

The background is a vibrant purple with a subtle starry pattern. At the top, there are decorative borders: a yellow and purple striped triangle on the left and a purple triangle with white polka dots on the right. In the center, the title "PETER PAN" is written in large, green, stylized letters with a yellow outline. Below it, "JR." is written in smaller, yellow, stylized letters. Above the title, there are silhouettes of Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, and two other fairies flying through a trail of stars. Below the title, there is a large silhouette of Peter Pan in a flying pose.

PETER PAN

JR.

ABOUT THE SHOW

Compare and Contrast

Peter Pan is a beloved property for the young and young at heart. Many different iterations exist all stemming from the creation of the original author J.M. Barrie. Peter Pan was first introduced to audiences in a small novel in 1902 called, *The Little White Bird*.

Since its inception, Peter Pan has been adapted into 10 major motion pictures since 1924, 5 video games, 9 notable plays/musicals, and hundreds of written retellings, sequels, prequels, and adaptations of new stories that have used the original source as inspiration for their own creativity.

What began as just a character in one of J.M. Barrie's stories, is now one of the most recognizable characters in our lives. Although there have been many retellings and interpretations of this classic tale, many parts of the story and key character traits remain consistent across them.

Peter Pan, after teaching the Darling kids to fly with pixie dust, flies off with the 3 of them to Neverland, which you reach by flying to the second star to the right and head straight until the morning. Peter and the Darling siblings have many adventures in Neverland including encounters with Mermaids, Pirates, and Tiger Lily.

Captain Hook is typically described as a cadaverous, thin gentleman. He is a pirate that is constantly haunted by the crocodile that bit off his left hand, now replaced by an iron, sharp hook. He is a man that values good form and etiquette, even while planning and carrying out evil actions. He is always portrayed as having dark hair in varying degrees of length, and impeccable style.

Those are just a few similarities seen between most adaptations of the story. However, there are more differences between the various versions than there are similarities.

In the animated Disney version of the story, the overall tone is much cheerier than the original bittersweet one in the book. In the book, the Lost Boys shoot Wendy with an arrow that strikes her down – luckily, she is saved by an acorn button around her neck that deflects the sharp point of the arrow. In the Disney movie, the boys miss Wendy when shooting and Peter quickly steps in to stop them.

Another key difference between the Disney animated film, and the original book is Hook's evil plan once he discovers where the Lost Boys and Peter live. In the book he sneaks into their home while everyone sleeps and poisons the medicine they all use. In this version, Tinker Bell saves them all by drinking all the poison. This is a famous scene in some stage iterations and is where the famous scene of everyone clapping who believes in fairies to save help save Tinker Bell's life. In However, in the animated film, we see Hook use a bomb left as a present for Peter. Tinker Bell narrowly saves Peter from the explosion but not before getting hurt and destroying their home in the tree.

These small changes may seem insignificant, but can alter how we feel about certain characters and their actions – sometimes giving us more clarity and a deeper look into a character's motivations.

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Learn Your Vocabulary

Iteration – the act of repeating a process or the specific version of a product that results from that repetition.

Inspiration – a mental spark or a force that gives you the desire and creative energy to do, feel, or create something.

Cadaverous – looking like a corpse, usually very pale, thin, and ill.

Etiquette – the set of rules, customs, and conventional behaviors that govern polite and acceptable conduct in social or official life.

Impeccable – completely free from fault, error, or weakness.

Bittersweet – having a blend of both pleasant and painful feelings, or a taste that is simultaneously bitter and sweet.

Insignificant – something is unimportant, lacking meaning, or too small to matter.

Questions from the Reading

Using the above passage, answer the following questions.

