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### Note

The Dell Yearling paperback edition of the book was used to prepare this guide. The page references may differ in other editions.

**Please note:** Please assess the appropriateness of this book for the age level and maturity of your students prior to reading and discussing it with your class.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions:** Choose one term from the list above and turn to the page on which it is used in the novel. After examining how the word is used in context, complete the word map and explain your finished map to five students who chose a different word.

**Synonyms** **Picture/Symbol**

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**WORD:**

**Definition in your own words:**

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**Word used in a sentence:**

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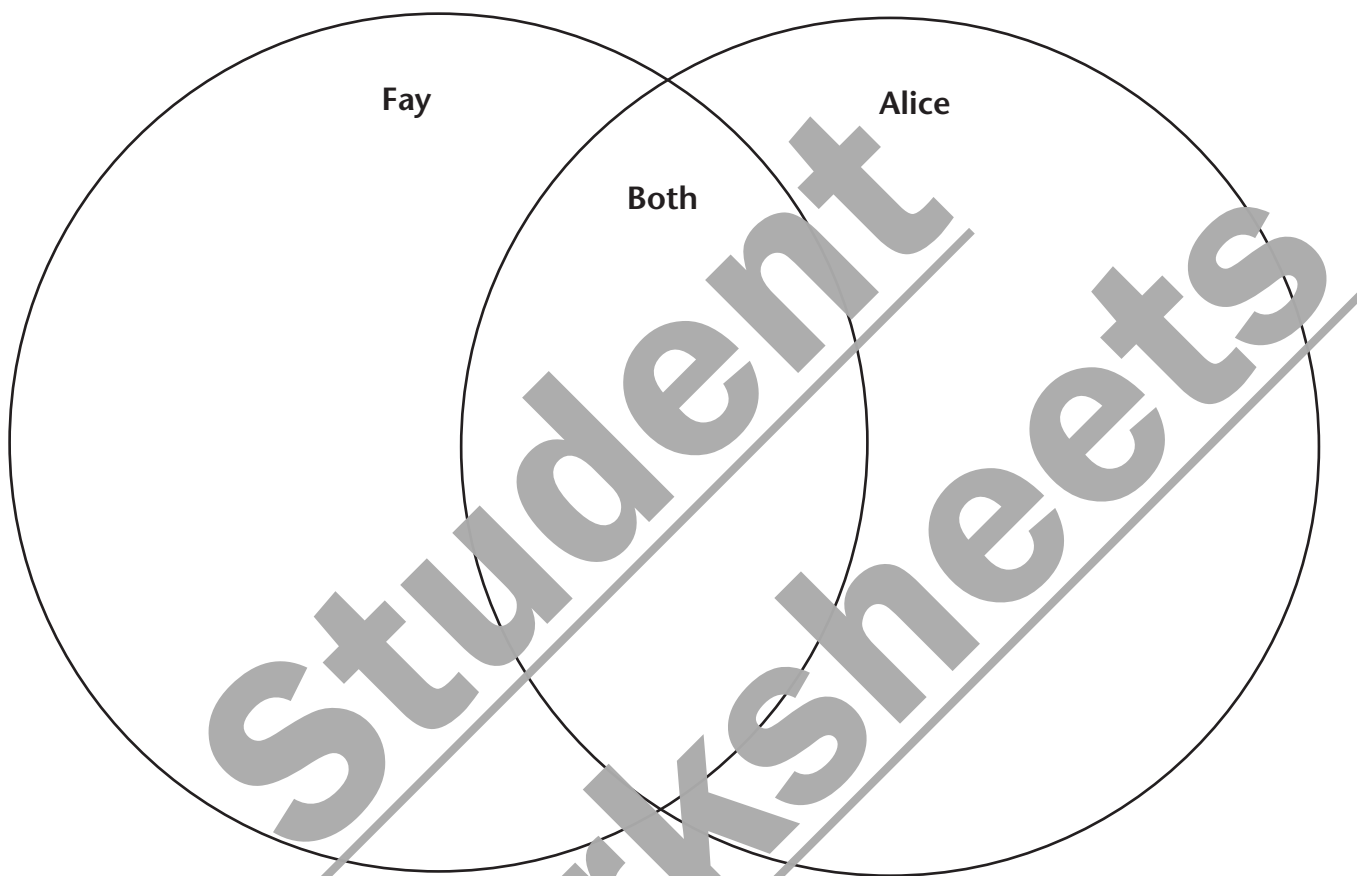
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:**

1. Fay and Alice are quite different from one another, but they also share certain qualities and attitudes. Complete the Venn diagram by listing words or phrases that describe each under that woman's name. Descriptive words or phrases that describe both should go in the overlapping area.



2. Write an essay in which you compare and contrast Alice and Fay. Draw a conclusion about how their similarities and differences affect Charlie. You might find the following "frame" helpful:

Alice and Fay are really different in several ways, but they also have a lot in common. While Alice \_\_\_\_\_, Fay \_\_\_\_\_. In contrast with Alice's \_\_\_\_\_, Fay \_\_\_\_\_. Alice \_\_\_\_\_, but Fay \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_. Likewise, \_\_\_\_\_. Similarly, \_\_\_\_\_. On the whole, \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification:** Find a character on the right who matches the description on the left. Write the letter of the character next to the matching number. Each character is to be used only once.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. the phony doctor Mr. and Mrs. Gordon paid to make Charlie smarter
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. the person who got Charlie a job at the bakery
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Charlie's boss at the bakery
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a co-worker of Charlie's who liked to make jokes at Charlie's expense
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. a worker at the bakery whom Charlie discovered was cheating their boss
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Charlie's neighbor, a messy and noisy man
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Charlie's landlord
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Charlie's kind-hearted mother
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Charlie's sharp-tongued mother
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Charlie's resentful sister
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. the psychiatrist who performed the operation on Charlie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. an academic, the co-author of the paper about the experiment on Charlie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. graduate student who administered tests
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Charlie's teacher, Mr. Beekman
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. the one who had the same operation as Charlie
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. a 32-year-old mentally-challenged adult selected for a special study

- A. Charlie Gordon**  
**B. Alice Kinnian**  
**C. Algernon**  
**D. Professor Nemur**  
**E. Dr. Strauss**  
**F. Rose Gordon**  
**G. Matt Gordon**  
**H. Norma**  
**I. Uncle Herman**  
**J. Mr. Skinner**  
**K. Gimpy**  
**L. Frank**  
**M. Miss Lerman**  
**N. Mrs. Mooney**  
**O. Dr. Guarino**  
**P. Burt Selden**