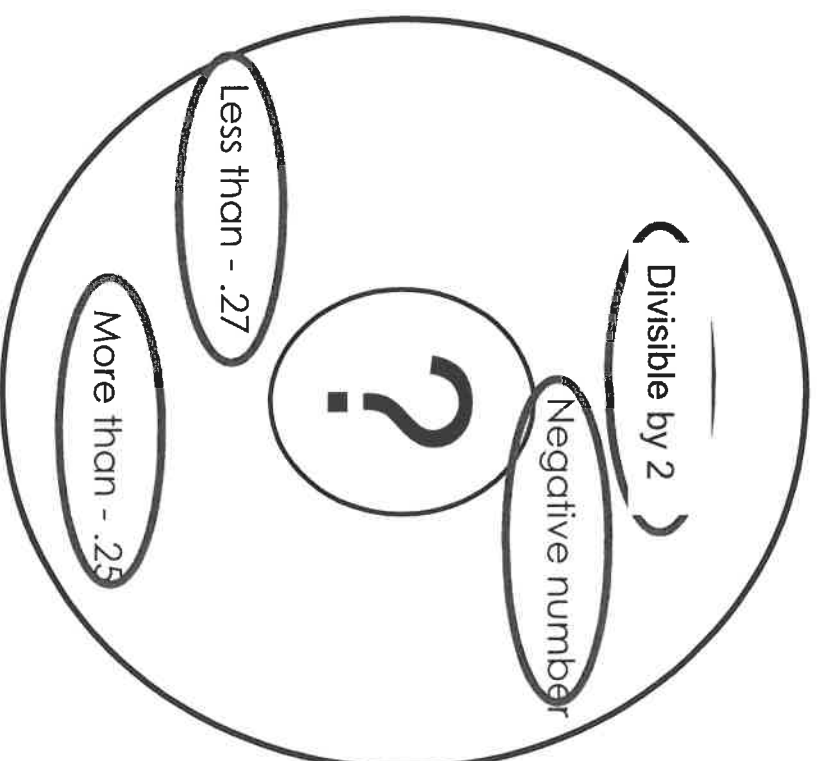
# The Circle Map for the English Learner

## Inference

**In order to infer the student must understand academic vocabulary**

Use the Circle Map for inference with either familiar or unfamiliar topics.

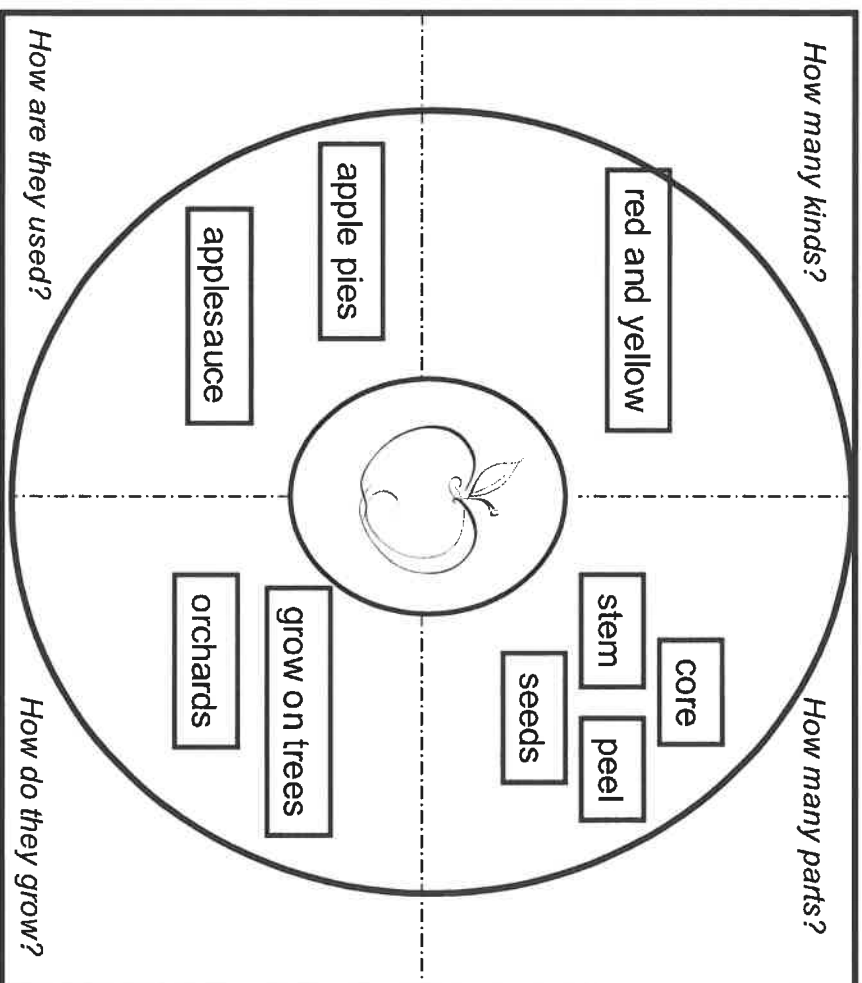
This can be either student or teacher initiated and serves as an activity for clarification or review.



