

# William Hoy Lesson Plan

## Objectives:

I can explain who William Hoy is.  
I can describe William Hoy's struggles.  
I can define "persistence".  
I can create my own persistence story.

## Sequence:

1. Introduce Power Point
2. ASL Story
3. Create Jersey
4. Review Power Point
5. Guided Notes
6. Read Story
7. Comprehension Check
8. Social Story
9. Reflection
10. Compare and Contrast
11. Build Story
12. Create Story

## Target Vocabulary

American Sign Language  
Accommodate  
Persistence  
Community  
Impact  
Barrier

## Materials:

Worksheet Packet  
Power Point  
William Hoy Book

## Assessment:

Comprehension Check  
Reflection  
Student Story



All About



# WILLIAMHOY

Deaf Baseball Player

How one Deaf man change the world of baseball forever!





# BACKGROUND



## Ohio School for the Deaf

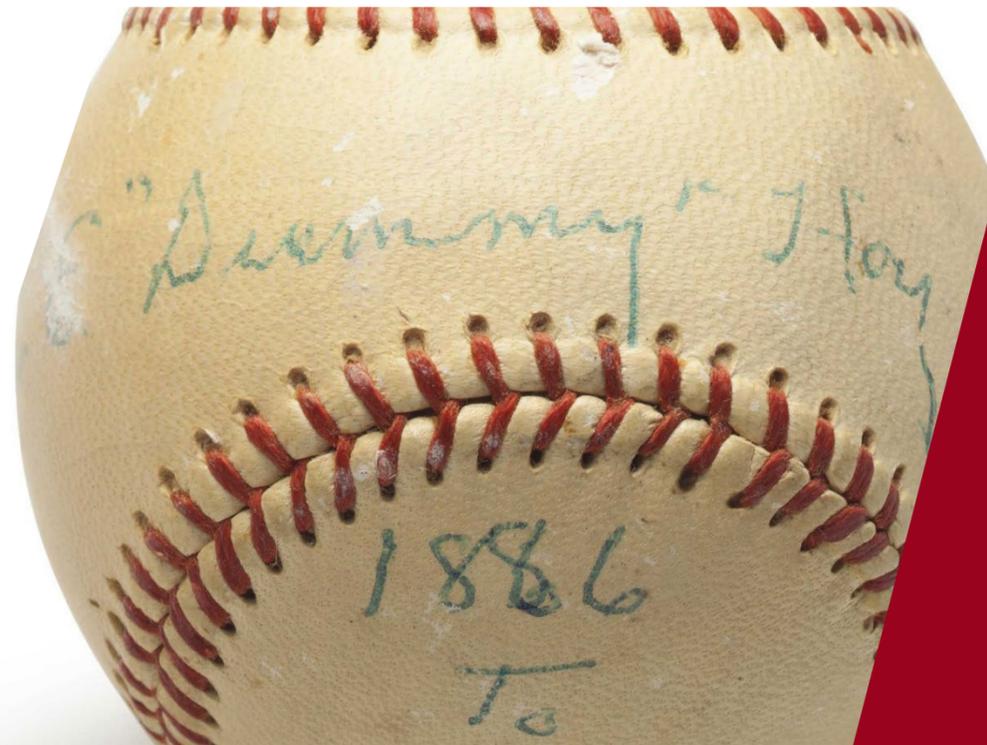


William Hoy was born in Houckstown, Ohio, on May 23, 1862. Due to an illness in his childhood, he lost his hearing. However, his hearing loss was not going to stop him from doing what he loved ...baseball!

He graduated from the Ohio School for the Deaf, and he communicated using American Sign Language.



# "DUMMY" HOY



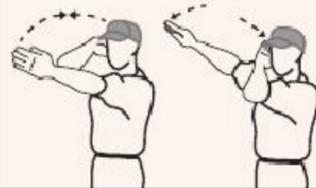
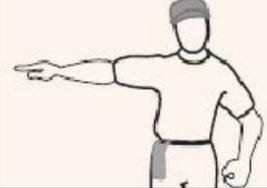
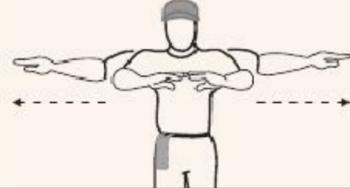
Growing up and into adulthood, many people referred to William as “Dummy Hoy” . He was far from dumb, so why did people call him “Dummy”? Back in the day, people used to call someone who couldn’t talk “dumb” . Some people used to call Deaf people “deaf and dumb” . However, this term quickly was looked down upon in the Deaf community and is no longer used .

