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A Reading Study Guide for The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse By Sally Valentine

Chapter 1

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

abandoned _____

prediccate _____

semblance _____

prestigious _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Which word best describes the state of the lighthouse?

- A. tall
- B. abandoned
- C. old
- D. dark

2. Why did parents send their kids to #27 School?

- A. The students learned to work together.
- B. It had good teachers.
- C. It was a charter school.
- D. It was close by.

3. How did Janie and Jeanetta become friends? _____

4. Who were the rest of the members of their cooperative learning group? _____

Write a paragraph: Do you like to study better in a group or alone? Why?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guidy/Chapter 2

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

port side _____

starboard _____

scowl _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What happened first to Janie outside the library?

- A. She fell.
- B. She cut her knee.
- C. She tripped.
- D. She started bleeding.

2. Finish this sentence: Rain goes with Rochester like _____

3. What did Janie and Derrick do to get detention? _____

4. Was their punishment fair? _____

Write a paragraph: Tell about a time when you got an undeserved punishment.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 3

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

- survivor _____
- inhabitants _____
- combustible _____
- waterspout _____
- salvageable _____
- ironically _____
- treacherous _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why does Lake Erie often freeze over in the winter?
 - A. The weather is so cold.
 - B. It gets icebergs.
 - C. The wind blows across it.
 - D. It's not very deep.
2. Name the 5 Great Lakes. _____

3. How did Mrs. Levine teach the kids to memorize them? _____

4. What's a Flying Dutchman? _____

Write a paragraph: Tell about a time when you have been on a boat.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 4

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

frostbite _____

doubloons _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the most likely reason that the beach was closed?

A. There was no lifeguard.

B. The water was polluted.

C. There was a shipwreck.

D. It was winter.

2. What did the boys find in the water? _____

3. Why was it dangerous for them to be in the water in the first place? _____

4. How did Steven feel about his car? _____

Write a paragraph: Write about a special possession you have. Tell why it is important to you.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 5

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

verdict _____

mangled _____

theorized _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Which answer best explains why the spoon wasn't valuable?
 - A. It was dirty and smelly.
 - B. It was bent and mangled
 - C. It was not costly.
 - D. It had a design on it.

2. What have you found on the beach?

3. What is Derrick's theory about how teachers earn extra money?

Write a paragraph: What do you think of Derrick's theory?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guidy/Chapter 6

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

pummeled _____

replenished _____

capsized _____

obsolete _____

sonar _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why did Mr. Davidson and Clara think that there was a ghost in the lighthouse?

- A. They saw it floating.
- B. They heard a loud voice.
- C. Someone told them about it.
- D. They heard scratching noises.

2. Why aren't lighthouses necessary any more?

- A. Boats use new technology to find their way.
- B. There are no more big boats on the Great Lakes.
- C. The lighthouses are broken down.
- D. There are no lightkeepers for the lighthouses.

3. Who was Cuyler Cook? _____

4. What is a nor'easter? _____

Write a paragraph: Tell about a time when you experienced a bad storm.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 7

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

deposit _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why did the children want to raise money? _____

2. How did the STARfish plan to raise money? _____

3. Where did the boys find their first empty pop cans?

A. Mr. Nelson's house

B. Under a tree

C. At the recycling center

D. At the curb

Write a paragraph: Have you ever raised money for a cause? How did you do it? Who helped you?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 8

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

scaled _____

dangling _____

cackle _____

oblivious _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What were Janie and Jeanetta doing in Janie's bedroom? _____

2. What made Lamar and Reinaldo go back into the Washburn's yard? _____

3. What was the trickiest part of Derrick's plan to scare the girls?

A. reaching out to scratch the window.

B. climbing the tree

C. breaking off a branch

D. finding Janie's house

4. Why did Reinaldo say, "We need to get out of here?"

A. It was very late.

B. His mother was waiting for him.

C. He was afraid of being caught in someone's yard.

D. He was hurt.

Write a paragraph: What would you have done after Derrick fell if you were Lamar or Reinaldo?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guidy/Chapter 9

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

clutching _____

congregated _____

skeptical _____

inconvenience _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Did Derrick tell the truth to Mr. Washburn? _____

2. Who is Mrs. Brady? _____

3. What happened to Mrs. Brady? _____

4. How did Reinaldo know his parents were angry? _____

5. What would be the best title for this chapter?

A. Boys in Trouble

B. A Sprained Ankle

C. Mrs. Brady Falls

D. Piles of Cans

Write a paragraph: How can you tell when your parents are angry?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 10

