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Amherst Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

The summer is a crucial time for students to continue cultivating their reading skills. All students entering **Grade 7** must read at least **two books** over the summer. These books should be engaging and challenging.

When students resume classes in the fall, they will be assessed on the books they read over the summer. Students need to complete **both** of the provided graphic organizers--**one for each** of the books selected--identifying **TWO** adjectives that describe what the character of the novel is like **AND** text-based details to support the claims.

Students are also encouraged to keep their own notes about important information including events, characters, setting, and so on.

Please **DO NOT READ** these commonly taught Grade 7 texts:

- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
- *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis
- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Fighting Ground* by Avi
- *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln and Christopher Collier
- *Sophia's War* by Avi
- *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen
- *A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz

Below is a list of suggested adjectives for you to use when completing the graphic organizers:

Adventurous	Compassionate	Nervous
Affectionate	Courageous	Optimistic
Ambitious	Curious	Persevering
Angry	Dependable	Responsible
Anxious	Enthusiastic	Secretive
Bossy	Generous	Talented
Brilliant	Honest	Thoughtful
Cautious	Independent	Timid
Clever	Lonely	Trustworthy

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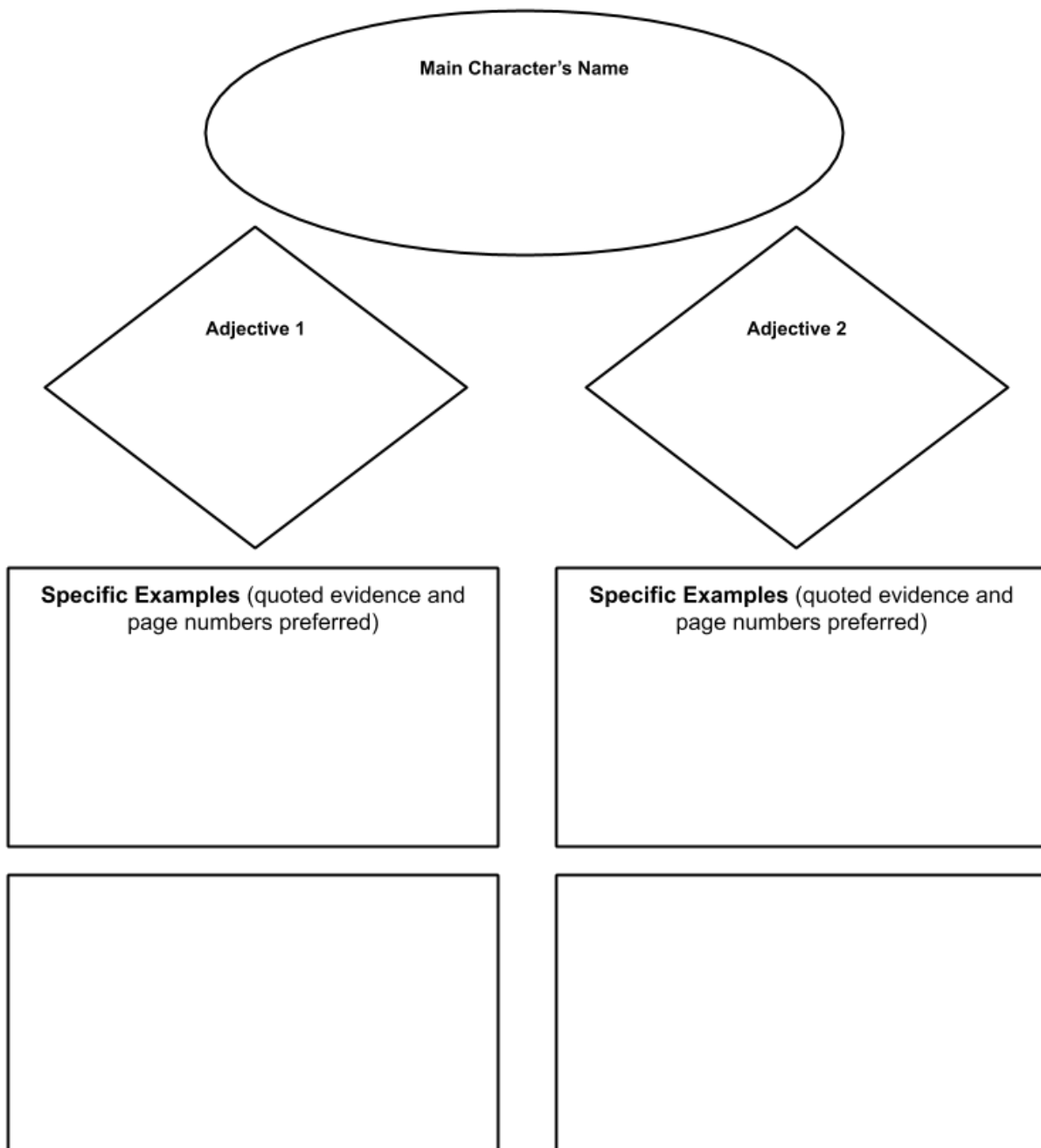
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Character Map for Your First Book

Directions: Place the main character's name (protagonist) in the oval. Choose **2** adjectives that describe his/her personality and add them in the diamonds. Give **specific examples** of how he/she shows that personality trait in the rectangles (quoted evidence and page numbers preferred). Please write in complete sentences.



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