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Creating a character – Concept Mapping

If students need help in creating their characters, one technique is to use concept maps to describe all their necessary aspects/elements.
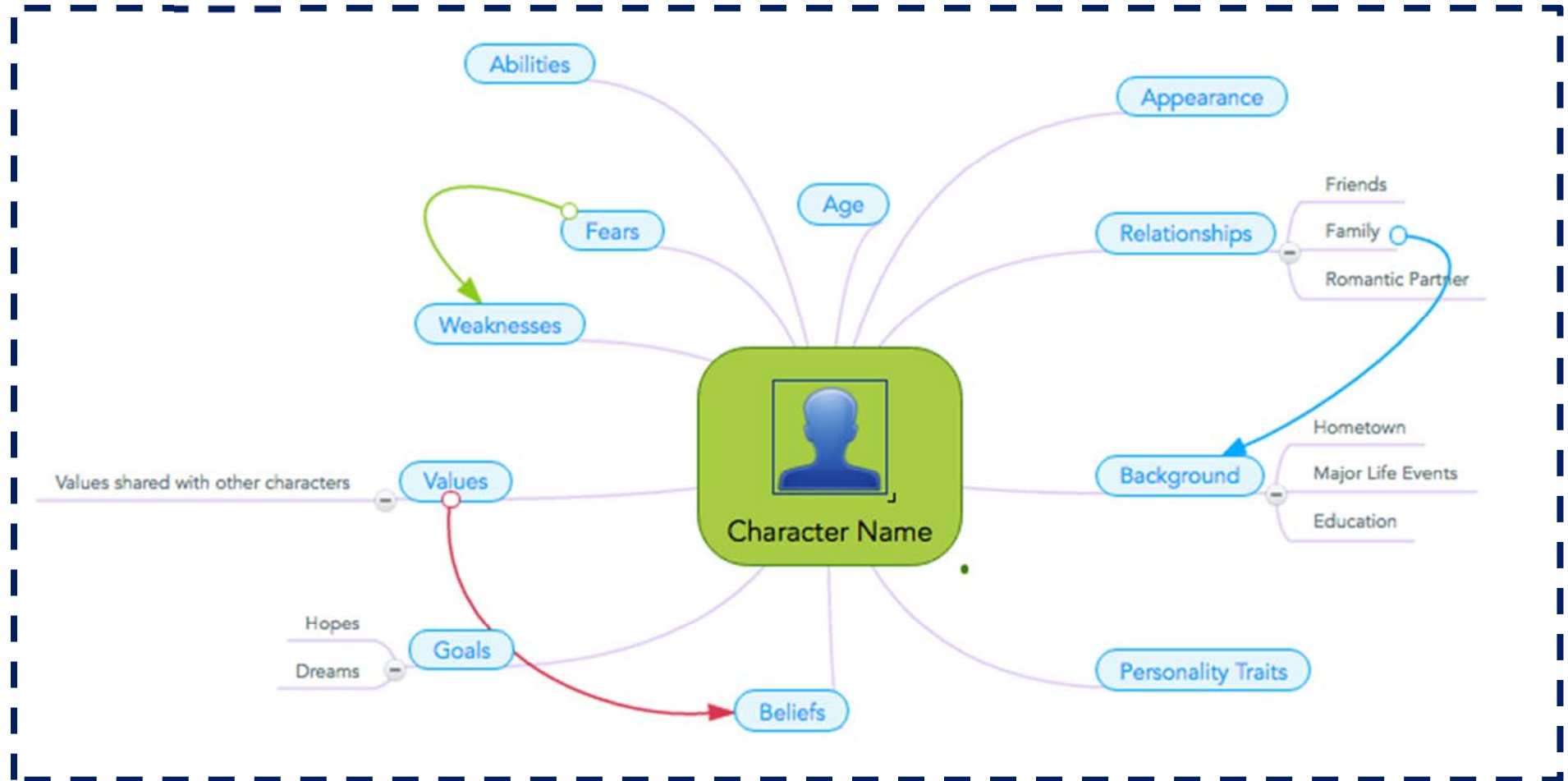
You can use an empty board or paper (e.g. a flip chart) and draw your own concept map in a group/class situation.

