

obedient

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"At any rate I started reading."

intelligent

pg. 121
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accomplished

pg. 122
"Fifty years later I could perform an operation, take off the cranial bone, put in some depth electrodes, stimulate the appropriate area, and this person could remember not only where everyone was sitting, but what they were wearing."

obnoxious

pg. 121
"I was perhaps a little bit obnoxious. But after all those years, it felt so good to say that to those who had tormented me."

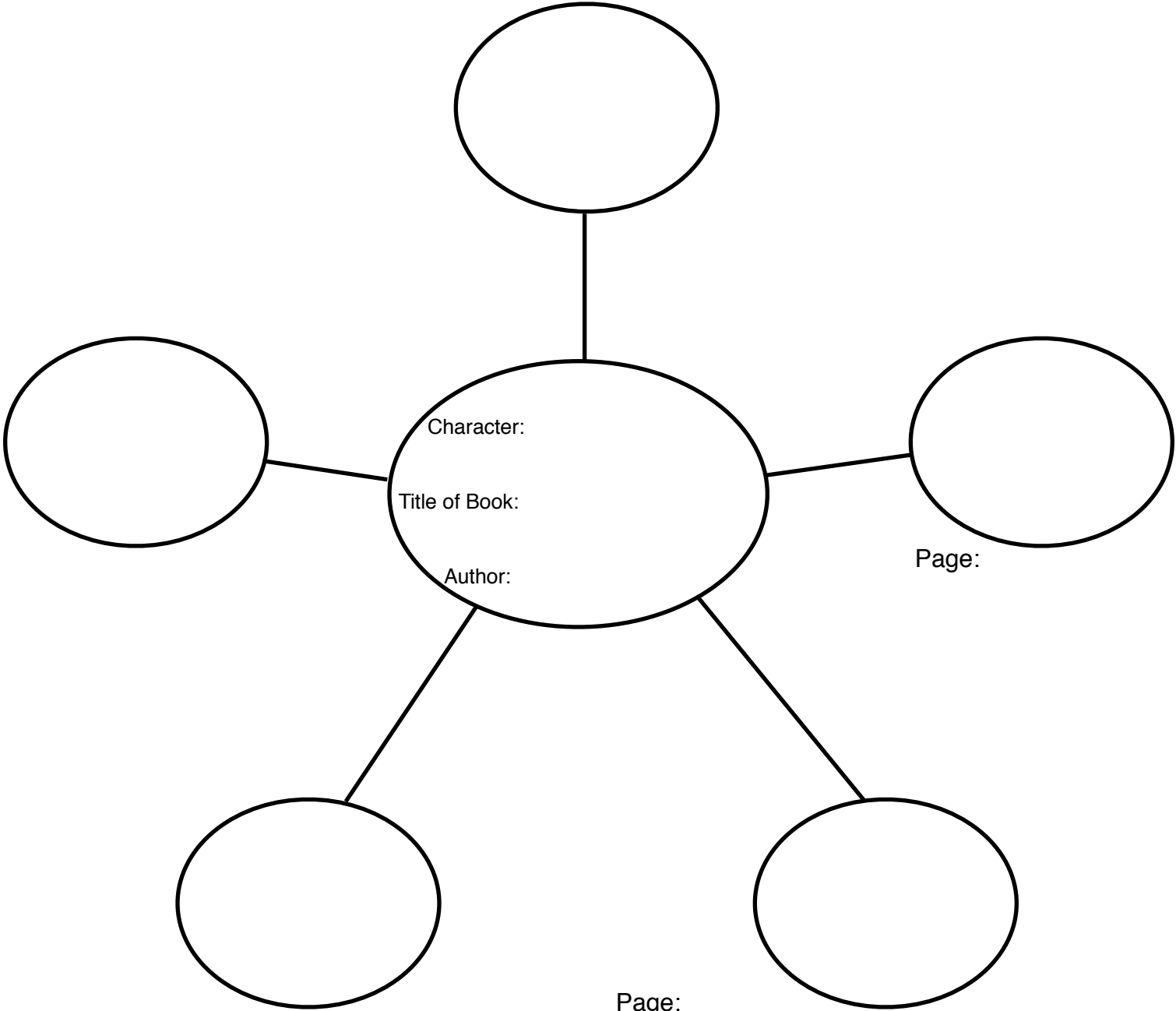
late blooming

pg. 121
"Within a year and a half, I went from the bottom of the class to the top of the class--much to the consternation of all those students who used to tease me and call me Dummy. The same ones would come to me in seventh grade to ask, "Hey Benny, how do you work this problem?"

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