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

subdued _____

episode _____

compromised _____

plaster _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Was Derrick's ankle broken? _____

2. How did Mrs. Levine react when she heard about Derrick's falling out of the Washburn's tree?

3. How much money did the STARfish earn? _____

4. This chapter is mostly about....

- A. Derrick's sprained ankle
- B. the class' first trip to the lighthouse
- C. Mrs. Levine's lecture
- D. the ghost

Write a paragraph: Describe the lighthouse.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 11

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

spiral _____

scanning _____

octagon _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. How was the lighthouse tower different from the lighthouse itself? _____

2. In what year was the tower built? _____

3. How many steps are in the spiral staircase? _____

4. Which detail about the tower steps tells us why they have lasted so long?

E. They were twisty.

F. They were made of iron.

G. They were sealed with a board at the top.

H. They were made in 1853.

Write a paragraph: What do you think Mrs. Levine was thinking on the bus ride home?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 12

Vocabulary:

bulky _____

threshold _____

reluctantly _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why did Derrick and Janie go to the lighthouse tower when they were supposed to be working? _____

2. What caused Derrick to fall down the stairs? _____

3. Why were Janie and Derrick pouting on the way home from the lighthouse?

A. They had seen the ghost.

B. They were mad at their teacher.

C. They were mad at each other.

D. They had to be separated.

Write a paragraph: Have you ever fallen? Tell how it happened and how you felt.

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse Study Guide/Chapter 13

Vocabulary:

restoring _____

donated _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. How much money did Mrs. Levine's class collect for the lighthouse? _____

2. Was it enough money to do all the lighthouse repairs? _____

3. Why was the lighthouse roof repaired first?

A. It was made of red shingles.

B. It only took one week to fix.

C. So that the inside repairs would not be ruined by a leaky roof.

C. It was the easiest thing to fix.

4. What word best describes how Janie felt toward Jeanetta in this chapter?

A. jealous

B. proud

C. angry

D. sad

Write a paragraph: What did Mrs. Levine mean when she said that Reinaldo was "a person after my own heart?" _____

Vocabulary:

sprinting _____

eavesdropping _____

scattered _____

protruding _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the most likely reason that the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Saturday?
 - A. so more people would attend
 - B. so the kids would not have to miss school
 - C. because the mayor was free
 - D. because the weather was better
2. When did the scratching noise stop?
 - A. when they opened the box
 - B. when Jeanetta spoke
 - C. when they took the box out of the wall
 - D. when Janie and Derrick pulled out the brick

3. Who is Ron VanHall?

4. Why did Mrs. Levine say to her husband, "I think it's going to be a long afternoon?"

Write a paragraph: What do you think is in the metal box?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse/Chapter 17

Vocabulary:

legible _____

forearm _____

designated _____

investors _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the most likely reason that the STARfish believe in the ghost?

- A. They saw the ghost.
- B. They found the box.
- C. They heard the ghost speak.
- D. They heard the scratching.

2. What made the piece of paper found in the green box valuable? _____

3. Who inherited the money?

4. Why was Mrs. Levine not as excited as the class about Miss Robinson's gift?

Write a paragraph: What would you do if you found \$100,000?

The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse/Chapter 18

Vocabulary:

hoisted _____

staggered _____

Comprehension Questions:

1. What do you think caused the scratching in the lighthouse? _____

2. Why did Mrs. Levine have a tear in her eye? _____

4. Read the author's note after Chapter 18. Which of these statements is true?

A. The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse was built in 1890.

B. The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse is now a museum.

C. Rochester, New York is located on Lake Erie.

D. Cuyler Cook was a mayor of Rochester.

5. Read the author's note after Chapter 18. Which part of the story is NOT true?

A. Cuyler Cook was a lighthouse keeper.

B. Mayor Johnson was a mayor of Rochester.

C. Eastman Kodak stock was found in the lighthouse.

D. Cuyler Cook died during a storm.

Write a paragraph: Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?

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VOCABULARY (Chapters 1-4)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to its definition.