1. The original author and creator of Peter Pan was Walt Disney.
 - A. True
 - B. False

2. What year did the first book that featured Peter Pan debut?
 - A. 1940
 - B. 1901
 - C. 1924
 - D. 1902

3. Which hand did the crocodile bite off Captain Hook?
 - A. Left
 - B. Right

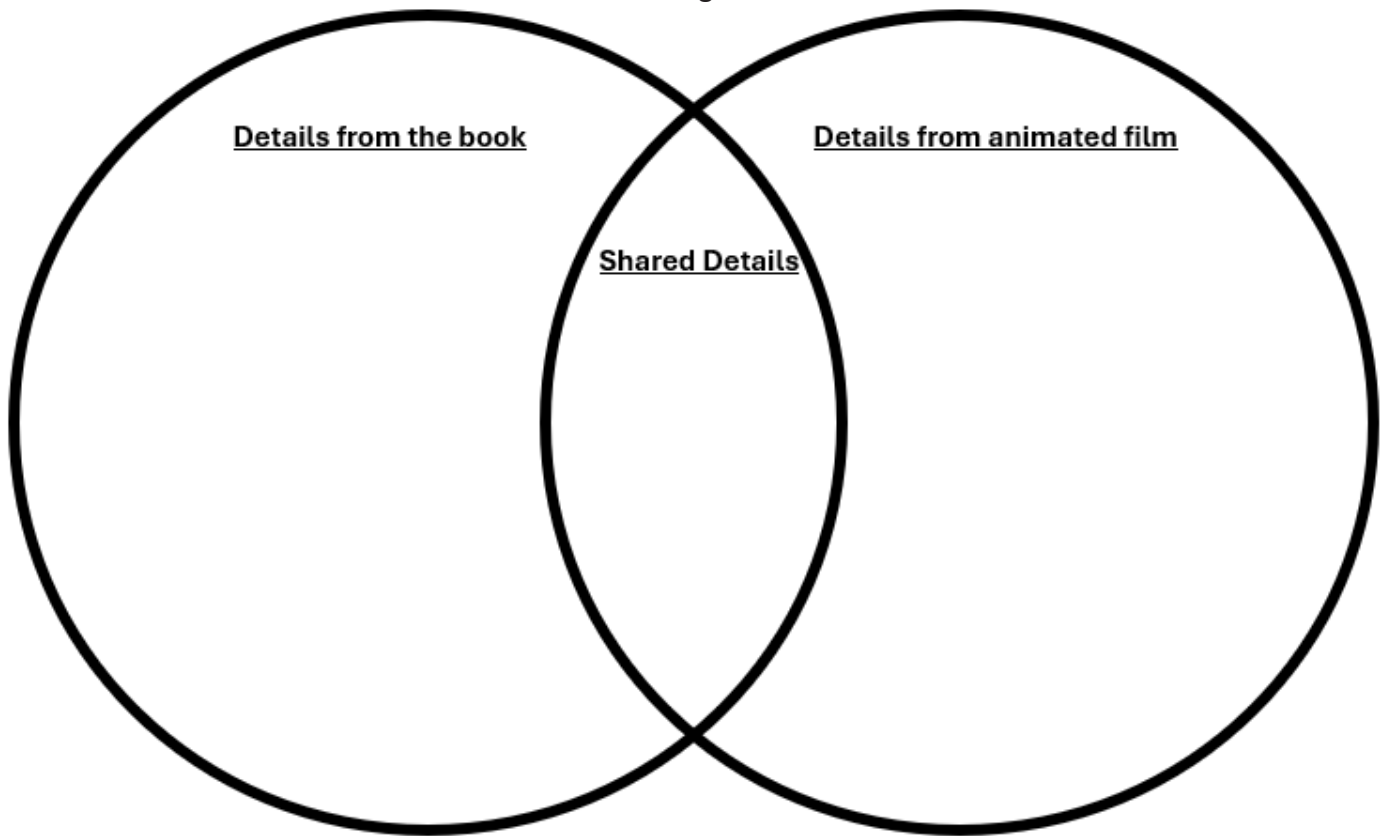
4. Captain Hook is said to operate off of set rules and customs when dueling. What word best describes those actions?
 - A. Cadaverous
 - B. Bittersweet
 - C. Etiquette
 - D. Insignificant

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ACTIVITY FROM THE READING

Use the above passage to complete the Venn Diagram. Separate details that are from the book versus the details that are from the animated film. You can put any details they both share into the middle section.

Extra Activity: Put details that differ from a version of Peter Pan that you know versus The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati's stage musical!



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CHARACTER TRAITS

Through the many retellings of Peter Pan, we meet many of the same characters but sometimes, their character traits (qualities, values, or behavioral attributes that defines a person's personality and how they react to the world) can carry over from version to version. Draw a picture of how you see each character and then choose words the best words from the list below that best describes them or use your own! Not all words are used.

Character Trait Word List

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| • Accepting | • Generous | • Open-minded |
| • Adventurous | • Gracious | • Patient |
| • Ambitious | • Grateful | • Peaceful |
| • Assertive | • Honest | • Positive |
| • Authentic | • Hopeful | • Punctual |
| • Brave | • Humble | • Questioning |
| • Calm | • Humorous | • Rational |
| • Caring | • Imaginative | • Reliable |
| • Charitable | • Independent | • Reflective |
| • Communicative | • Inspiring | • Resilient |
| • Compassionate | • Intuitive | • Respectful |
| • Committed | • Knowledgeable | • Self-confident |
| • Confident | • Leader | • Selfish |
| • Considerate | • Logical | • Selfless |
| • Courageous | • Loving | • Supportive |
| • Dedicated | • Loyal | • Tolerant |
| • Determined | • Mature | • Tranquil |
| • Encouraging | • Merciful | • Trusting |
| • Empathetic | • Mindful | • Trustworthy |
| • Enthusiastic | • Noble | • Understanding |
| • Fair | • Nurturing | • Virtuous |
| • Fearless | • Observant | • Wise |
| • Forgiving | • Obedient | • Zealous |

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Captain Hook

Peter Pan

Tinker Bell

Wendy

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Word Search

Look forward, backward and diagonally for the hidden words.

**Neverland - Darlings - Pirate Ship - Mermaids - Fairies - Wendy Bird - Northstar -
London - Pixie Dust - Crocodile**

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ANSWER KEY

Answer Key

Questions from the Reading

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. C



Standards

RI.1.1: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

RL.2.9 Compare and/or contrast two or more versions of the same story by different authors from different cultures, focusing on characters, settings, and central messages.

RL.3.3 Describe the characters in a literary text.

- a. Identify the characters' actions, feelings, and traits.