# STUGGLES AND SUCCESES

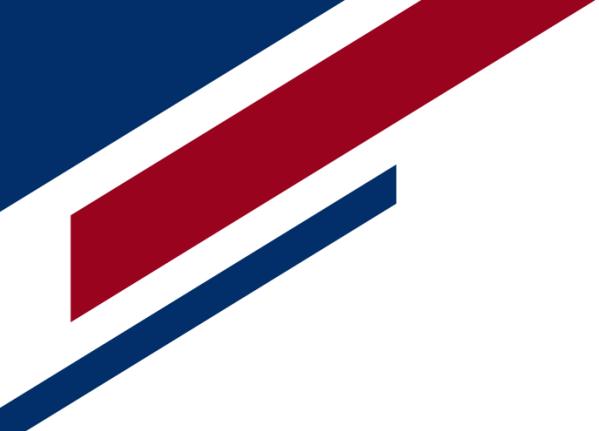
Because William Hoy could not hear, he faced a few challenges when he became a profession baseball player in 1886 . He struggled to hear the umpire's calls, so he was often left confused and frustrated .

To accommodate , or help him over come this barrier , he worked with the umpires to create hand gestures to go with their calls .



Baseball Signals			
			
Do Not Pitch	Play Ball	Time-Out, Foul Ball or Dead Ball	
			
Foul Tip		Fair Ball	Safe
			
Strike or Out	Infield Fly	Count	Time Play



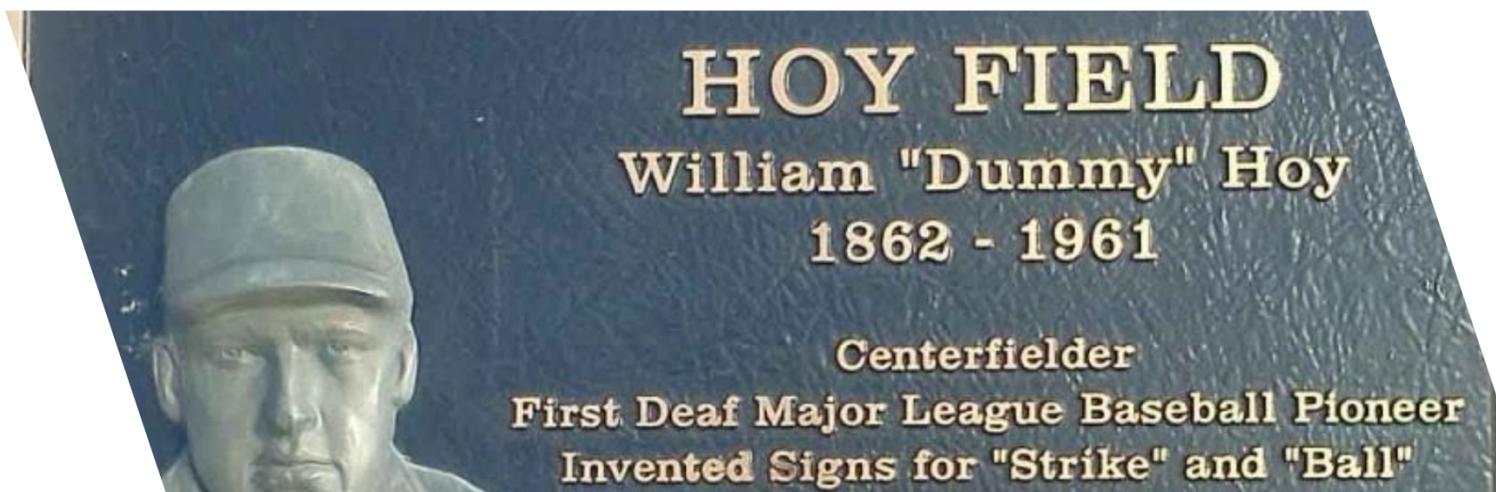


# A LASTING IMPACT

Not only did William Hoy love the hand signals EVERYONE did! His teammates could read a call from the outfield . The fans in the stands felt like they could follow the game better too . Remember this is before jumbotron!

