

Companion
Resources for

THE STORY *of* FERDINAND

By Munro Leaf



Activities to Support
Character, Plot, Setting,
Reading Thinking Strategies,
Grammar and Writing Skills,
Comprehension, and Vocabulary!



About the Author: **MUNRO LEAF**

Hometown: _____

Other Books He's Written:

Interesting Facts About the Author:

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Story Summary: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

Characters	Plot	Setting

Character Traits

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Character	Character Traits
Ferdinand	
Ferdinand's Mother	
The Other Young Bulls	
The Five Men From Madrid	

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Character Motivation

CHARACTER	Action What did they do?	Motivation Why did they do it?
Ferdinand		
The Other Young Bulls		

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Character Change: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

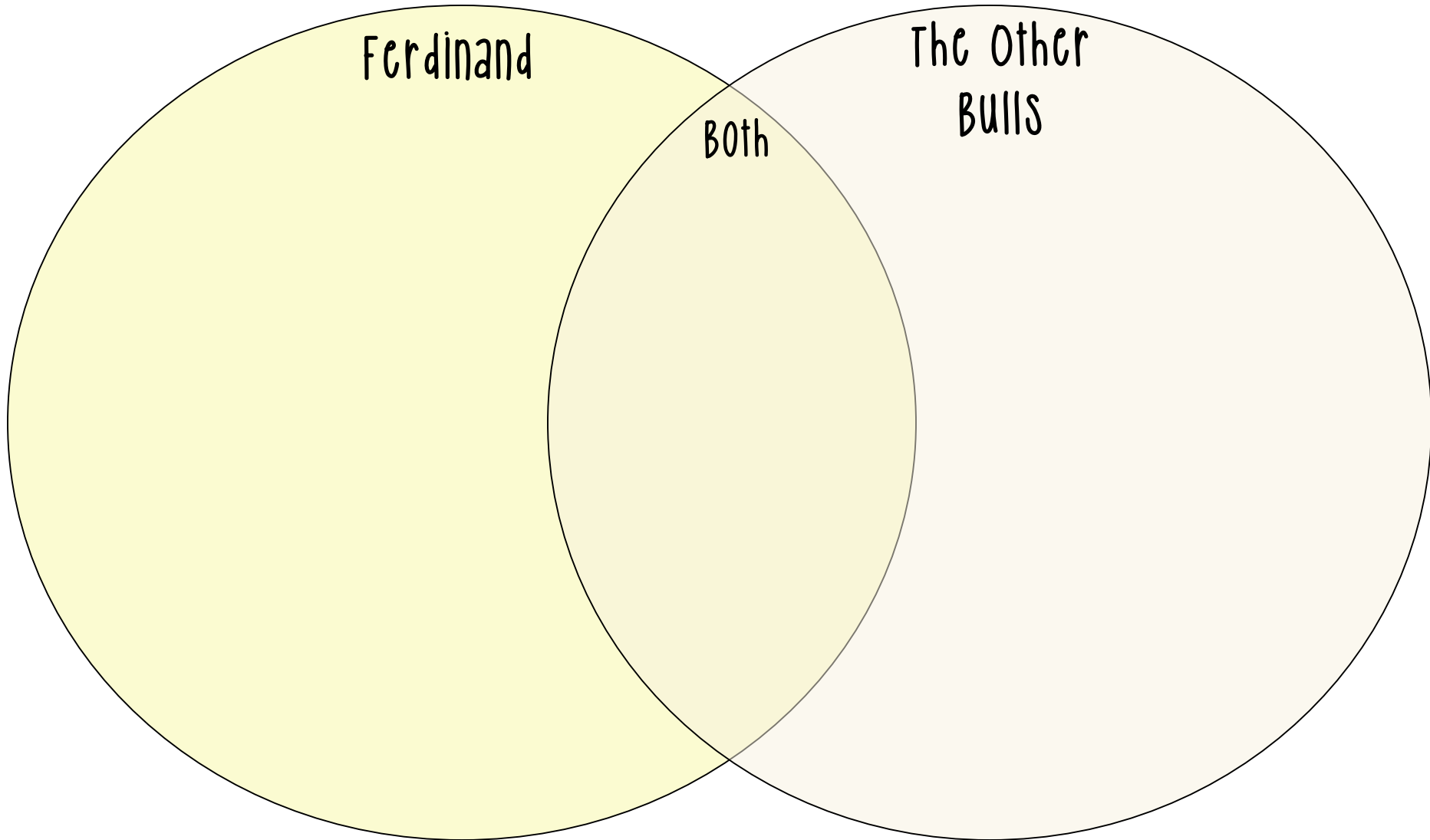
CHARACTER	At the beginning of the story...	At the end of the story...
Ferdinand		

Does Ferdinand change in this story? Why, or why not?
Use details from the text to support your thinking.

