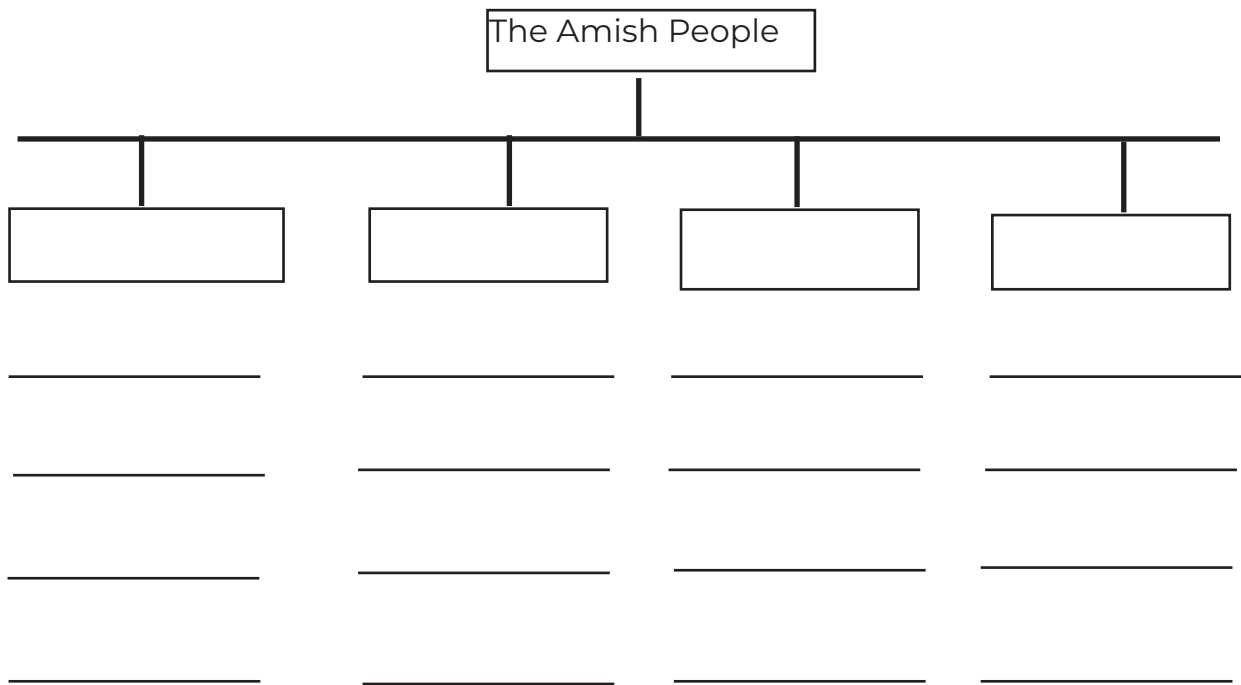




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My drawing of Amish life



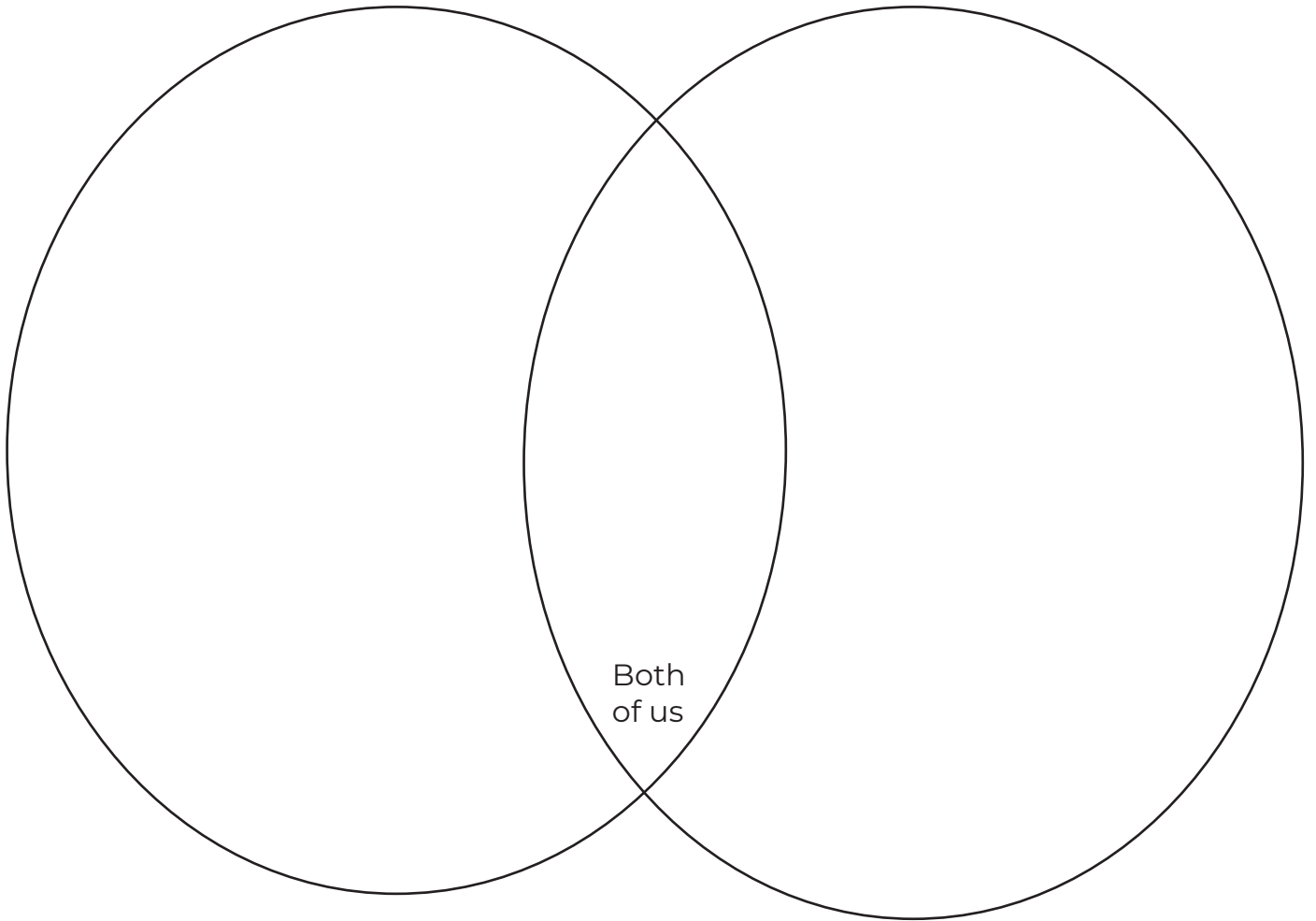


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**Students:** Use “Around the World” to compare and contrast the genetic traits described in the article with a family member of yours. Using the Venn Diagram below, label one circle with your name and inside the circle list the traits from the article that you have that your family member does not have. On the other circle, write the family member’s name you are comparing your traits with. List the traits from the article he or she has in their circle that are different from yours. In the middle circle, list the traits from the article both of you have in common.

