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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that your upcoming summer vacation is enjoyable and safe. We expect our students to maintain their literacy skill level during this time. To achieve this goal, the Pablo Casals 181 Literacy Department has mandated summer assignments.

The reading comprehension activities in this packet are based on the following novels:

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

All assignments can be found on the following site:

<http://welcometo181.weebly.com>

Your child's literacy teacher will collect the summer work the second week of school. This is an essential first step on the path to success at MS 181. The assessments will constitute an important part of the first marking period grade and it is essential that your child complete all summer assignments and submit them on time!

Have a wonderful summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kirrane, Assistant Principal, Literacy

Bud, Not Buddy

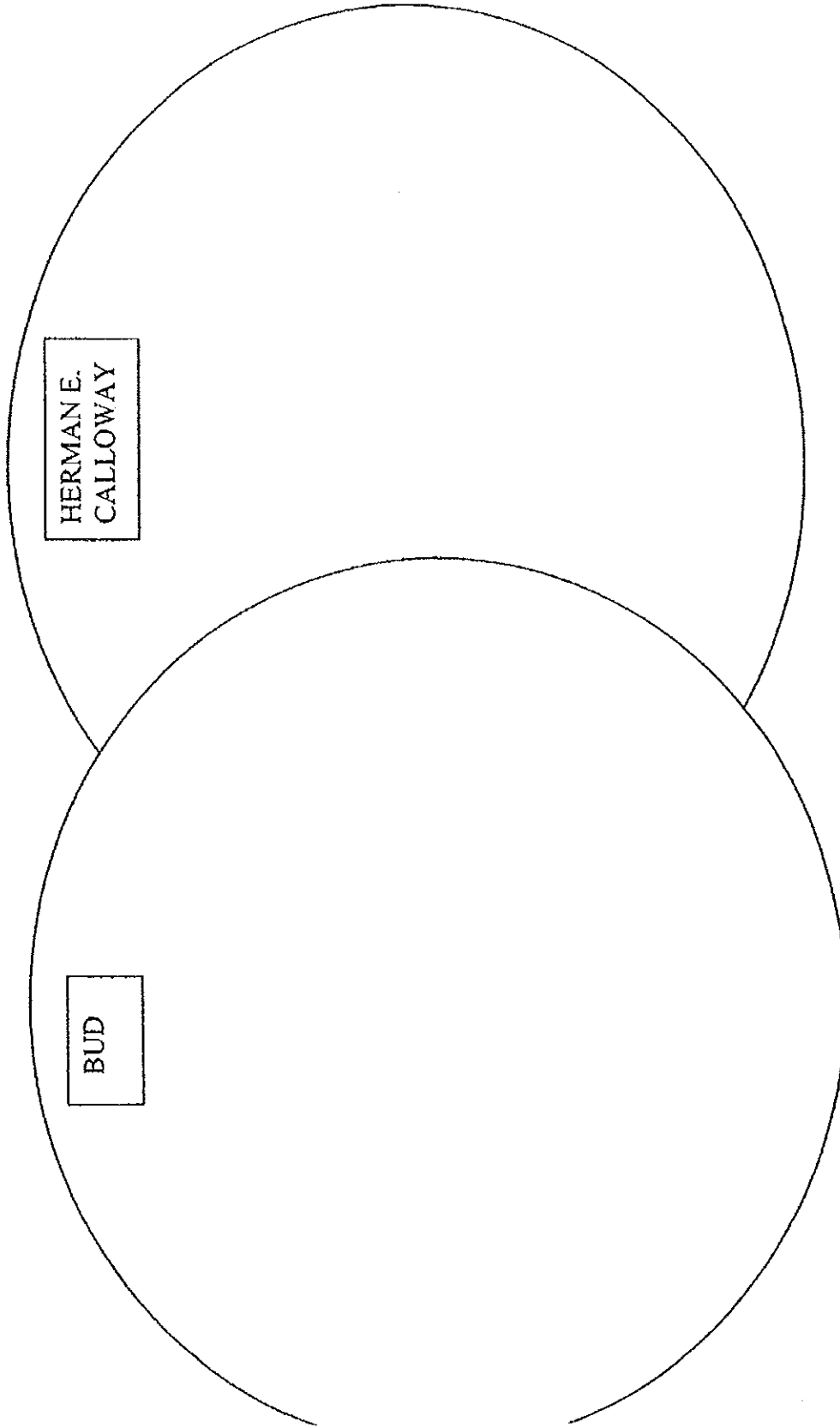
By Christopher Paul Curtis

Whole Book Test

Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. What did Bud think about having to leave the Home and go live with the Amoses? (A) Anything was better than the Home (B) Here we go again. (C) Another place, another problem.
- _____ 2. Bud's story took place in Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan during (A) the Great Depression, (B) the First World War, (C) the Roaring Twenties.
- _____ 3. Bud's momma died when he was (A) six years old, (B) eight years old, (C) nine years old.
- _____ 4. Bud knew about Herman C. Calloway because (A) Momma used to tell stories about him, (B) he had found a letter from him in Momma's things, (C) his picture was on the flyers Bud carried in his suitcase.
- _____ 5. Bud's momma wanted him to understand that when one door closed (A) it was a sign to forget the past, (B) something better would soon come along, (C) another one would open.
- _____ 6. Among the things in Bud's suitcase were (A) letters to Momma from a mysterious man named Buddy, (B) several pictures of Momma dressed up like she was going to Sunday school, (C) several rocks with strange writing on them.
- _____ 7. The idea that Herman C. Calloway was his father started in Bud's mind when (A) his momma said his daddy was a musician, (B) a bully at the Home bet that Bud didn't know who his daddy was, (C) a social worker said he looked like the man on the blue flyer.
- _____ 8. Bud, not Buddy, was Bud's name because (A) the people at the Home thought Buddy was a baby name, (B) he thought Bud sounded more grown up, (C) Momma wanted it that way.
- _____ 9. What mean thing did Todd Amos do to Bud? He (A) stuck a pencil in Bud's nose all the way up to the *R* of the word *Ticonderoga* that was printed on it, (B) poured hot water on Bud so Mrs. Amos would think he had wet the bed, (C) stole some jewelry from his mother's room and hid it in Bud's suitcase.
- _____ 10. Bud got his revenge against Todd by (A) hiding Mr. Amos's shotgun under his bed, (B) making him pee in his bed, (C) pouring ink all over his precious drawings.
- _____ 11. Bud's rules were designed to help him have a funner life and (A) make adults think they were getting him to do exactly what they wanted him to do, (B) find fun ways to get himself out of bad situations, (C) make a better liar out of himself.
- _____ 12. The night before they planned to send Bud back to the Home, the Amoses (A) locked Bud in their shed, (B) gave Bud a terrible beating, (C) called the police to take him away.

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BUD, NOT BUDDY



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Instruction: Answer two questions from this page

- 1) Write a two verse poem about a character in the Novel.

- 2) Describe Bud and Deza Malone's relationship, and its significance. What did he remember most about her, and their romantic night?

- 3) How does Bud feel towards "Herman E. Calloway" in his first encounter with him? How does he feel towards him after the alarming news? Do his feelings change?