Venn Diagram

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Compare and Contrast These Characters!



Write some interesting adjectives that describe Ferdinand!



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SETTING: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

Setting: Where and when the story takes place.

Description	Picture

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Describing the Plot

What is the problem at the beginning of the story?

How is this problem solved by the end of the story?



Determining Importance of Plot

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Green Light

Very Important Events

Yellow Light

Important Events

Red Light

Not Important Events

Most Important Events




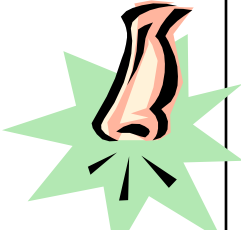

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Draw and Describe the Most Important Event in the Beginning of the Book.	Draw and Describe the Most Important Event in the Middle of the Book.	Draw and Describe the Most Important Event in the Ending of the Book.
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Sensory Images

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What I Could See	What I Could Hear	What I Could Taste	What I Could Smell	What I Could Feel
				

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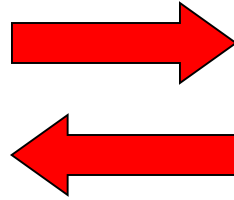
Questions I Had
Before Reading

Questions I Had
During Reading

Questions I Had
After Reading

Text-to-Self Connections

Connecting Our Lives to a Fiction Text



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How can you **connect** with this text?

What happened in this story that has also happened to you?

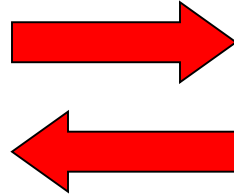
What in this story reminds you of your life?

Text-to-Text Connections

Connecting Fiction Texts

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Book Title

How can we **connect** these two texts?

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Prediction

Evidence From Text

Prediction	Evidence From Text

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My Inference:




CLUE:

CLUE:

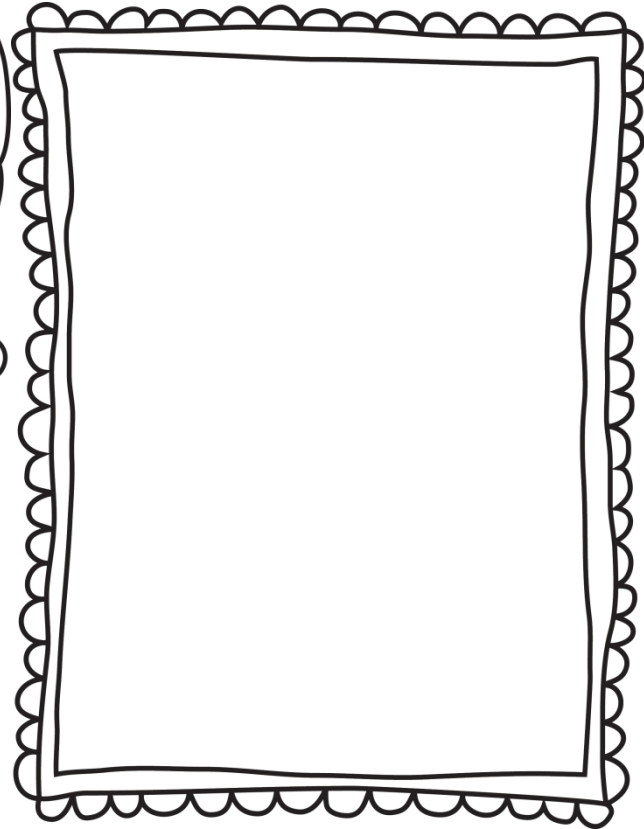
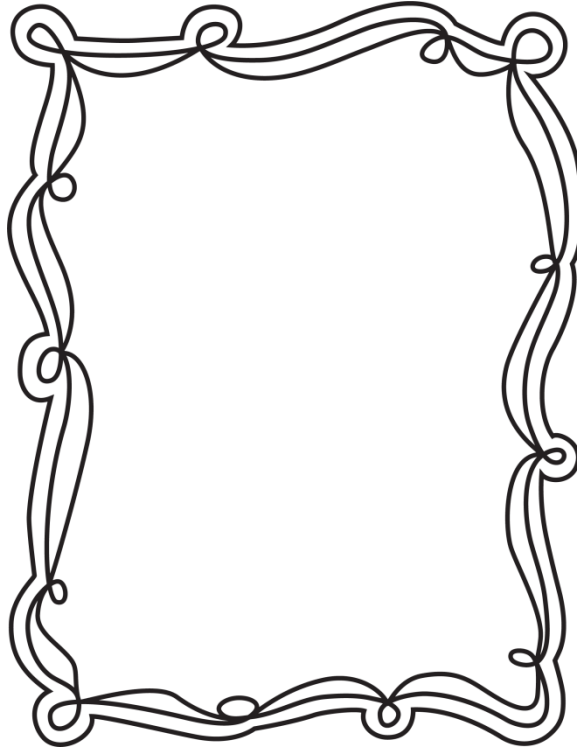
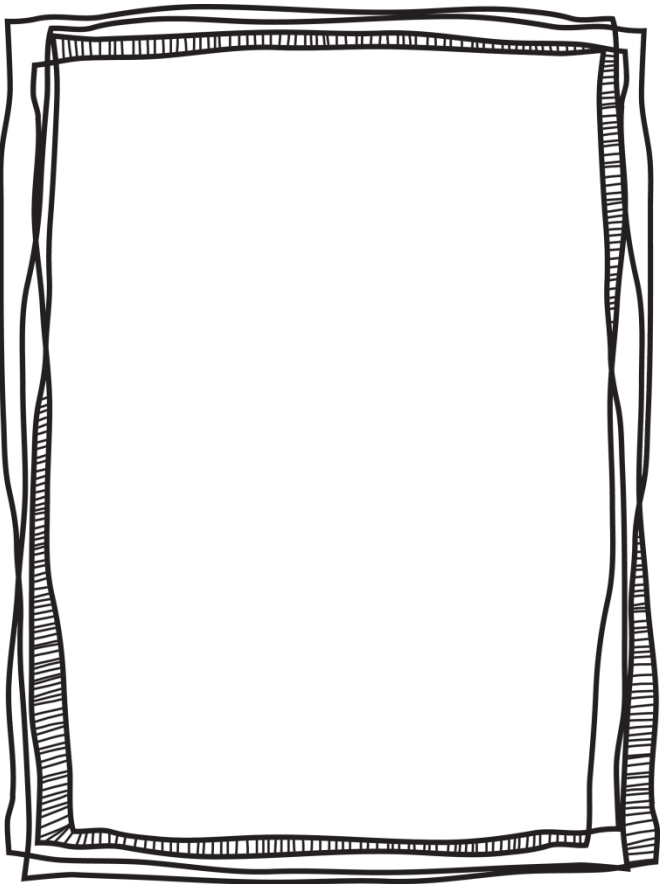
CLUE:

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A Word/Sentence I Love	Why I Love It
	

While you are reading silently or your teacher is reading aloud, stop three times and sketch what is happening in the story!



Cause and Effect in THE STORY OF FERDINAND

Cause Because of this...	Effect This happens...
	Ferdinand's mother is worried about Ferdinand.
Five men arrive looking for the biggest, fastest, roughest bull to fight in Madrid.	
	Ferdinand suddenly jumps up and acts like he is crazy.

Try Writing Your Own Cause and Effect!

Cause Because of this...	Effect This happens...

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New Words I Found!

Word/Definition	Illustration and/or Use in a Sentence
_____ -	
_____ -	
_____ -	

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WORDS TO KNOW!

Word/Definition	Illustration and/or Use in a Sentence
pasture -	
cork -	
fierce -	

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WORDS TO KNOW!

Word/Definition	Illustration and/or Use in a Sentence
short -	
cart -	
spears -	

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WORDS TO KNOW!

