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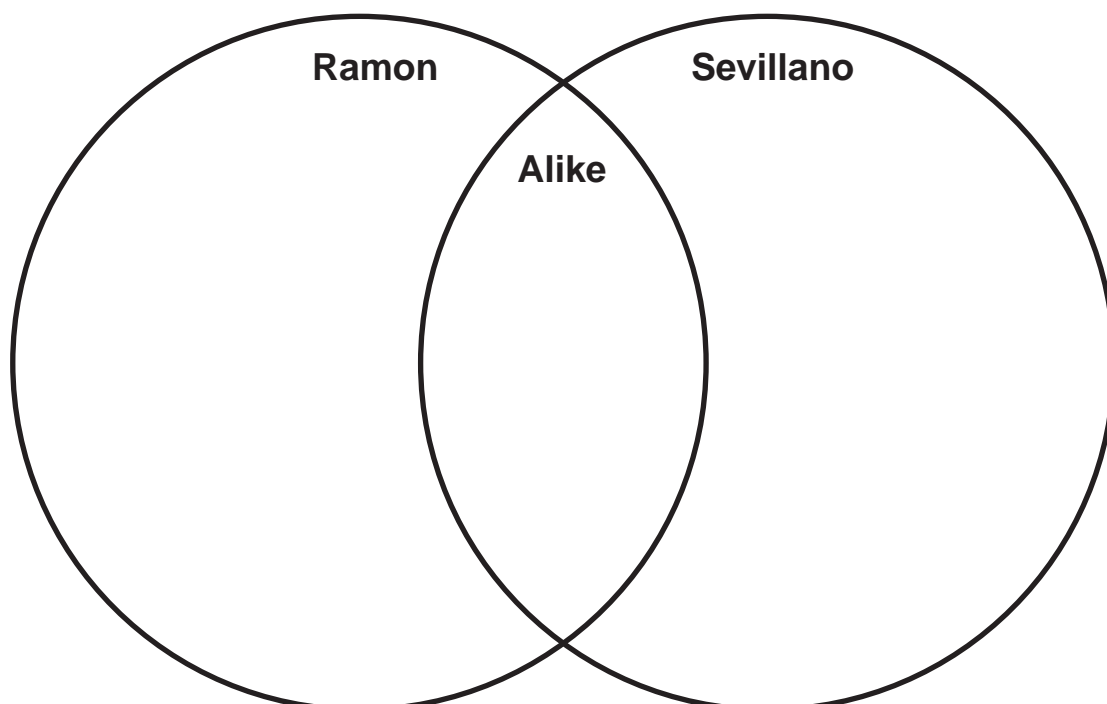
Character Sketches

Ramon and Sevillano are two main characters in the story. In this activity, you will complete the chart below by comparing and contrasting Ramon and Sevillano. When comparing characters, you explain how they are alike. When you contrast characters, you explain how they are different.

Complete the chart by listing details about the personalities of the two main characters.

Personality Chart	
Ramon	Sevillano

Using the list generated above, underline the ways in which the two characters are alike. Look at the diagram below. This is known as a Venn diagram. Notice that there are two circles, each containing the name of one of the main characters. Next, notice how the two circles overlap. Using the information generated in the chart above, it is easy to complete the Venn diagram. In the outer edges of the circles, list the characteristics that the characters DO NOT have in common. Within the center portion, where the two circles overlap, list the ways in which the characters are alike. Be prepared to discuss whether Ramon and Sevillano are more alike or different.



Moral Dilemmas

Ramon faces some very difficult decisions in *The Black Pearl*. Some of his choices are good, others are not. Read the situations presented below. Respond to each by stating whether you think Ramon made a good decision or a poor one. Be sure to explain your answers.

1. Ramon is so upset about what happened to his father that he feels he has to return the pearl to the Manta Diablo before anything else happens. Consequently, he steals the pearl from the church. Do you think this is a good decision? What are Ramon's options? What would you do?

2. Ramon borrows a boat to sail to the lagoon. However, because he is in such a hurry, he does not ask the owner for permission to use the boat before leaving? Do you think this is a good decision? What are Ramon's options? What would you do?

3. When Sevillano asks Ramon for the pearl, Ramon throws it into the sea. Do you think this is a good decision? What are Ramon's options? What would you do?
