

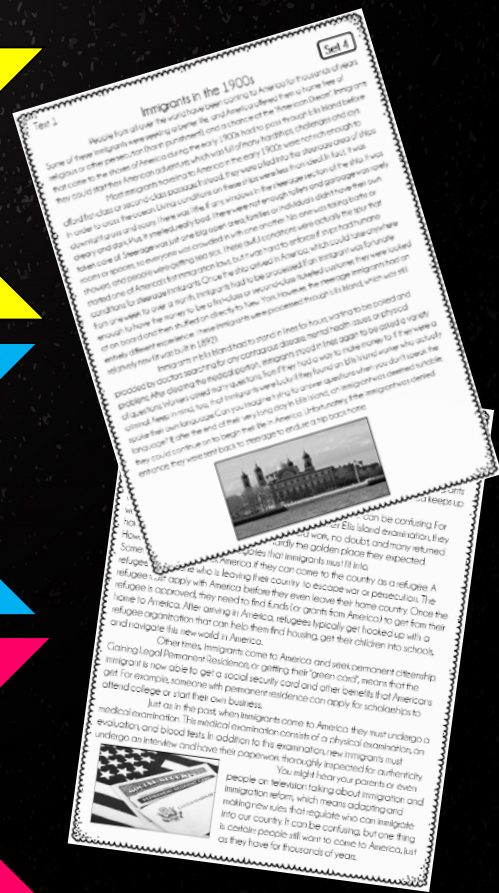
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# PAIRED PASSAGES

**SAMPLE Set**

**Text Dependent  
Questions & Printables**

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Essay Prompts**

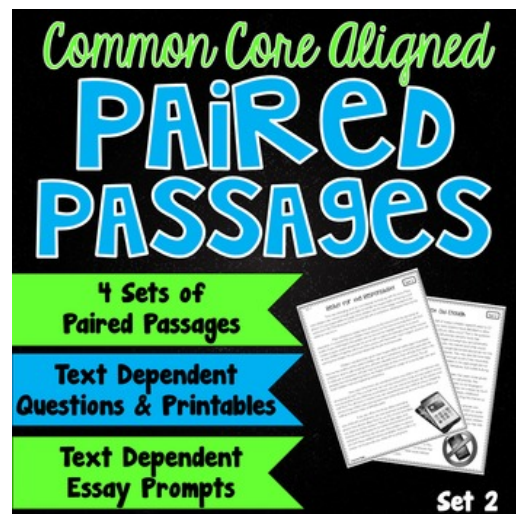
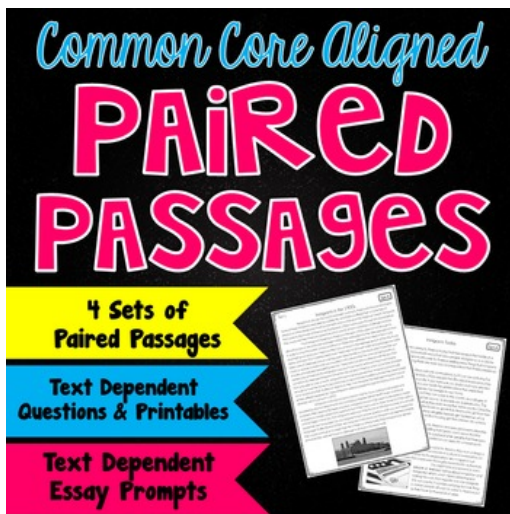


