

Critical Reading: Scholarly Articles

Your Name _____ Article Title _____
Author(s) _____ Place of Publication _____

This assignment is designed to help you think about each section of the article individually, and to consider how each contributes to the overall text. Please answer the questions below for each section, and then write a **summary** of the article in your own words.

Read the Summary or Abstract

Summarize the main findings (points) in the article.

What problems are the researcher(s) trying to solve?

What questions do you have that you hope the article will answer?

Background (sometimes listed as Context or Literature Review)

Page number at the beginning _____ Page number at the end _____

Summarize what this section reveals about what is already known about this issue.

What questions do you have about this issue that you hope will be answered in the article?

Research Methods

Page number at the beginning _____ Page number at the end _____

Summarize how research was completed for this project.

What questions do you hope this research will reveal?

Results

Page number at the beginning _____ Page number at the end _____

Summarize what the results of the research were.

What parts of the results are confusing or difficult to understand?

Discussion

Page number at the beginning _____ Page number at the end _____

Summarize what is explained in the discussion section.

What questions do you have about how to use or apply this information?

Conclusion

Page number at the beginning _____ Page number at the end _____

Summarize how the author(s) believe this information should be utilized or implemented.

What questions do you now have about this topic that you would like to find answers to in other sources?

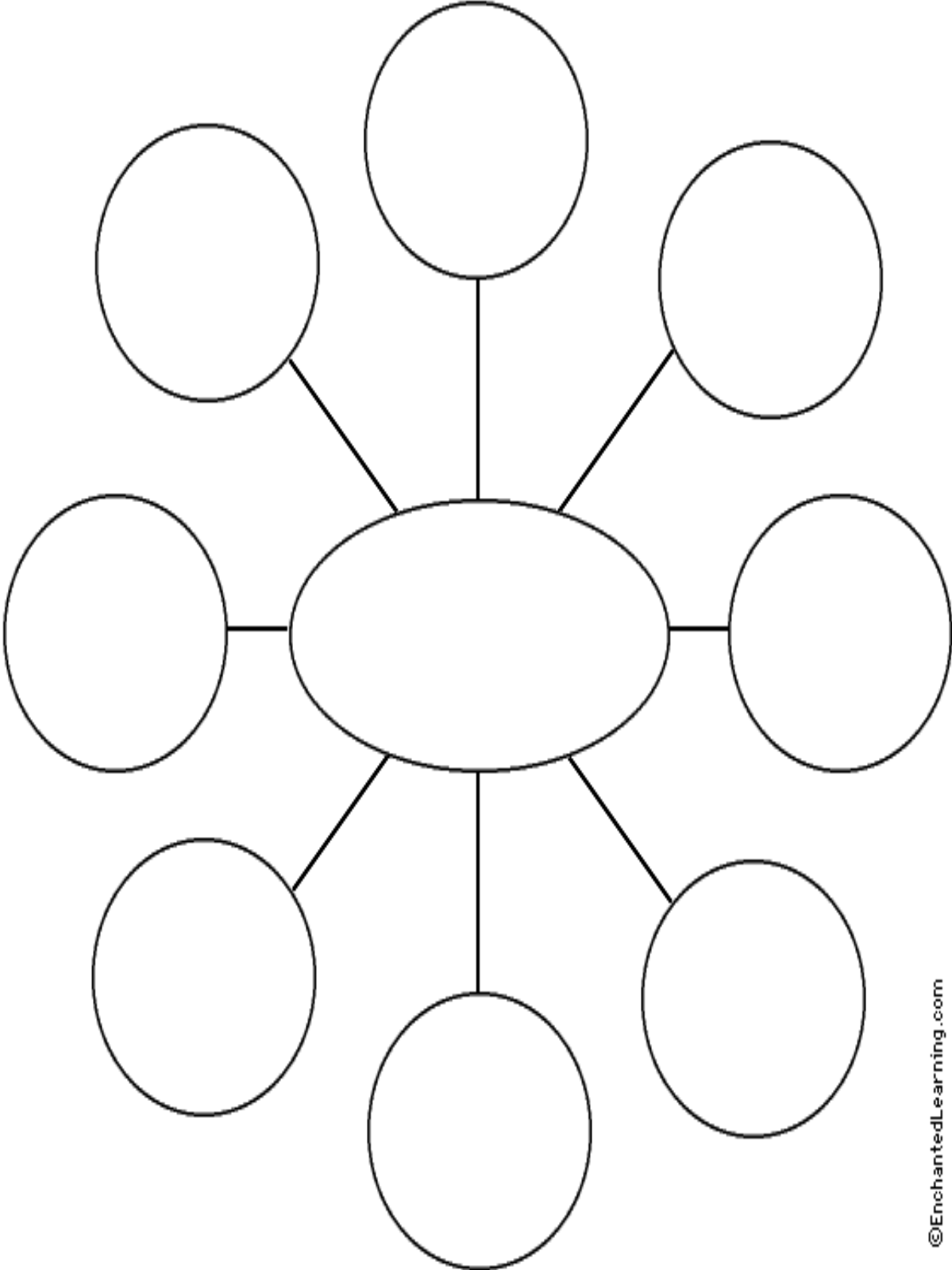
You will now use your answers from each section to fill in the bubble chart on the following page. Fill out each bubble below by writing the **main point(s)** (not the examples or small details) of each section in a corresponding bubble.

You will then write the **main idea** of the entire text in the middle bubble.

Next, review the entire bubble chart in order to write a clear, comprehensive **one paragraph summary** of the novel below. This should not focus on listing small details, or covering all of the plot points, but should cover the **main ideas** so that a student who did not read the novel would understand the gist, the purpose, and any other larger meaning the author(s) intended.

Finally, condense your **summary** into one clear **thesis statement** (try to do this in just one or two sentences) that explains the purpose of the text.

Complete the bubble chart below first, then write your summary and thesis statement on the following page.



Final Summary:

Thesis statement (1-3 sentences):