Umpires still to this day use hand signals to make calls . Gallaudet University named their baseball field after him!





# TEAMS &

# STATS

William Hoy played for several teams. Some of the most notable are the Washington Nationals, Cincinnati Reds, and the Chicago White Socks. He retired in 1902 with the Cincinnati Reds and currently is in their hall of fame.

Batting average : .288

Hits : 2,048

Runs : 1,429

Stolen bases : 596

First Grand Slam for the American League (May 1, 1901)



Persistence (n) : Never giving up even when something becomes challenging .

William Hoy was able to follow his dream of becoming a professional baseball player by having a lot of persistence . He knew there were going to be hard times, but he never gave up . He knew he could do anything he set his mind to .



# TAKE AWAY

Persistence is not always easy, but it's worth it. William Hoy is still honored today as one of the best players in history .

What is something in your life that takes persistence?

If you could travel in time, what would you ask William Hoy?

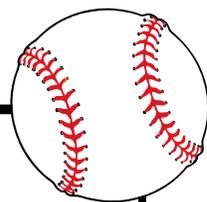


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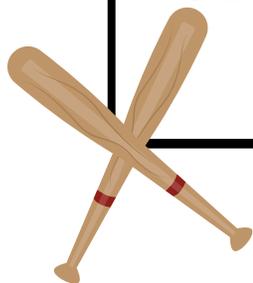
# A WILLIAMHOY STORY ASL VIDEO

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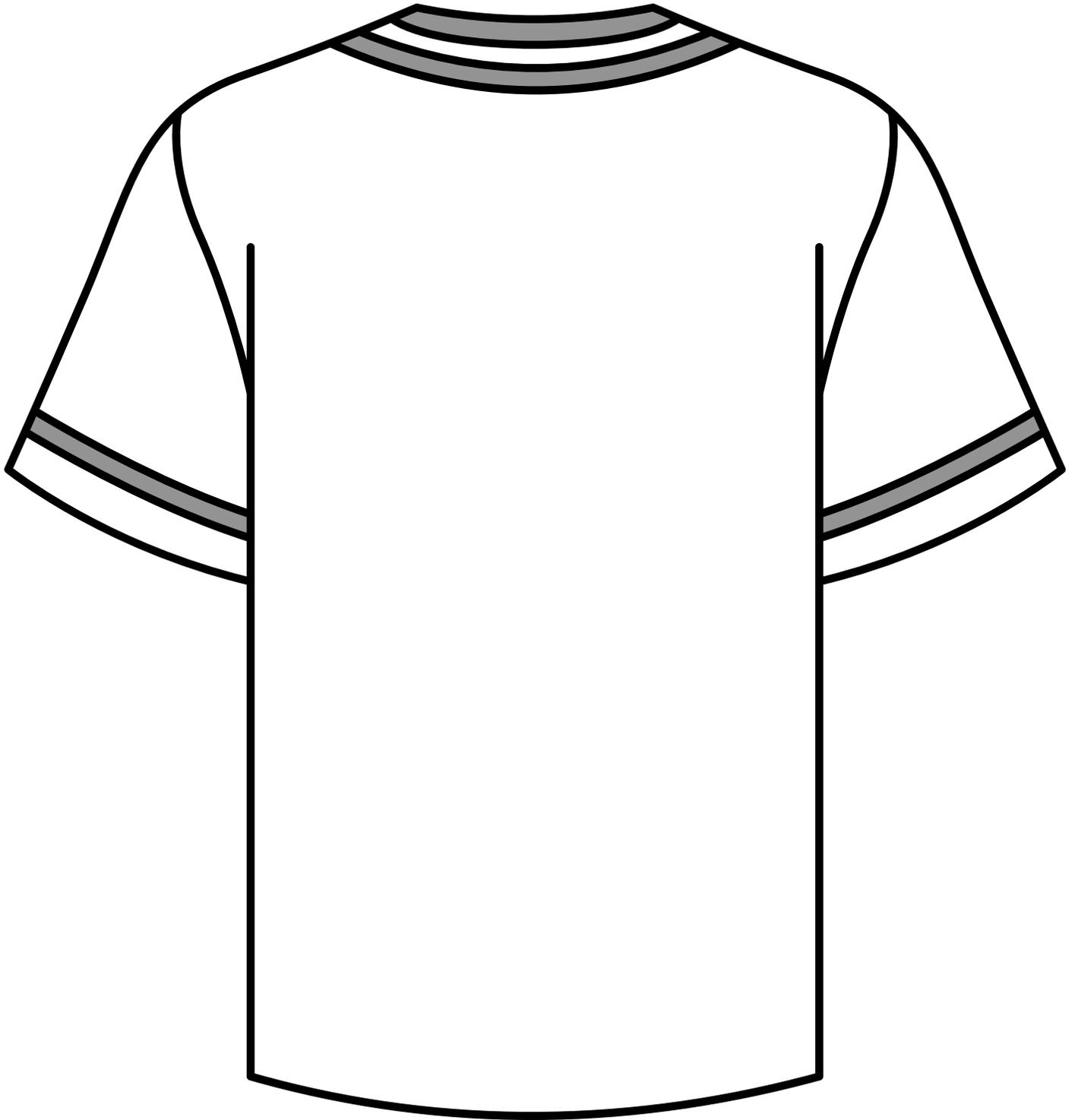
# THE WILLIAM HOY STORY