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| A. abandoned | 1. _____ outward appearance |
| B. predicate | 2. _____ left side of a boat |
| C. semblance | 3. _____ frown |
| D. prestigious | 4. _____ deceptively dangerous |
| E. port side | 5. _____ person who outlasts others |
| F. starboard | 6. _____ able to be saved |
| G. scowl | 7. _____ honored or well-known |
| H. survivor | 8. _____ old Spanish gold coins |
| I. inhabitants | 9. _____ completely given up, deserted |
| J. combustible | 10. _____ happening unexpectedly |
| K. waterspout | 11. _____ part of a sentence that contains a verb |
| L. salvageable | 12. _____ condition of being partially frozen |
| M. ironically | 13. _____ right side of a boat |
| N. treacherous | 14. _____ burns easily |
| O. frostbite | 15. _____ column of spray and mist |
| P. doubloons | 16. _____ people who live in a place |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

1. The STARfish are all _____ of the city of Rochester.
2. That icy sidewalk could be _____.
3. The pirates hoped to find many _____.
4. There were water-skiers on both the _____ and _____ of the boat.
5. The rusted old railroad car looked like it had been _____.
6. The captain was scared when he saw a _____ appear in front of him.
7. If you don't wear gloves while ice-fishing, you might get _____.
8. Derrick's mother had a _____ on her face after she read his report card.
9. Jeanetta's mother had attended a _____ college
10. According to Mrs. Levine, a sentence needs both a subject and a _____.
11. The fire was very bad. I don't know if the house will be _____.
12. Steven was over 6 feet tall. _____ his nickname was Shorty.
13. Mr. Watson was the lone _____ of the car crash.
14. The movie set had some _____ to a real western town.
15. Dry wood is very _____.

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WORD SEARCH I
(VOCABULARY Chapters 1-4)
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C O M B U S T I B L E S V N A
E T I B T S O R F H D A M E F
Y A T L I R O N I C A L L Y L
F M Y W Z M V U V U F V O C R
D S O O I N H A B I T A N T S
E T A C I D E R P C S G R U S
P S G S U O I G I T S E R P N
T U O P S R E T A W A A R O O
S R R Y W T O R X C I B W R O
A V Y W C O B D H G R L P T L
Z I H S E O C E L P O E H S B
L V G L A E R P B G C W M I U
T O A R B O S N B U A B G D O
S R D E U I A B A N D O N E D
O D W S E M B L A N C E A X T

ABANDONED
PRESTIGIOUS
SCOWL
COMBUSTIBLE
SALVAGEABLE

PREDICATE
PORTSIDE
SURVIVOR
WATERSPOUT
IRONICALLY
TREACHEROUS

SEMBLANCE
STARBOARD
INHABITANTS
FROSTBITE
DOUBLOONS

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VOCABULARY (Chapters 5-9)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to its definition.

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. verdict | 1. _____ hanging loosely |
| B. mangled | 2. _____ outdated, not used anymore |
| C. theorized | 3. _____ method of navigating at sea |
| D. pummeled | 4. _____ gathered together |
| E. replenished | 5. _____ doubting, questioning |
| F. capsized | 6. _____ a short, shrill laugh |
| G. obsolete | 7. _____ holding tightly |
| H. sonar | 8. _____ decision of a jury |
| I. deposit | 9. _____ filled again |
| J. scaled | 10. _____ beaten |
| K. dangling | 11. _____ hindrance, troublesome |
| L. cackle | 12. _____ disfigured, ruined |
| M. oblivious | 13. _____ guessed |
| N. clutching | 14. _____ overturned |
| O. congregated | 15. _____ money added to an account |
| P. skeptical | 16. _____ unaware |
| Q. inconvenience | 17. _____ climbed to the top of |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

1. With the invention of the computer, typewriters have become _____.
2. Mrs. McCoy laughed with an evil _____.
3. The whole town _____ to dedicate the new park.
4. Using _____ the ship made it safely to port.
5. Janie was _____ to what her teacher was saying.
6. Makeya _____ the water in her dog's dish.
7. What an accident! My car is _____.
8. The extra clothesline was _____ from the hook.
9. When Lamar lost his ball in the neighbor's yard he _____ over the fence to get it.
10. Gerald called for help when his canoe _____.
11. Having to wait for the bus was such an _____.
12. The jury returned a _____ of not guilty.
13. Mrs. Gaines went to the drive-up teller to make her bank _____.
14. Mrs. Thomas was _____ about Maria's excuse for being late.
15. During the bad storm, hail _____ the roof.
16. Linus goes around _____ his blanket.
17. Long ago scientists _____ that the world was round.

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WORD SEARCH II
(VOCABULARY Chapters 5-9)
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A T G R E V E R D I C T K D V
T I S O P E D E R Y R U G E X
H H N U M R E L N A M H X L A
E E B C L U T C H I N G N G J
O T A E O J L N O X L O O N D
R E P L E N I S H E D W S A E
I L S U O I V I L B O I N M L
Z O A F E O N E B O J G B O E
E S S C A L E D N V L M U I M
D B L A I Y D E Z I S P A C M
G O F C A T K U N W E Y C X U
E R M L M U P G U T O N P N P
R I D E T A G E R G N O C Z T
A R M C P C A C K L E F P E R
X S B W Y T S H D S U A M O N

VERDICT
PUMMELED
OBSOLETE
SCALED
OBLIVIOUS
SKEPTICAL

MANGLED
REPLENISHED
SONAR
DANGLING
CLUTCHING
INCONVENIENCE

THEORIZED
CAPSIZED
DEPOSIT
CACKLE
CONGREGATED

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VOCABULARY (Chapters 10-14)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to its definition.