In case of individual students or groups of students, they can use a blank piece of paper (A4 or A3) in order to create their own maps, following a brainstorming session.
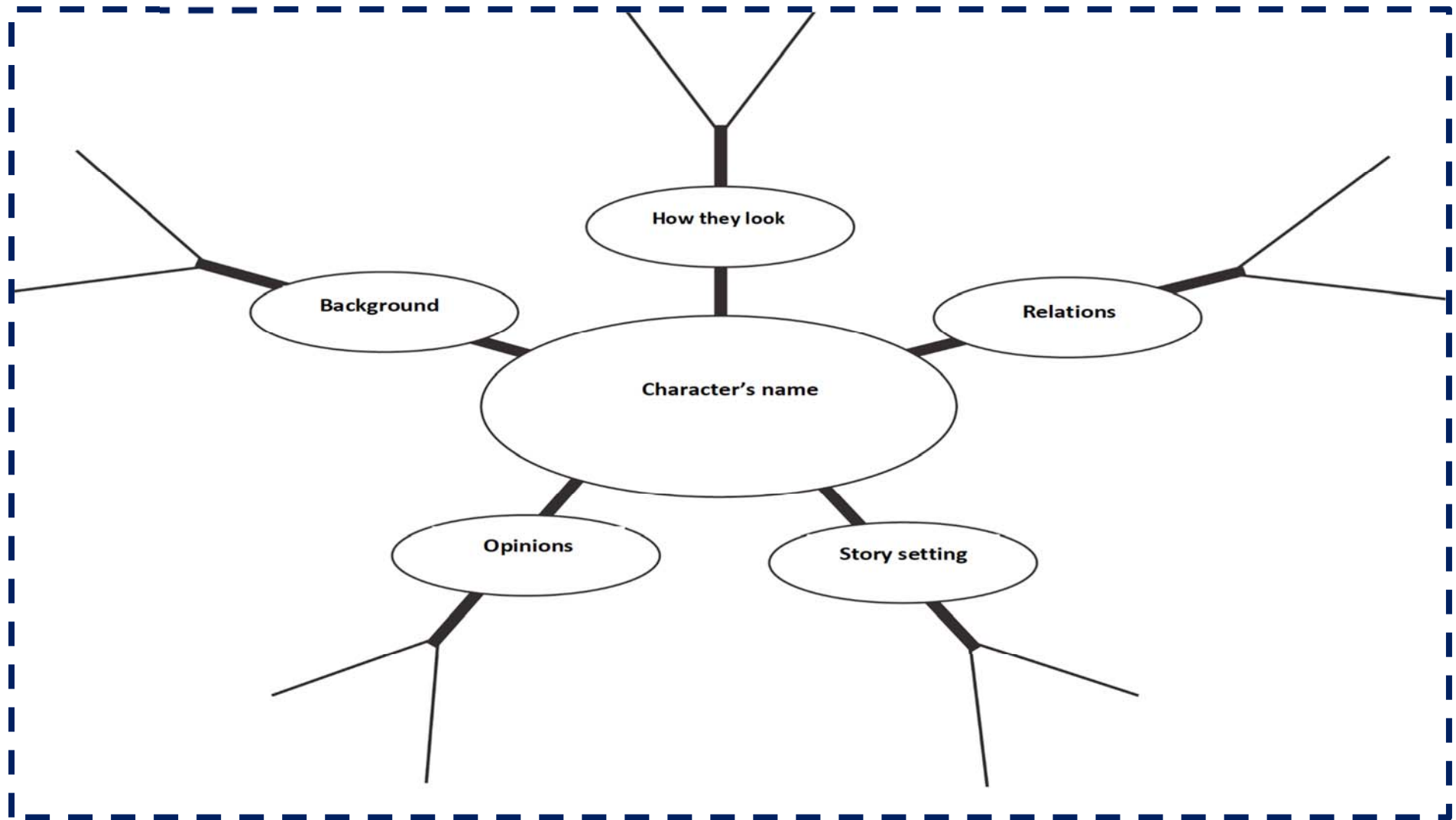
There are many templates which you can use to guide the students or print them out and distribute