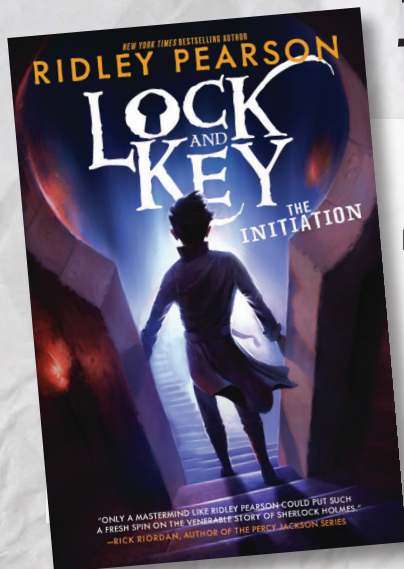


Activity 1

Reproducible Master



Lock and Key by Ridley Pearson

What Should I Do?

In the new book, *Lock and Key: The Initiation*, we meet siblings Moria and James Moriarty and James's school roommate, Sherlock Holmes, who face amazing mysteries and challenges throughout the book. From the passages below, you can infer information about each character's personality, problem-solving methods, and reaction to challenges. You can learn even more by reading the prequel novella, *The Gadwall Incident*, at www.lockandkeybooks.com. Use what you find out to fill in the Venn diagram comparing a pair of characters (Moria and James, or Sherlock and James).

Moria

"I stood by the hallway water fountain, backing up to stay out of the stream of students allowing me to eavesdrop, which, as we've established, is any girl's inalienable right."

"I sat there in rapt attention, in awe of the boy I faced, yet desperate to appear only vaguely impressed. He had laid out the options like stones on a footpath, so easily followed. His was a mind capable of much faster processing than mine. I found it seductive; I wanted to hear more, I wanted to be around such brilliance in spite of the boy's poor manners."

Sherlock

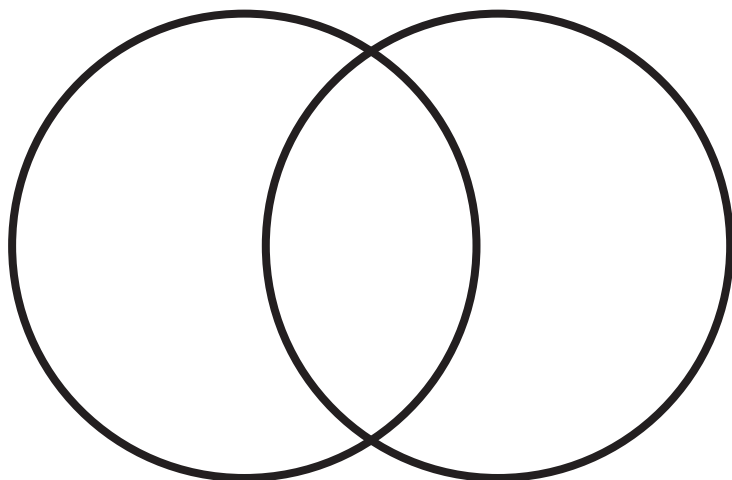
"You are projecting hostility toward me because you feel inadequate. You mustn't! I'm quite certain you possess a good number of skills and abilities in your own right. That I have no interest in lacrosse or team sports in particular is a matter of personal preference. I prefer to swim and run track, where I don't have to rely on the poor performance of others."

"Sherlock considered testing how far James would go to get him to talk. He measured the odds and decided to engage rather than withhold."

James

"Dislikes? Long winters. Idiots. Being bored. Indian food. My strengths? Seriously, Headmaster, I think that's for others to say. My weaknesses? That's a long list, I'm sure. I can't sing a note but wish I could. I can only do six pull-ups, which su— which is pathetic." The headmaster nodded, holding back a grin. "I have endless patience for things I like, like computer code and tech stuff. I'm incredibly short on patience when it comes to reading my homework assignments and writing papers."

"I wasn't prowling. I...dinner didn't exactly agree with me. I was stuck in the bathroom after study hall. I had to throw out my underwear. Do you want to check?"



Character Name

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