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| A. subdued | 1. _____ records of daily operation or progress |
| B. episode | 2. _____ things made by human hands or craft |
| C. compromised | 3. _____ to give knowledge, to teach |
| D. plaster | 4. _____ bringing back to original condition |
| E. spiral | 5. _____ gave |
| F. scanning | 6. _____ a material used to coat walls |
| G. octagon | 7. _____ an event, part of a larger story |
| H. bulky | 8. _____ a winding curve like a screw thread |
| I. threshold | 9. _____ reading or looking at quickly |
| J. reluctantly | 10. _____ plans, drawings |
| K. restoring | 11. _____ softened, restrained |
| L. donated | 12. _____ doorsill, entrance |
| M. blueprints | 13. _____ an 8-sided figure |
| N. logs | 14. _____ gave up something to reach an agreement |
| O. mortar | 15. _____ unwillingly |
| P. artifacts | 16. _____ large |
| Q. enlighten | 17. _____ a material used when laying bricks |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

1. Mrs. Levine _____ money to the Red Cross.
2. Because of the _____ red sweater he was wearing, Derrick's coat was hard to put on.
3. It's a custom for grooms to carry their brides over the _____ of their new home.
4. Mrs. Green hated to miss one _____ of her favorite TV show.
5. The outside of the school was built with bricks and _____. The inside walls were covered in _____.
6. The unusual building was shaped like an _____.
7. The _____ of the new school called for a bathroom in every classroom.
8. Archeologists look for _____ from long ago.
9. Some people think that the Bible will _____ them about truth.
10. The Little League baseball player was _____ the crowd to find his mother.
11. Lamar wanted \$10 allowance. His mother wanted to give him \$6. They _____ on \$8.
12. Mr. Santiago was _____ a rocking chair that belonged to his great-grandmother.
13. The authorities were looking at pilot _____ to help determine the cause of the plane crash.
14. When Steven and Jonathan got in a fight, their teacher stepped in and _____ them both.
15. The seashell had a very pretty _____ design on it.
16. Tamika _____ threw away the gum she was chewing in school.

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WORD SEARCH III
(VOCABULARY Chapters 10-14)
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P Y X P F R P A R C L G B Y L
A T H R E S H O L D P Q U R Z
O B A S T C A F I T R A J G E
P R P J Y A R P F X B F D L Y
H Z Y L T N A T C U L E R E P
S D E T A N O D L B S N A D L
U T A G T I B K Y I J L T O A
B J N B P N Y A M F G I R S S
D I F I Y G T O Z L Q G O I T
U A G P R L R B P A L H M P E
E B C Y C P G N I R O T S E R
D O L S M F E Y C I P E A Y P
L Y G O S B Y U O P X N Z L A
T O C T A G O N L S B G A N C
L E H J L O N Q U B Y L R F G

SUBDUED
PLASTER
OCTAGON
RELUCTANTLY
BLUEPRINTS
ARTIFACTS

EPISODE
SPIRAL
BULKY
RESTORING
LOGS
ENLIGHTEN

COMPROMISED
SCANNING
THRESHOLD
DONATED
MORTAR

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VOCABULARY (Chapters 15-18)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to the definition.

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|------------------|--|
| A. sprinting | 1. _____ easy to read |
| B. eavesdropping | 2. _____ a number of things one following another |
| C. scattered | 3. _____ chosen for a special purpose |
| D. protruding | 4. _____ people who buy stock in a business for gain |
| E. sequence | 5. _____ lifted up, especially using a machine |
| F. posterity | 6. _____ listening secretly |
| G. glimpse | 7. _____ running fast for a short distance |
| H. legible | 8. _____ sticking out |
| I. forearm | 9. _____ gone away in different directions |
| J. designated | 10. _____ walked unsteadily |
| K. investors | 11. _____ all future generations |
| L. hoisted | 12. _____ a brief look |
| M. staggered | 13. _____ part of the body from elbow to wrist |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the above list.