Word/Definition	Illustration and/or Use in a Sentence
proudest -	
handsome -	
cape -	

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WORDS TO KNOW!

Word/Definition	Illustration and/or Use in a Sentence
sword -	
_____ -	
_____ -	

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Comprehension: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

How is Ferdinand different from all the other little bulls?

If you wanted to find Ferdinand, where would you look first?

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Comprehension: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

What causes Ferdinand's mother to worry about her little bull? Why does she decide to stop worrying?

What do all the other young bulls want most of all? What do they do to hopefully achieve this goal?

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Describe the type of bull the five men are looking for.

Explain why Ferdinand is chosen to participate in the bull fights.

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Comprehension: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

The Banderilleros, the Picadores and the Matador all have different jobs in a bull fight. What does each do?

How does the crowd react when Ferdinand enters the ring?
Why doesn't Ferdinand fight?

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Comprehension: THE STORY OF FERDINAND

How might this story be different if a bee had stung Ferdinand in the middle of the bull ring?

Think of a new page you can add to the end of this book. Draw and color a picture of your idea. Then, write a few sentences about what is happening.

WRITING PROMPT

Have you ever wanted to do something different than what all of your friends wanted to do? How did you handle this situation?

WRITING PROMPT

Is being different sometimes a good thing, a bad thing or neither? Please explain your thoughts using complete sentences.

WRITING PROMPT

In this story, Ferdinand has an unpleasant encounter with an angry bee. Write about a time YOU had a bad experience with a bee or another insect. Please include what happened, where you were, who you were with and your feelings during this situation.

My Special Alone Place!

Ferdinand likes to sit by himself in the shade of a cork tree. Draw a picture of YOU sitting in YOUR special alone place.



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Sequence of Events

Please put the following story events in order from 1-10.

___ Ferdinand sits on a bumble bee.

___ Ferdinand sits down and smells the flowers in the lovely ladies' hats.

___ The Banderilleros and the Picadores get mad, and the Matador cries.

___ Ferdinand sits under a cork tree instead of playing with the other young bulls.

___ Five men from Madrid arrive to choose the biggest, fastest and roughest bull.

___ All the other bulls try to impress the five men.

___ Ferdinand jumps up and begins to act crazy.

___ Ferdinand's mother worries about him.

___ The five men take Ferdinand away in a cart.

___ Ferdinand has to go home.

ABC Order - Option 1

Please put these story words in ABC Order:

bull cape sword bee sting flowers happy pasture ladies men

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

ABC Order - Option 2

Please put these story words in ABC Order:

flowers cape bull sword parade happy fight bee cart sting

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

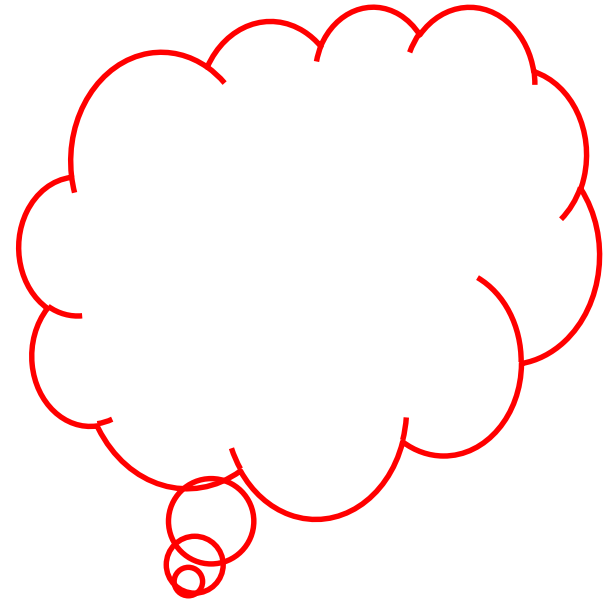
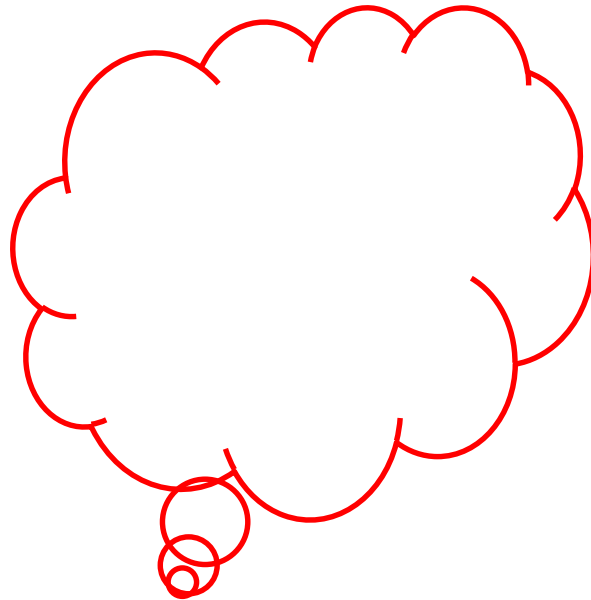
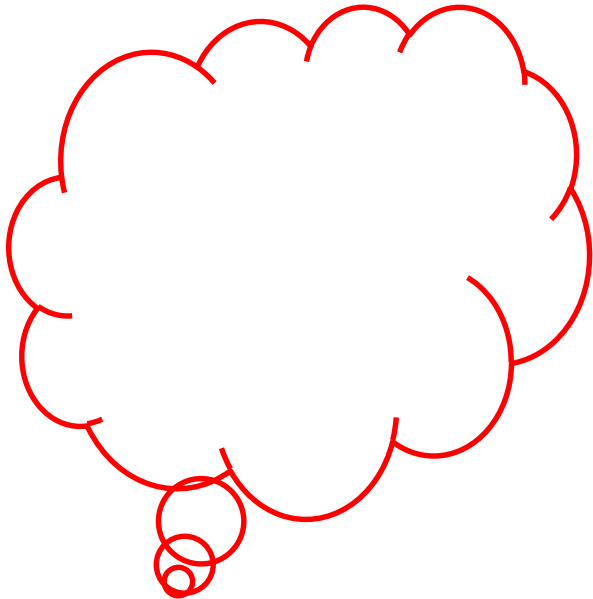
Count the syllables in these words from
THE STORY OF FERDINAND. Write them on the correct
thought cloud!

together flowers strong pasture Matador fight
parade bull Picadores spears happy Ferdinand

2 syllables

1 syllable

3 syllables





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Noun Search!

A noun is a person, place, or thing. How many common and proper nouns can you find in THE STORY OF FERDINAND? List them below.
Please circle all proper nouns.

Examples: common noun - bee

proper noun - Spain

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Vivid Verb Search!



Munro Leaf is able to create vivid pictures in the minds of his readers by using strong, captivating verbs. Create a list of vivid verbs you notice in THE STORY OF FERDINAND.