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# CUSTOM JERSEY

Create your own jersey by adding your last name and team logo.



# GUIDED NOTES

Fill in the blanks with information from the power point.

- William Hoy was born in Houcksontown \_\_\_\_\_.
- He was born on May 23, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Growing up many people referred to William as “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- He struggled to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ calls.
- Umpires still to this day use \_\_\_\_\_.
- Gallaudet University named their \_\_\_\_\_ after him.
- He retired in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Cincinnati Reds.
- William Hoy had a batting average of \_\_\_\_\_.
- William Hoy followed his dream of becoming a professional baseball player by having a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

# COMPREHENSION CHECK

Read each question and pick the best answer.

## **What is William Hoy most famous for?**

- a) Inventing the baseball bat
- b) Creating hand signals in baseball
- c) Owning a baseball team
- d) Writing a book

## **What challenge did William Hoy face?**

- a) He was too short to play baseball
- b) He could not see
- c) He was deaf
- d) He was afraid of crowds

## **How did William Hoy help umpires?**

- a) He taught them to throw the ball faster
- b) He used hand signals so they could communicate
- c) He made new baseball rules
- d) He gave them new uniforms

## **Why are hand signals important in baseball games today?**

- a) They make the game go faster
- b) They help players and umpires communicate
- c) They help keep score
- d) They are just for fun

## **What lesson can we learn from William Hoy's story?**

- a) Only people who can hear can play baseball
- b) It is hard to play baseball
- c) Everyone can do great things, even if they are different
- d) Baseball is the only important sport

# SOCIAL STORY

Read the social story and focus on the theme of persistence.

**Persistence (n)** : Never giving up even when something becomes challenging.

My name is Alex. Today, I had a math lesson at school. At first, I felt confused when the teacher explained the new topic. I looked at the problems on the board. They seemed hard, and I thought, "I don't understand this at all." But I remembered that it's okay to struggle sometimes. I can ask for help! If I feel confused, I can raise my hand. My teacher is here to help me. My friends can help too. If I ask them, they might explain things in a way that makes sense to me. I took a deep breath and said to myself, "I will keep trying."

I worked on the problems one step at a time. When I made a mistake, I didn't give up. Instead, I thought, "I can learn from my mistakes." I tried again and again. Slowly, the math problems started to make sense. I felt happy when I solved one correctly!

I learned that **persistence** is important. It feels great to understand something I was struggling with. Now, I know that if I keep trying, I can learn anything! It's nice to feel proud of myself for working hard. I will remember this for next time, and I can always ask for help if I need it. I am a great learner!