them to the students or even create your own, based on how simple, complex, abstract or analytic you want it to be. The choice can be based on the experience and the level of the students. See the provided
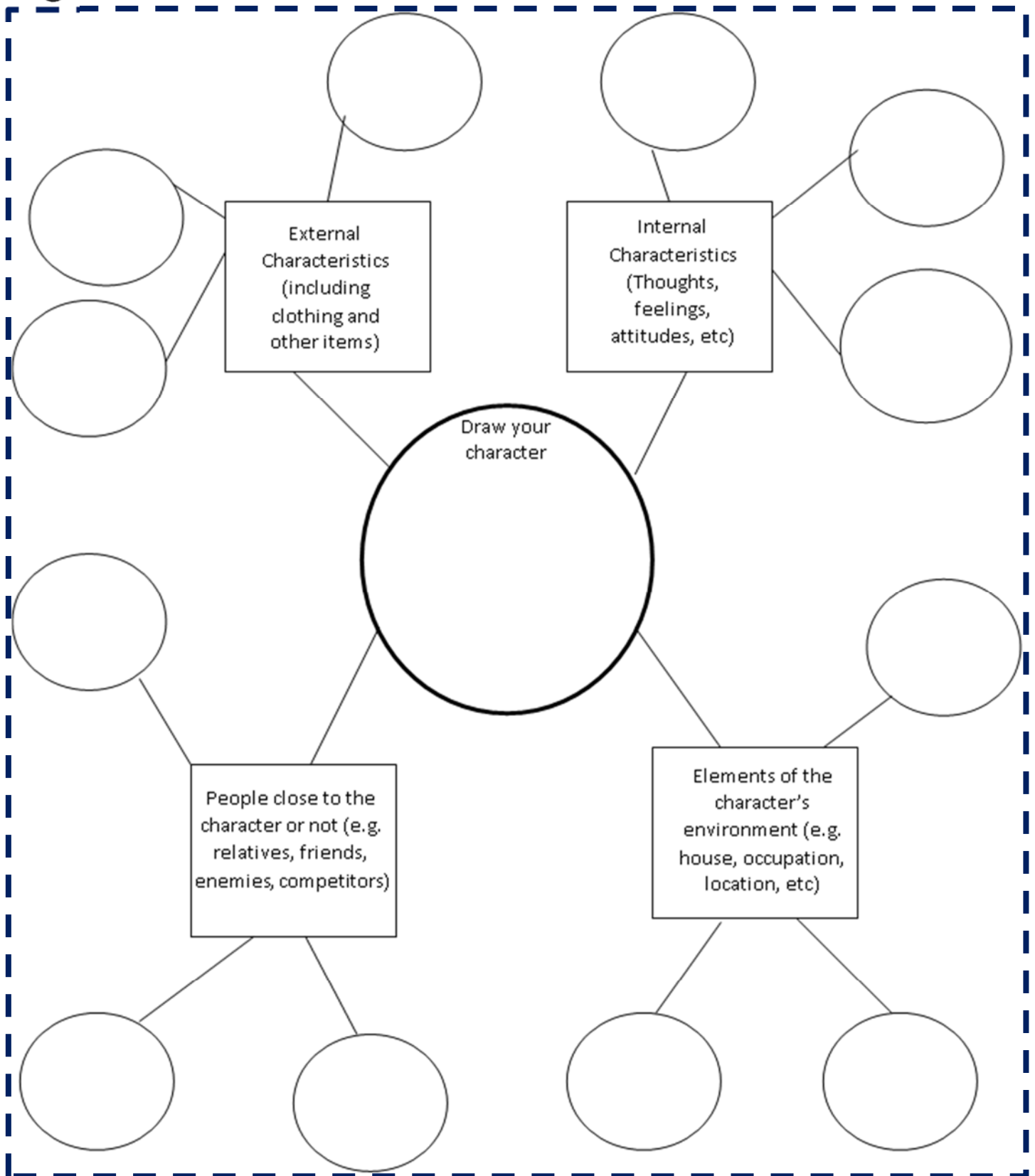
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examples.