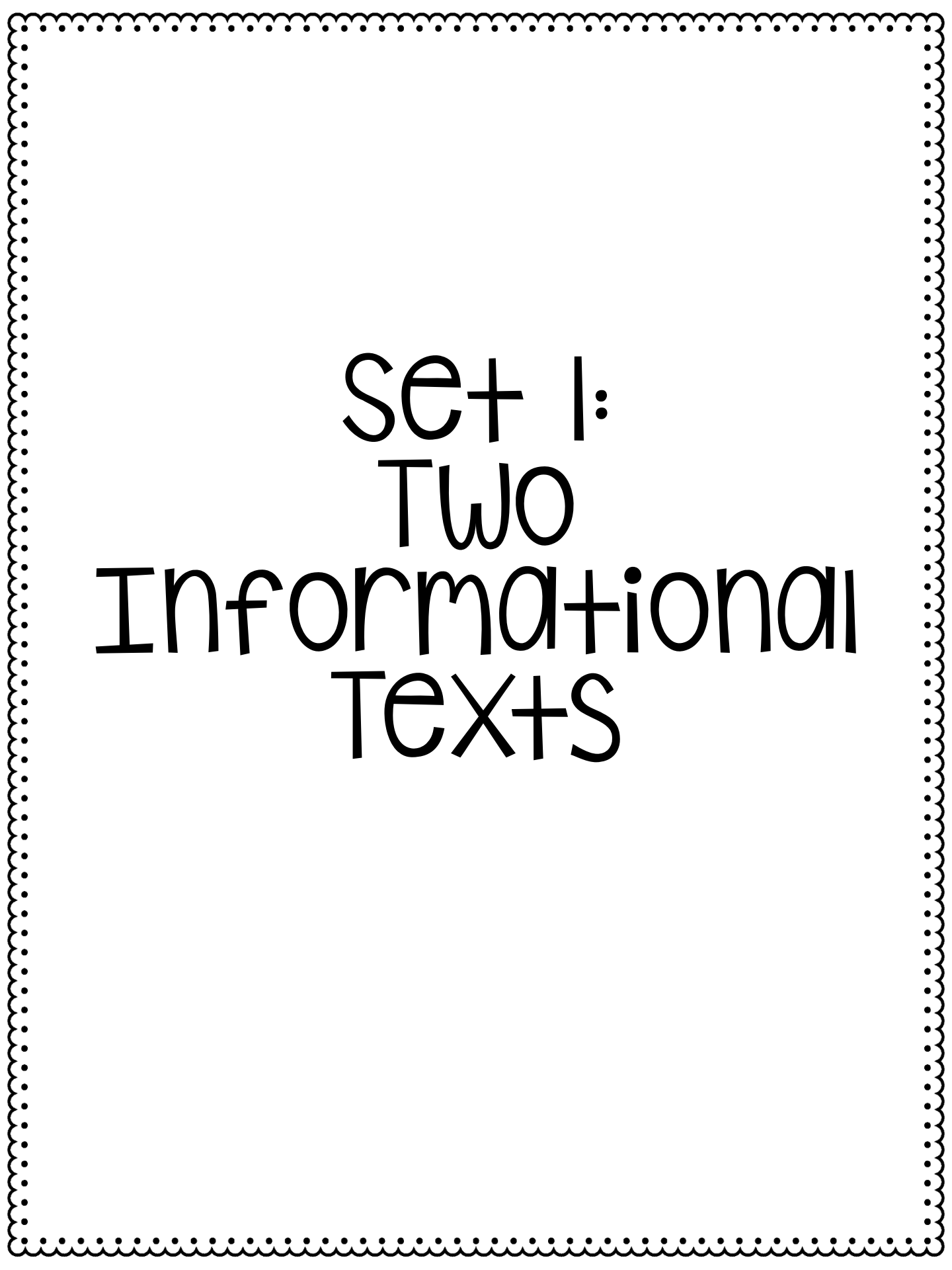
# NOTE to the TEACHER

I created this resource to fill the need for more paired passage instruction in my classroom. I wanted a versatile resource that could be used for independent practice, RTI, homework, or even centers.

This set is one complete set from one of my *Paired Passages* resources. The full resource contains three other sets.

If this resource is helpful and you would like more, click on the images below to go to the full resources in my store.





Set 1:  
Two  
Informational  
Texts

# Who Invented Google?

When you need to know something, what do you do? You might first peruse a book, or ask your very smart (and very awesome) teacher. But, what do you do if you don't have a book or teacher handy, and your parents have no idea? I bet that you sit down on your computer and ask Google. However, it wasn't always that simple. If you can believe it, there was a time when Google wasn't around and internet search engines were not very good at harnessing all the information on the world wide web. But then two men named Larry Page and Sergey Brin revolutionized the way that we look for information.

Larry Page is considered a modern inventor. He is still alive, and a relatively young man. Born in 1973, he is only in his 40s now. Page always loved computers and studied computer engineering at Stanford University. He met his Google partner, Sergey Brin, at college. Together, the two found a way to have their search engine list the results by post popularity. Google was born.