1. The label on the old bottle was not _____.
2. The large book was _____ from the bookcase.
3. Claire was _____ as team leader.
4. Angelo started _____ from the room when he saw a mouse.
5. Lamar stood outside the classroom door _____ on his mother and his teacher.
6. Town workers _____ the new bell up to the top of the bell tower.
7. Taquanda had a spot of poison ivy on her _____.
8. Mr. Rivera _____ under the weight of the boxes he was carrying.
9. Dr. Martin Luther King's life was a lesson for _____.
10. George Eastman needed _____ for his film company.
11. Jorge peeked out the window to get a _____ of his new neighbor.
12. House builders must follow certain steps in _____.
13. During the wind storm, the maple leaves were _____ everywhere.

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WORD SEARCH IV
(VOCABULARY Chapters 15-18)
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D E R E G G A T S I H F X Y E
I B A J P O S T E R I T Y H I
K Q M V B V D K V C Q U E F N
Z Q U D E T A N G I S E D T V
E V G L J S M O F D W Y F Z E
C H T N Y C D A E X P H O B S
N K O W I Q U R M R C M R V T
E Y B I H T E V O M U Z E K O
U P Q F S T N T C P Q S A M R
Q U D V T T R I Y B P U R X S
E C Z A B U E K R M W I M V K
S H C T D A V D I P M D N B E
R S X I M S H L J F S V W G H
B V N K L E G I B L E I E C J
C G E F L D T U X M Z B H U O

SPRINTING
PROTRUDING
GLIMPSE
DESIGNATED

EAVESDROPPING
SEQUENCE
LEGIBLE
INVESTORS
STAGGERED

SCATTERED
POSTERITY
FOREARM
HOISTED

Name _____

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Fill in the chart below with details of the novel *The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse* by Sally Valentine. Tell how the lighthouse looked at each place in the novel and what happened to make it look that way.

	How the lighthouse looked	What happened to make it look that way
Beginning of story		
Middle of story		
End of story		

Name _____

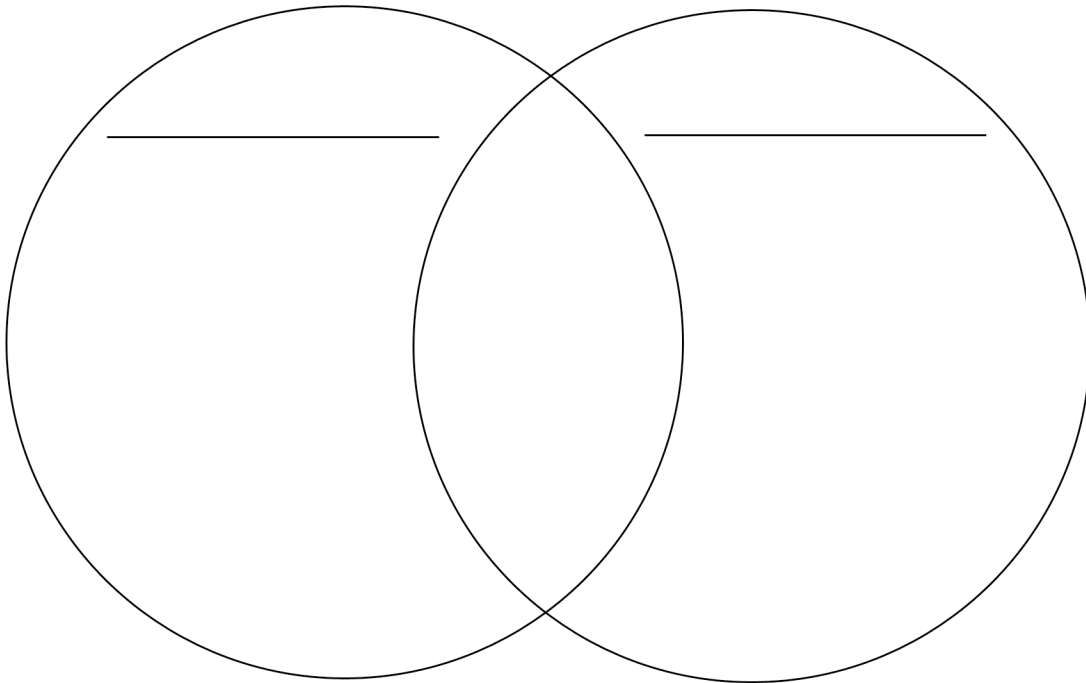
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Pick two characters from *The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse* by Sally Valentine. Write their names here and also in the circles below.

Character 1 _____

Character 2 _____

Tell how they are alike and how they are different by filling in the Venn Diagram below.



Write a paragraph telling which character you like better and why.