# The Circle Map for the English Learner

Scaffolding  
to a  
Tree Map  
to organize  
for writing

Frame of Reference: *How are apples defined?*



# The Circle Map for the English Learner

## Apples



**Parts**

**Kind**

**Uses**

**How they grow**

peel

red

apple pie

on trees

stem

yellow

applesauce

in orchards

core

seeds

*After classifying their information from the Circle Map, the students can be encouraged to use other sources of information to add to their Tree Maps before writing.*

Apples have \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Some are \_\_\_\_\_ and some are \_\_\_\_\_.

Apples are used to make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Apples grow on \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.

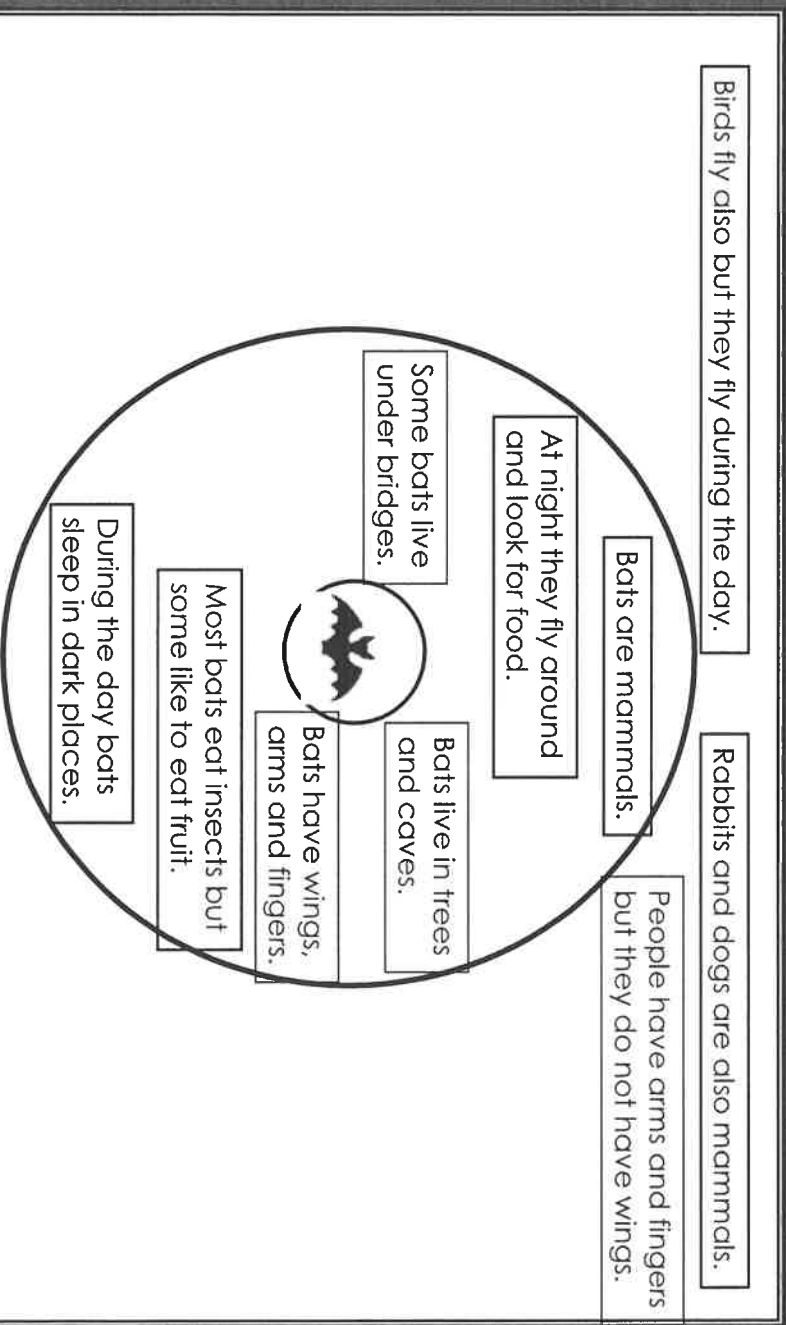


# The Circle Map for the English Learner

To focus  
on a  
Specific  
Topic

Lower  
grades  
and  
Beginner  
ELLs

Bats are mammals. Rabbits and dogs are also mammals. During the day bats sleep in dark places. At night they fly around and look for food. Birds fly also, but they fly during the day. Most bats eat insects, but some like to eat fruit. Bats live in trees and caves. Some bats live under bridges. Bats have wings, arms, and fingers. People have arms and fingers, but they do not have wings.



# The Circle Map for the English Learner

To focus  
on the  
Main Idea  
of a

Paragraph

Upper  
grades and  
Int./Adv.  
ELLs

There are all kinds of stamps. Stamps come in sheets, books, and rolls. One stamp costs \$0.42. Stamps have flags, flowers, or even cartoon characters on them. They come in different sizes too! Many people like stamps so much that they collect them. People also like collecting baseball cards.

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