Google started in 1998, after Page and Brin raised \$1 million dollars from family and friends who wanted to invest in the company and idea. It was an investment that paid off - a lot. By 2013, the site averages 6 billion searches everyday from users worldwide. 6 billion. That is quite the multitude of searches.



# Who Invented the Game Boy?

In the 1980s, kids loved putting money into large video game machines to play Pac-Man and Pong. The Nintendo was just picking up speed, landing in living rooms across the world, giving kids the opportunity to play video games on their couch and not in restaurants or arcades. However, an invention in the late 1980s led to kids leaving their couches and taking their video games in their cars and backpacks.

The Nintendo Game Boy revolutionized the way that kids played video games and essentially led the way for any handheld gaming device that you might use today. While the Game Boy was developed by a team at Nintendo headquarters in Japan, a man named Gunpei Yokoi is credited with its start.

The original Game Boy only had 4 buttons and a directional pad. It arrived under many Christmas trees, and in the hands of kids, bundled with the game Tetris. When the Game Boy was first released in 1989 to America, it sold one million within just a few weeks. In fact, 40,000 Game Boys were sold in the first day!

Gunpei Yokoi led the charge for many of Nintendo's game advances. However, his greatest contribution was the development of the Game Boy. Kids across the world loved being able to take their games to go.



# Comprehension QUESTIONS

# Who Invented Google?

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. What does the phrase, "revolutionized the way that we look for information" mean as used in *Who Invented Google*?

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2. What is the meaning of the word *harnessing* as used in paragraph one of *Who Invented Google*?

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3. Using evidence from the text, determine why Larry Page is referred to as a modern inventor.

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# Who Invented Google?

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. What are some ways the text mentions that people may have obtained information prior to or without Google?

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5. What details support the idea that Page and Brin's friends and family supported their invention?

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6. What is the meaning of *multitude* as used in paragraph three of *Who Invented Google*?

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# Who Invented Game Boy?

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. What details from the text support the idea that the Game Boy was a popular invention?

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2. What is the meaning of the phrase “picking up speed” as used in paragraph one of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

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3. Besides the Game Boy, what other game systems are mentioned in the text *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

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# Who Invented Game Boy?

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. How did the invention of Game Boys impact the way children play video games?

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5. What is the meaning of the word “bundled” as used in paragraph three of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

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6. What is the meaning of the phrase “credited with its start” as used in paragraph two of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

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# Paired Comprehension

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. Compare and contrast the two inventions described in the passages.

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2. Describe how both inventions were innovative and creative.

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# Paired Comprehension

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer each question using evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. Which text provided more information about the background of the inventors? Explain the reason for your choice.

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4. Which text provided more information about the financial success of the invention? Explain the reason for your choice.

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# ANSWER KEY

Set 1

## Passage 1

## Passage 2

1. It means Google changed the way we look for information in an innovative way.	RI.4	1. The details that it sold 40,000 game boys on the first day and one million in a few weeks support the idea that it was popular.	RI.2
2. accessing, gathering	RI.4	2. Becoming popular	RI.4
3. Larry is considered a modern inventor because he is still alive and a relatively young man.	RI.1	3. Pac-Man, Pong, and Nintendo	RI.2
4. People may have obtained information from a book, teacher, or parents.	RI.2	4. The invention of the Game Boy enabled children to take their games with them in their pockets or backpacks.	RI.2
5. The detail that their friends and family invested money shows that they supported the invention.	RI.2	5. Grouped together	RI.4
6. Large amount	RI.4	6. He was the person who is said to have started or invented this product.	RI.4

# ANSWER KEY

Set 1

## Paired Passage Comprehension Questions

1. Both inventions impacted society but in different ways. Google impacted more people than the Game Boy, which primarily impacted only children. The Game Boy was an invention that could actually be purchased and held in your hands. Google is a “free” resource available to anyone with a computer and Internet.

RI.3, RI.9

2. Both innovations were innovative because they had such an impact on the current “area” they focused on. Game Boys were ground breaking for gaming, and Google was ground breaking for the Internet. Both inventions were creative and had not been previously invented.

RI.3, RI.9

3. *Who Invented Google?* provided more information about the background of the inventors. The text mentioned how the two men met and Page’s background with computers.

