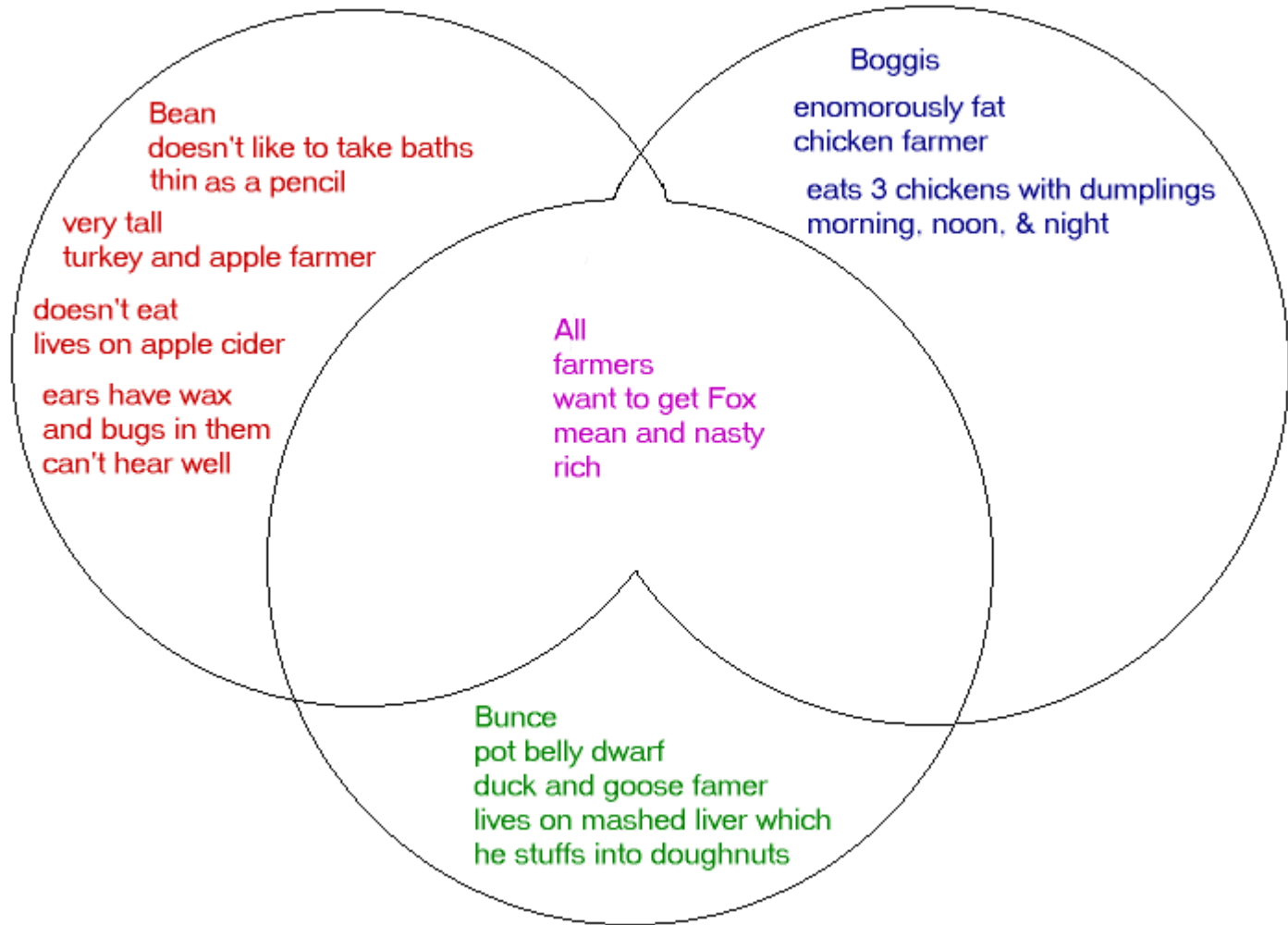


FANTASTIC MR. FOX

Possible activity: draw the 3 circles and have the kids help you fill in the characteristics about each main character. They loved it!

Make a Venn Diagram describing each of the farmers. See example below. Next have students illustrate each farmer. Make a display placing the Venn Diagram in the middle. Next place each farmer next to his description.



Another option for an activity:

<http://www.oswego.org/staff/cpauldin/mrfoxcrossword.html> (an amazing crossword puzzle for this book)

CLASSROOM IDEAS:

1. 2 circle or 3 circle Venn diagram comparing 2 or 3 of the farmers.
2. List character traits/facts in fact boxes: i.e. turkey and apple farmer, dwarf, shoots Mr. Fox, cleverest farmer. I usually list 20 traits/facts in fact boxes and have students cut them out. Then they sort and place under the character they feel the fact/trait matches (lots of language!!).
3. Problem/solution chart: have students predict solutions to the problems the fox family faces before they read how problems are solved in the novel.
4. Readers Theatre: have students read to the performance level an excerpt from the novel. Usually works well if it's a conversation between 2 animals.
5. Mrs. Fox says that Mr. Fox is 'fantastic'. Do you agree or disagree with this? Explain your thinking.
6. Make a moving story line: 2 pieces of large paper stapled together around the perimeter. Draw settings from the story and make main characters. Using sharp scissors, cut a slit to show the movement of characters from one setting to another. Move characters around and tell one part of the story orally.

Drawing