Examples: butt, bowed, snort

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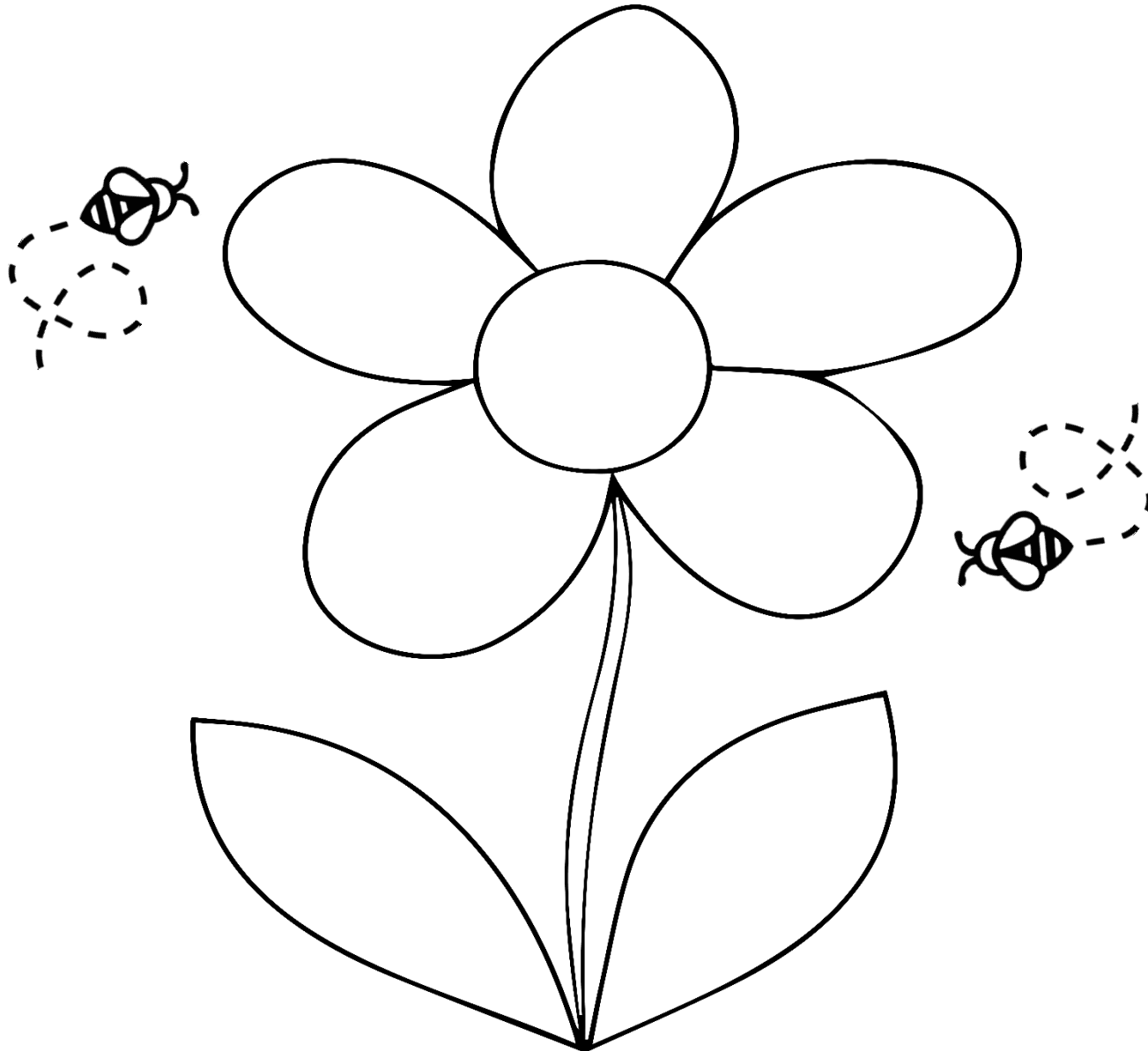
Describing Words (Adjectives)

An adjective is a word used to describe a noun or pronoun (person, place, or thing).

Search for adjectives throughout the story. Write the adjective and the noun/pronoun it describes in the T-Graph below.

Adjective	Noun/Pronoun it Describes
red	cape

Ferdinand is happiest sitting in the shade of the cork tree and smelling flowers. On each flower petal, draw something that makes YOU happy!



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THE STORY OF FERDINAND: Sentence Starters

I am happy when....

I love the smell of...

If I got stung by a bee...

My favorite spot to be alone is...

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My favorite part was...

because...

My least favorite part was...

because...

Persuade?

Author's Purpose

Inform?

What was the author's purpose for writing
THE STORY OF FERDINAND? Explain your thinking!

Entertain?

Letter to the Author Activity

Write a letter to Munro Leaf, the author of **THE STORY OF FERDINAND**. In this letter, please discuss your favorite part of the book. Include details from the book and two reasons for your choice. Be sure to use all the elements of a friendly letter in your writing.

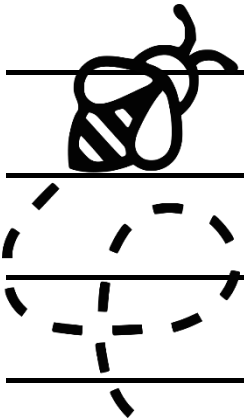
Have fun!

Dear Muhro Leaf,

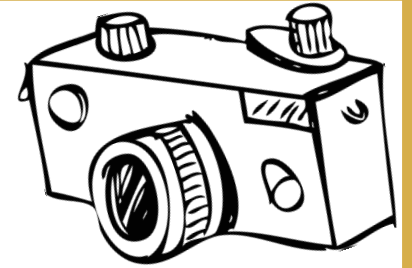
Lesson/Theme

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What is the **lesson** or **theme** in this story?
Give information from the text to support your answer.