RI.2, RI.9

4. *Who Invented the Game Boy?* provided more information about the financial success of the invention. The text mentioned how many Game Boys were sold on the first day and in the first few weeks.

RI.2, RI.9

# Comprehension Questions in TASK CARD Format



What does the phrase, "revolutionized the way that we look for information" mean as used in *Who Invented Google?*

Who Invented Google?

1

What is the meaning of the word *harnessing* as used in paragraph one of *Who Invented Google?*

Who Invented Google?

2

Using evidence from the text, determine why Larry Page is referred to as a modern inventor.

Who Invented Google?

3

What are some ways the text mentions that people may have obtained information prior to or without Google?

Who Invented Google?

4

What details support the idea that Page and Brin's friends and family supported their invention?

Who Invented Google?

5

What is the meaning of *multitude* as used in paragraph three of *Who Invented Google?*

Who Invented Google?

6

What details from the text support the idea that the Game Boy was a popular invention?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 1

What is the meaning of the phrase “picking up speed” as used in paragraph one of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 2

Besides the Game Boy, what other game systems are mentioned in the text *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 3

How did the invention of Game Boys impact the way children play video games?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 4

What is the meaning of the word “bundled” as used in paragraph three of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 5

What is the meaning of the phrase “credited with its start” as used in paragraph two of *Who Invented the Game Boy*?

Who Invented the Game Boy? 6

Compare and contrast the two inventions described in the passages.

Paired Comprehension 1

Describe how both inventions were innovative and creative.

Paired Comprehension 2

Which text provided more information about the background of the inventors? Explain the reason for your choice.

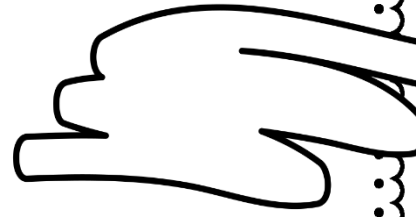
Paired Comprehension 3

Which text provided more information about the financial success of the invention? Explain the reason for your choice.

Paired Comprehension 4

# TEXT DEPENDENT PRINTABLES

# Find Your Evidence



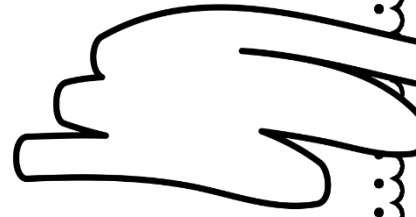
Highlight the evidence in both texts that supports the idea that both Game Boy and Google were successful inventions. Then paraphrase the evidence in your own words.

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Highlight the evidence in both texts that supports the idea that both Game Boy and Google have changed the world in some way. Then paraphrase the evidence in your own words.

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# Find Your Evidence



## Answer Key

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### *Who Invented Google? evidence:*

- It was an investment that paid off -a lot.
- By 2013, the site averages 6 billion searches everyday from users worldwide.

### *Who Invented the Game Boy? evidence:*

- When the Game Boy was first released in 1989 to America, it sold one million within just a few weeks. In fact, 40,000 Game Boys were sold in the first day!

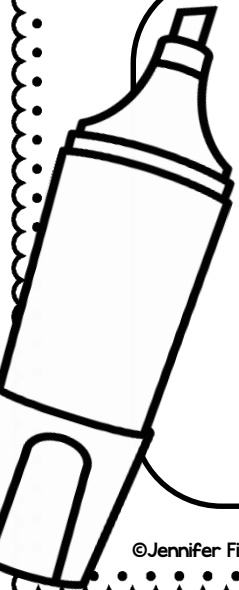
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### *Who Invented Google? evidence:*

- I bet that you sit down on your computer and ask Google. However, it wasn't always that simple. If you can believe it, there was a time when Google wasn't around and internet search engines were not very good at harnessing all the information on the world wide web.

### *Who Invented the Game Boy? evidence:*

- However, an invention in the late 1980s led to kids leaving their couches and taking their video games in their cars and backpacks.
- The Nintendo Game Boy revolutionized the way that kids played video games and essentially led the way for any handheld gaming device that you might use today.

