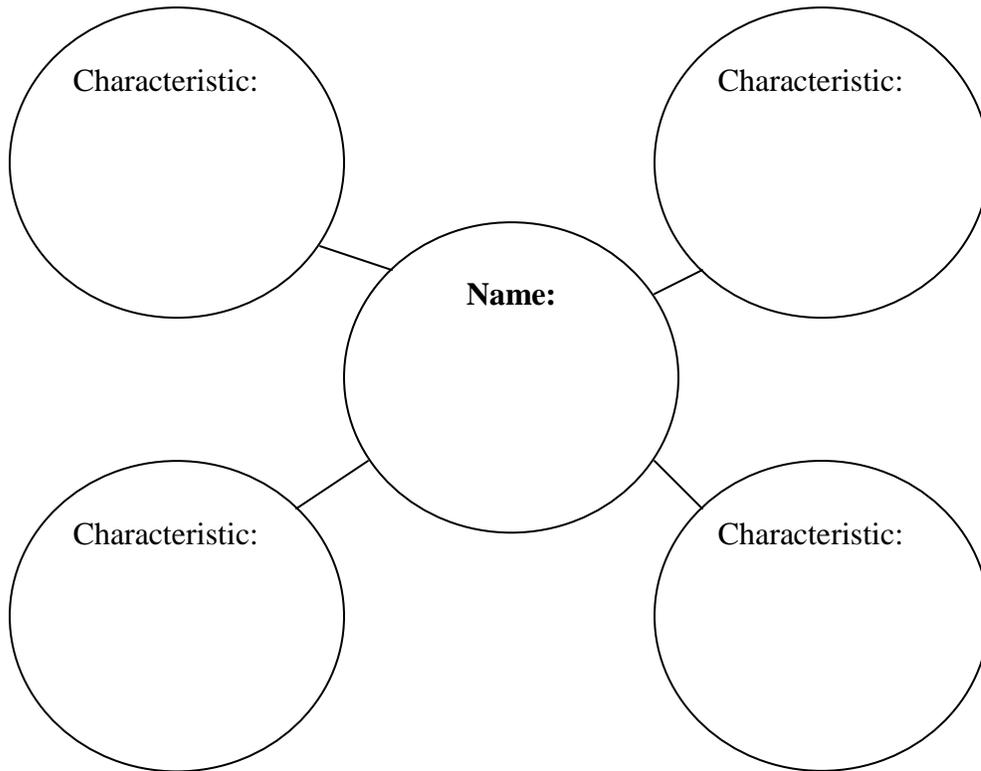


**“The Washwoman” by Isaac Bashevis Singer**  
**“New Directions” by Maya Angelou**  
**Support for Writing an Anecdote**

Use the following cluster diagram to gather information for your **anecdote**—your very brief story. In the middle circle, write the name of a person whom you admire. In the surrounding circles, write several characteristics that you like and respect about that person. (You do not have to fill in all of the circles.) Then, make some notes about a specific event that shows what the person is like.



**Notes about a specific event:**

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Now, write your anecdote. Describe in detail a specific event or action that illustrates what you admire about the person whom you have chosen. Be sure to tell what you learned from the person’s actions.