Comparing Family Traits



\_\_\_\_\_ Me

\_\_\_\_\_ My family member



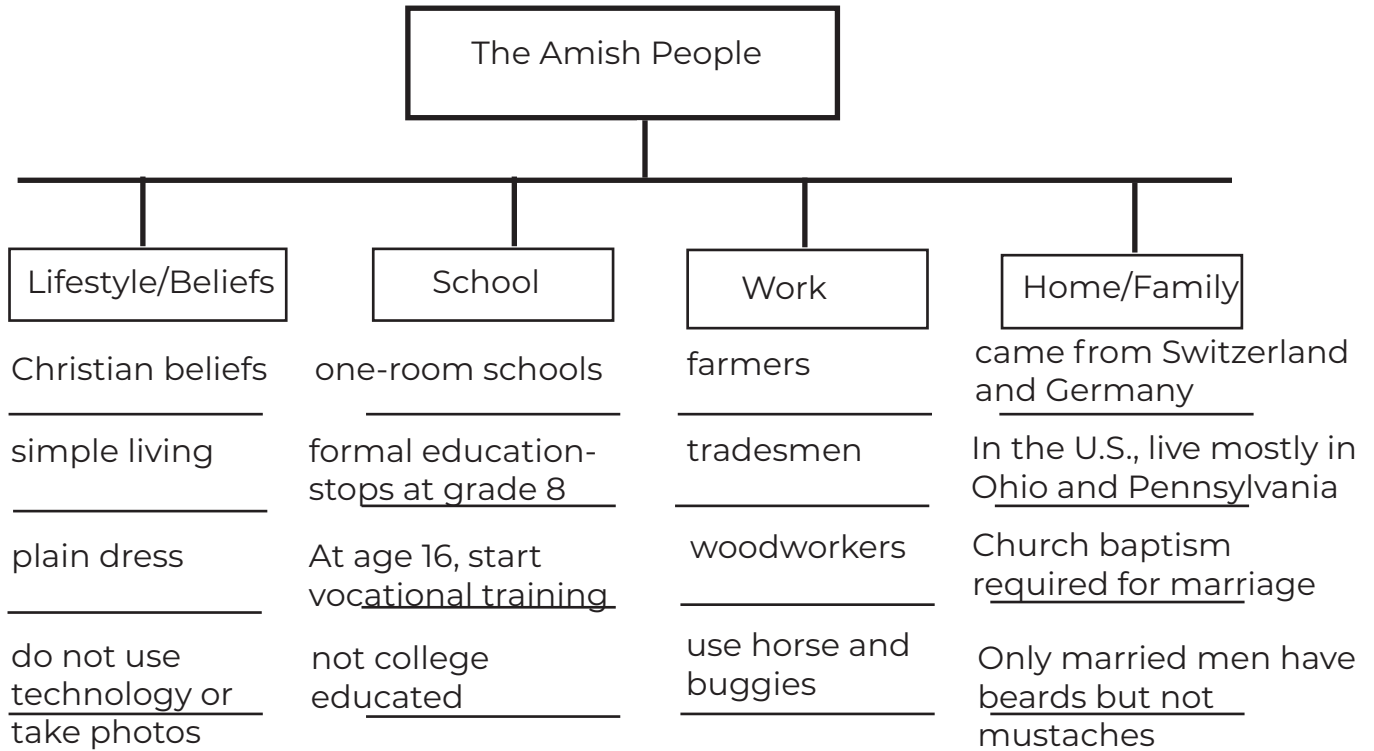


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**Students:** After reading "Connections," use information from the article to fill in the tree map below. Under each subheading, add words or phrases that tell about that category. For example, under the subheading of "work," you could add the word "farmer." Create a drawing of one of your favorite things you read about the Amish in the box at the bottom. **Teachers/parents:** Some possible answers are below.