What We Can Learn from THE STORY OF FERDINAND



My Picture of the Theme/Lesson

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Why should people read THE STORY OF FERDINAND?

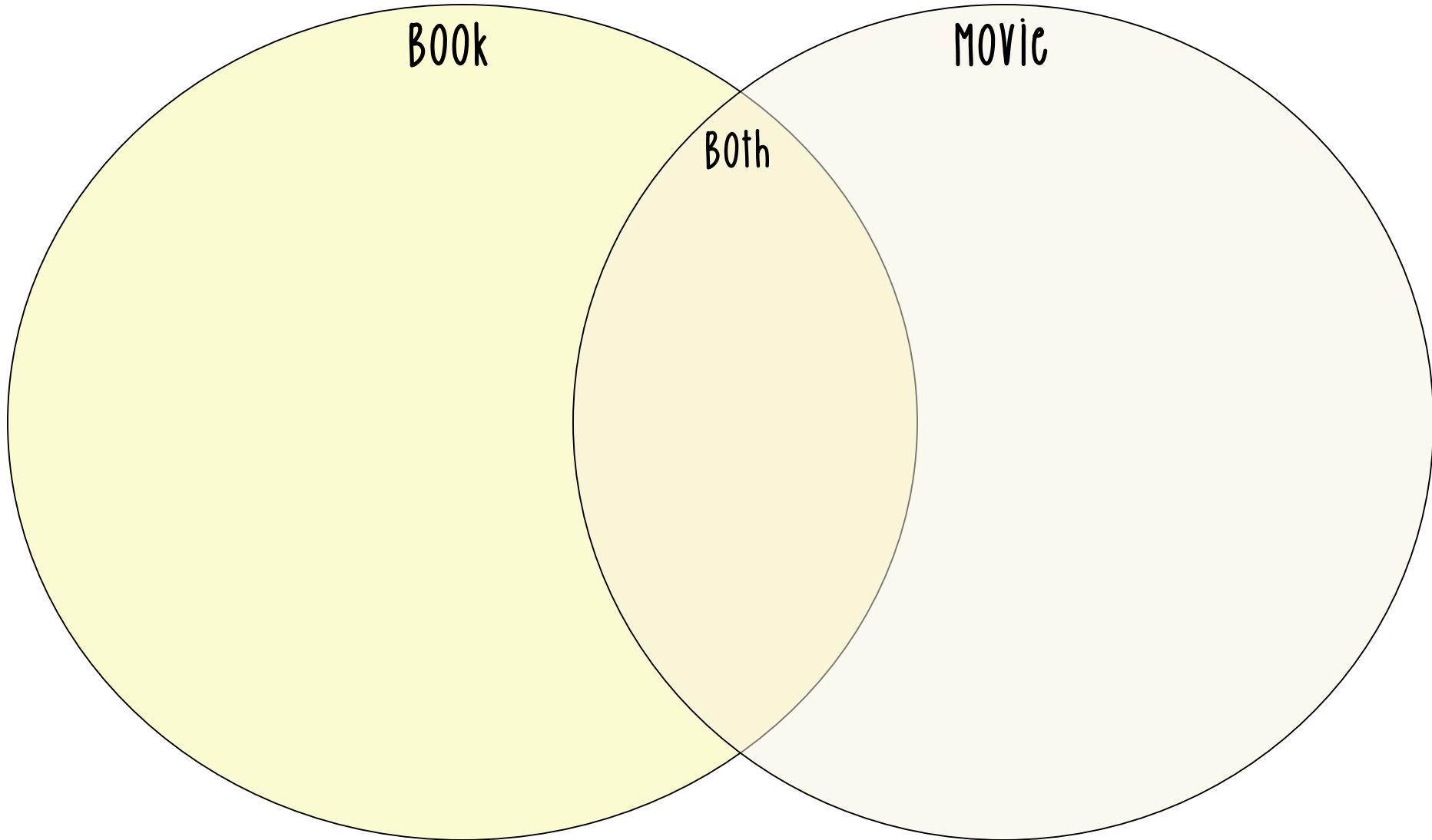
Include
at least
three
reasons!



Venn Diagram

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Comparing/Contrasting the Book and the Movie



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