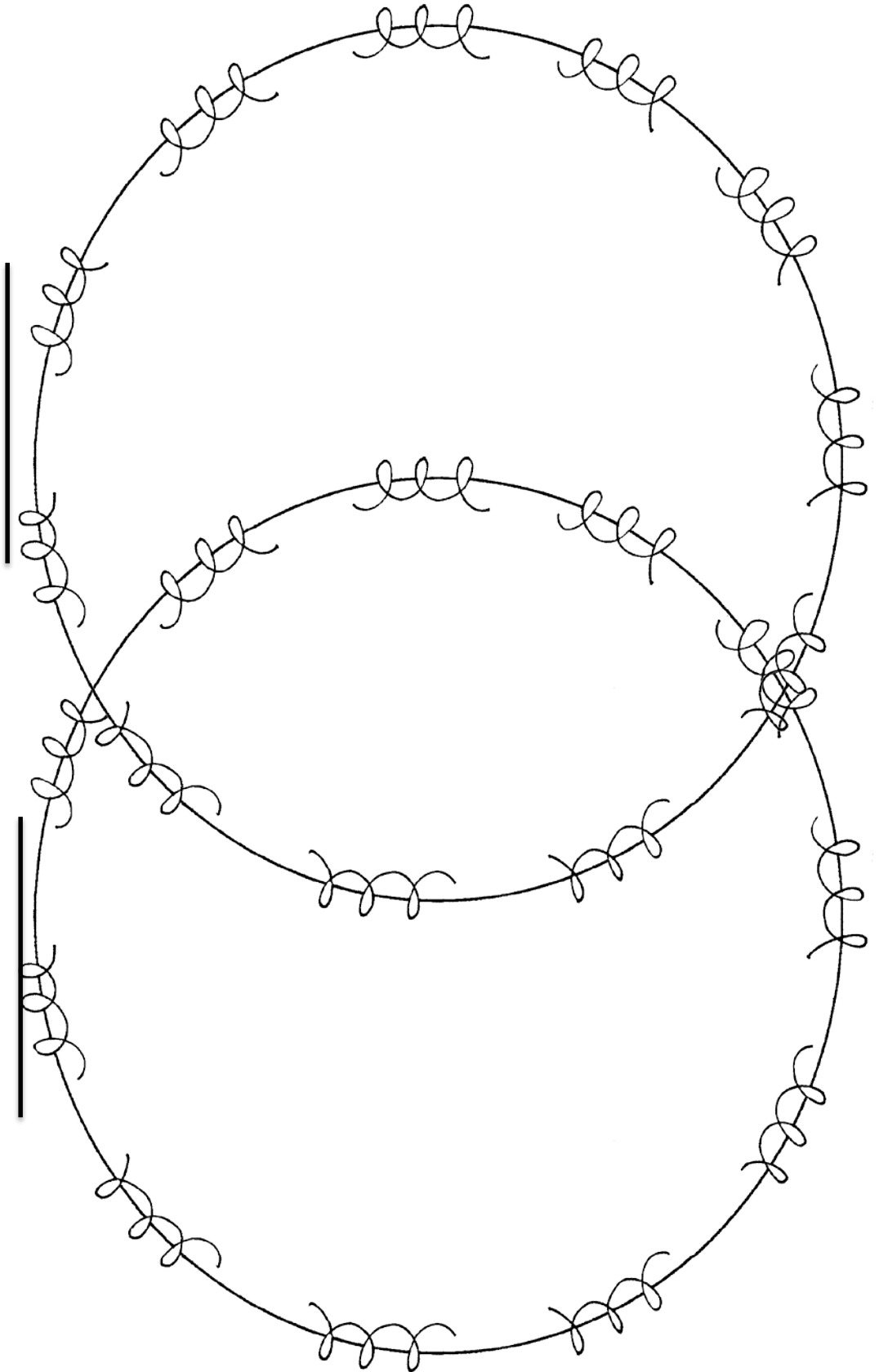


# GAMEBOY VS. GOOGIE

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Compare and contrast the two inventions presented in the passages.



