



The Catcher in the Rye The Positive People in Holden's Heart

Characters are essential to a good story, and it is the main characters that have the greatest effect on the plot and who are the most affected by the events of the story.

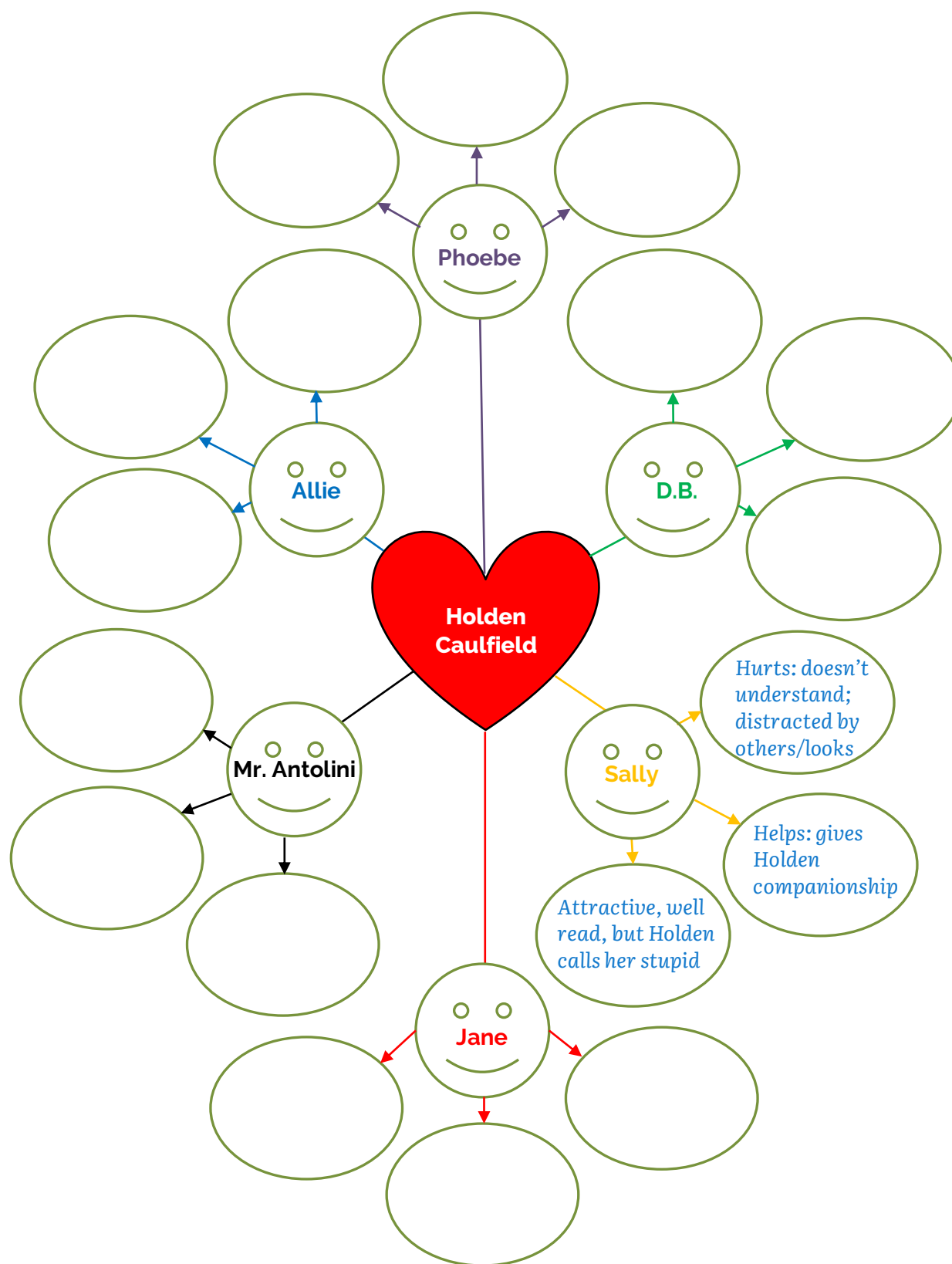
In *The Catcher in the Rye*, there are many characters presented throughout the novel, each having his/her effect on Holden and the story. However, there are a few specific, positive people in Holden's life, such as Phoebe, Allie, D.B., Jane, and Mr. Antolini, who know the true Holden and love him despite his flaws.

Using the graphic organizer below, diagram the positive people in Holden's heart by filling in the bubbles surrounding each character's name. For each positive character, record a detail that reveals:

at least one character trait

how they help Holden

how they hurt Holden



RL.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.