A drawing of Amish life





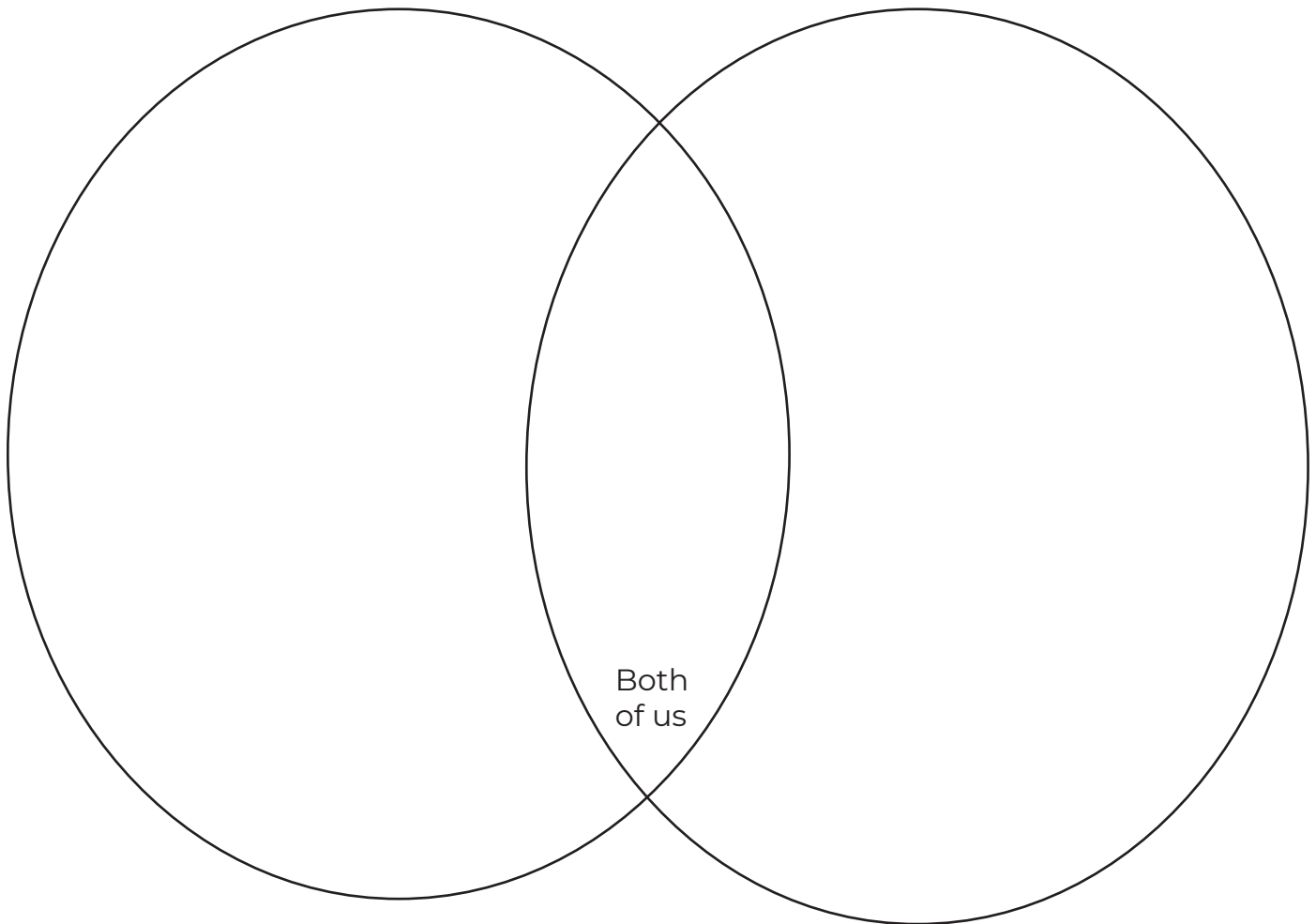
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Me

\_\_\_\_\_

My family member



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**Students:** Do you agree with the first sentence of “Wildville” that the horse is an essential animal in the Amish community? If you agree, write an essay below that describes the importance of the horse to the Amish. Give three to five facts from the article to prove your point. If you disagree, explain why you think the horse is not essential to the Amish today. Give three to five reasons for this point of view.  
**Teachers/parents:** A sample of what students may include in their answers is below. Reasons will vary.

**Is the horse essential in the Amish community? Why or why not?**

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Students may agree due to these facts from the article. Some Amish use horses for transportation, farming and fieldwork and do not use modern machinery such as tractors. The Old Order Amish believe that motorized vehicles would make them rely on the outside world and destroy the purity of their simple way of life. They choose horses also for their history, gentle manners and good qualities such as pulling buggies, plows and farm equipment.

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Students may disagree because even though some Amish groups prefer horses, modern machinery is available to them to do the same jobs, and some would say faster and better.

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Another reason students may give is the fact that not all Amish groups use horses. Not all groups restrict community members' use of modern transportation and work vehicles.

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