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How they look

Background

Relations

Character's name

Opinions

Story setting

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Add Rectangles and Circles to your convenience

External Characteristics (including clothing and other items)

Internal Characteristics (Thoughts, feelings, attitudes, etc)

Draw your character

People close to the character or not (e.g. relatives, friends, enemies, competitors)

Elements of the character's environment (e.g. house, occupation, location, etc)

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Concept map format of an empathy map.

How you look and feel:	What others think about you:

name:

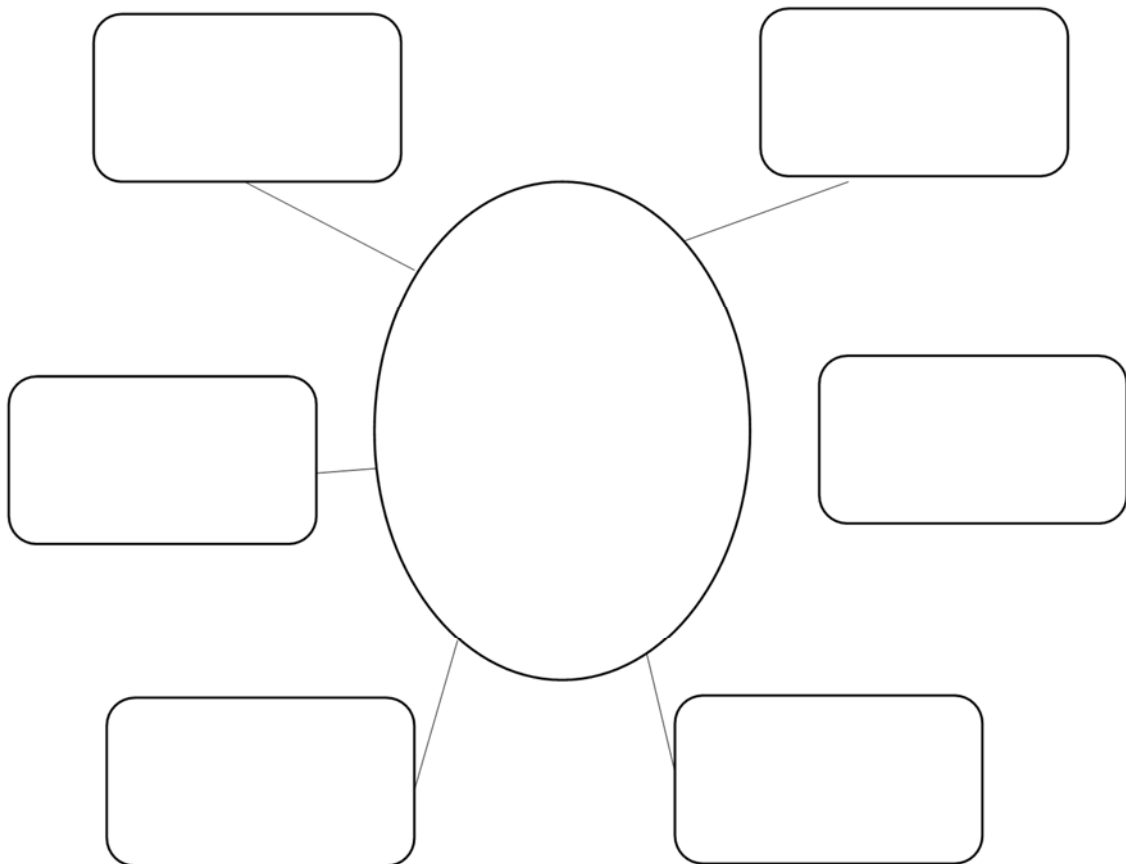| What you says and does:	How I feel about myself:

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Describe how the character looks (outside) and how the character is (inside). Add boxes at your convenience

Character Profile

Outside   Inside