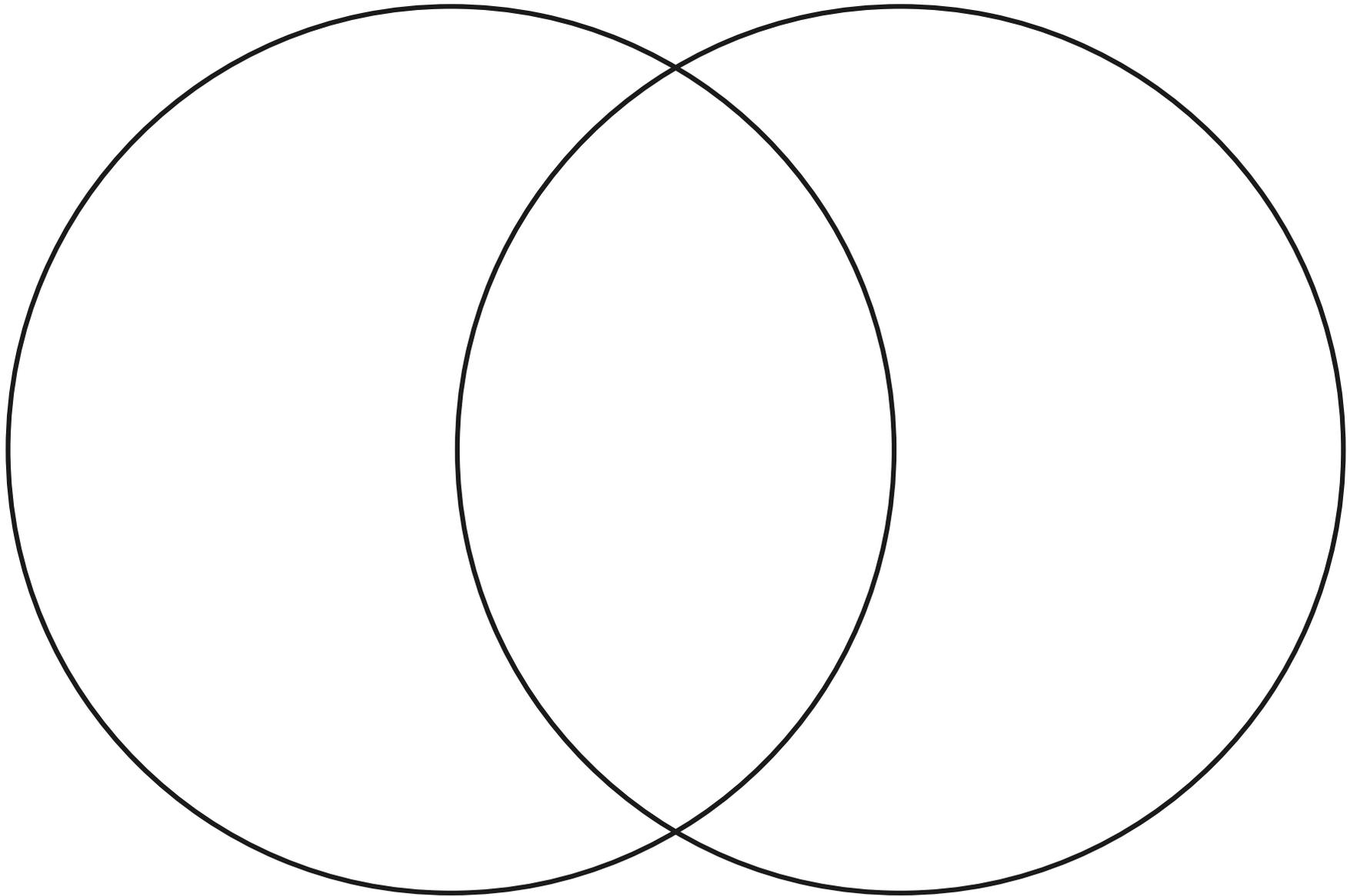


# COMPARE & CONTRAST

Using the Venn Diagram, compare and contrast William Hoy and Alex from our social story.

**William Hoy**

**Alex**



# BUILD

Create your own story of persistence. Fill out the chart with elements of your story.

Character(s)	Setting	Event
Problem	Persistence	Solution

# CREATE

Write your short story and then draw an illustration to match.

The form consists of a large rectangular area with a black border. The top portion of this area contains 15 horizontal black lines, providing space for writing a short story. The bottom portion of the area is a larger, blank white space, intended for drawing an illustration that matches the story.