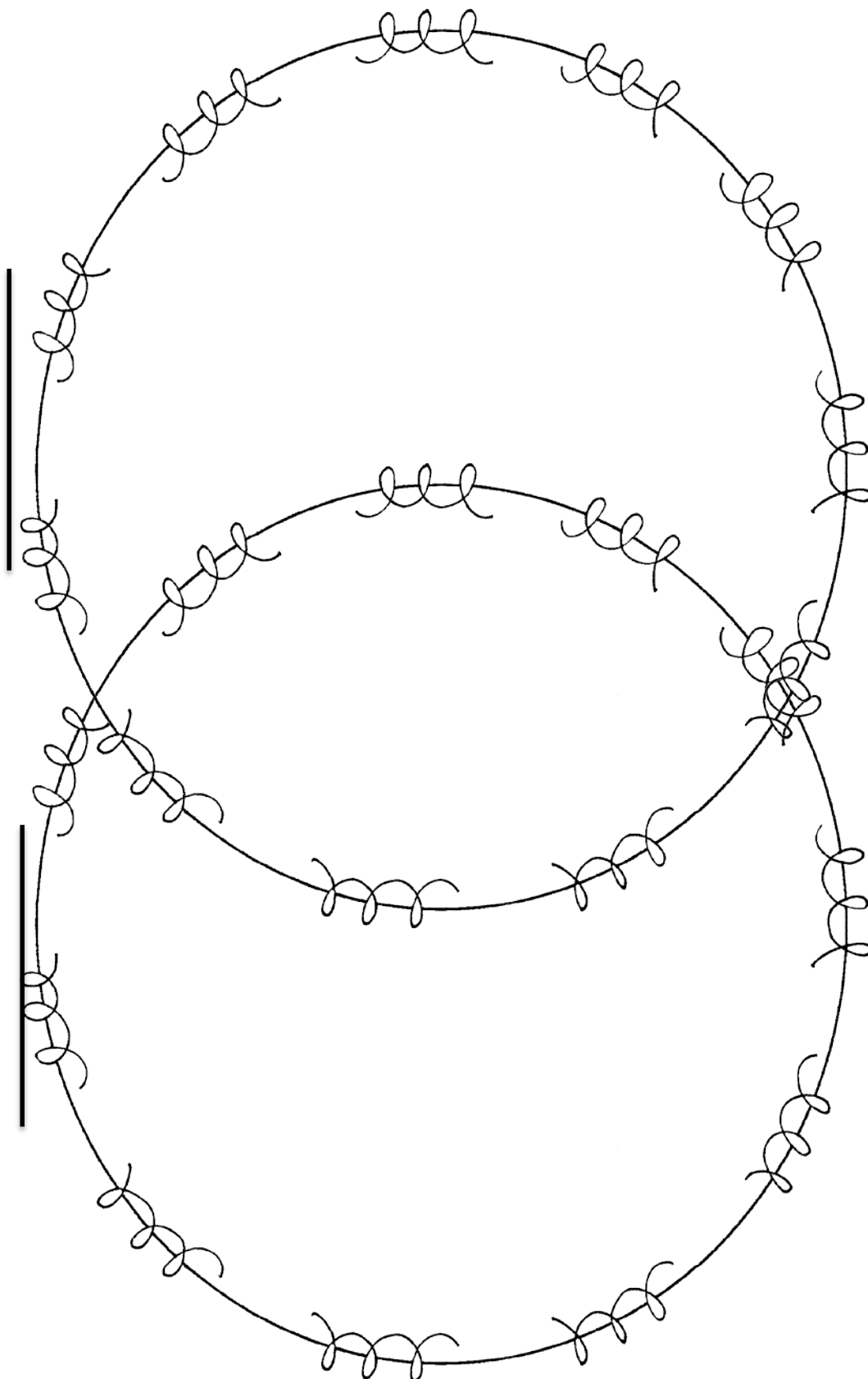


# What information was given?

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Compare and contrast the type of information presented in both passages.



# Context Clues

Set 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Using context clues from the texts, determine the meaning of the words in the table.

Word or Phrase	Context Clues	Definition
peruse		
handy		
relatively		
invest		
essentially		
headquarters		
contribution		

# Context Clues

Set 1

## Answer Key

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Using context clues from the texts, determine the meaning of the words in the table.

Word or Phrase	Context Clues	Definition
peruse		scan, look through
handy		available, near, close by
relatively		somewhat, comparatively
invest		finance, provide money for
essentially		basically
headquarters		main office or building
contribution		idea

# TEXT DEPENDENT ESSAY PROMPTS









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