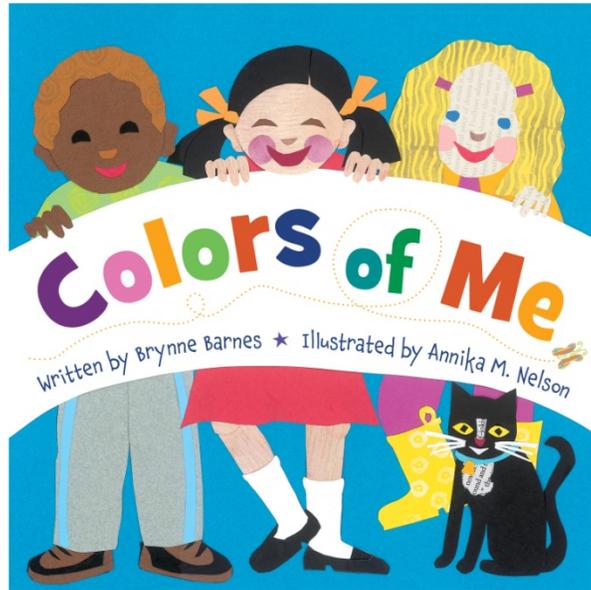


Teacher's Guide



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So if I **am** a color
would the world care at all?

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When the sky turns purple
does the sun even know?

Statement vs. Question

The story *Colors of Me* is filled with both statements and questions. Complete each sentence with the proper punctuation, then state whether it is a statement or a question. Write Q for question and S for statement on the line before the sentence.

1. _____ Kyle's favorite color is blue
2. _____ Will my hair get wet in the rain
3. _____ Can you pass the salt
4. _____ Close the door
5. _____ Do you have any pencils
6. _____ Did you call me last night
7. _____ What a great day
8. _____ What would you like to do after school
9. _____ Let's play basketball
10. _____ Would you like to come over after school
11. _____ How wonderful of you to help us today
12. _____ The bird nest is still up in the tree
13. _____ The game was fun; did you have fun
14. _____ Which sandwich is yours
15. _____ I hope we get to go outside this afternoon



Does the rain think I'm a color
when it falls on my head?

I wonder if kids are colors too.



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Melanin Experiment



All skin is composed of four different colors, brown, yellow, white, and red. Brown is melanin, yellow is carotene, red is hemoglobin. The amount of melanin is what makes peoples' skin different colors. When someone has a lot of melanin, their skin appears darker. The less melanin you have, the lighter your skin is.

Materials:

- 3 clear plastic containers
- white cornmeal
- yellow cornmeal
- red Kool-Aid powder
- instant coffee or powdered cocoa

Procedure:

1. Put three clear containers on a table.
2. Fill each container halfway with the white cornmeal.
3. Add ½ teaspoon yellow cornmeal to each container—mix.
4. Add ½ teaspoon red Kool-Aid powder to each container—mix.
5. Add 3 teaspoons of coffee/cocoa to the first container—mix.
6. Add one teaspoon of coffee/cocoa to the second container—mix.
7. Add one-half teaspoon of coffee/cocoa to the third container—mix.



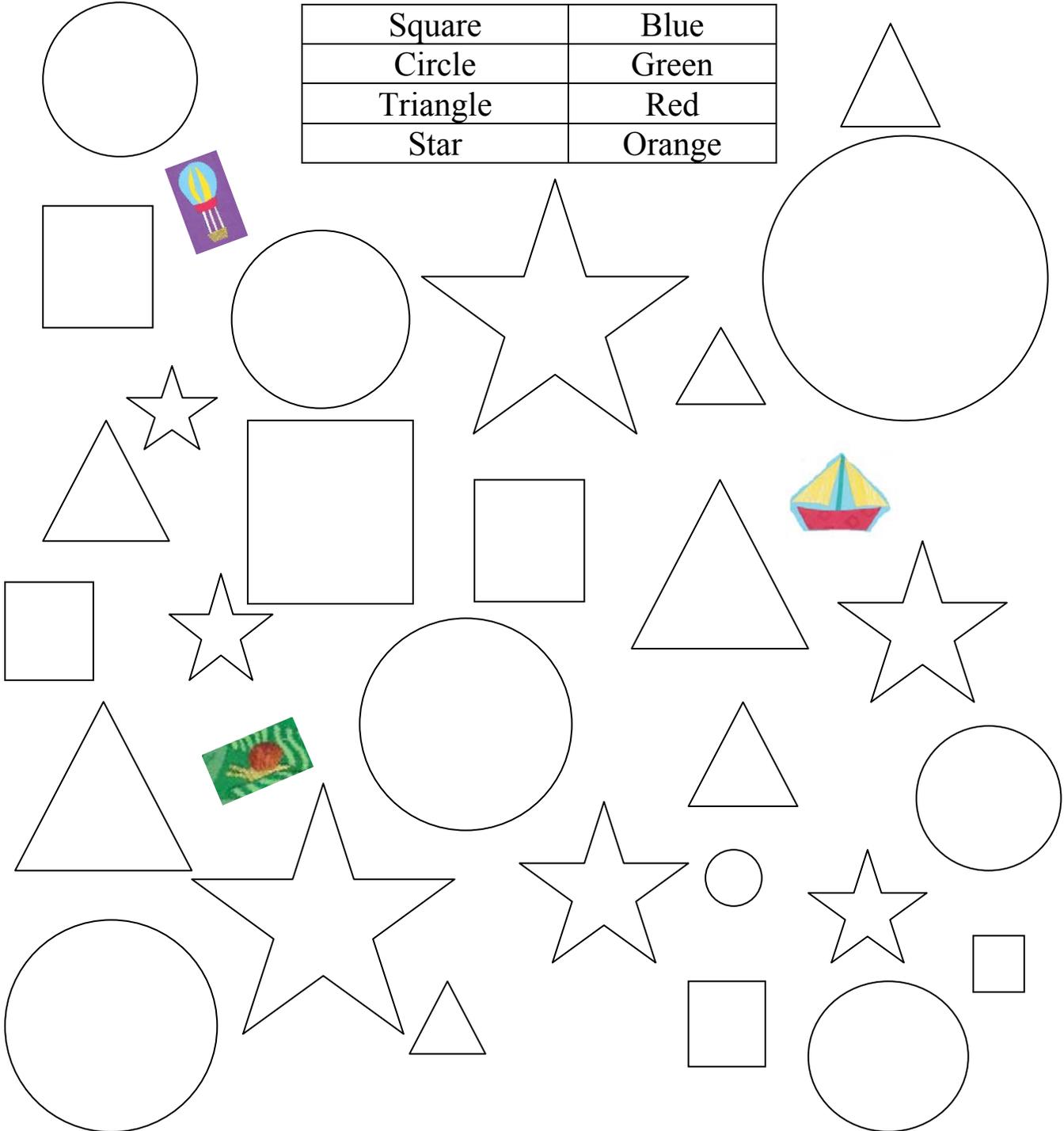
Variation: To show various shades of skin tones, use five or more containers with varying amounts of coffee/cocoa. All shades between dark and light are made of the same four ingredients.



Shapes and Colors

People come in all shapes and colors. Color the shapes below according to the chart.

Square	Blue
Circle	Green
Triangle	Red
Star	Orange



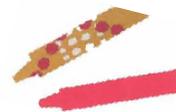


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Self Portrait

After reading the story *Colors of Me*, create a self portrait in the picture frame below. When you have finished, compare pictures with others in your class. How are your pictures similar? How are they different?



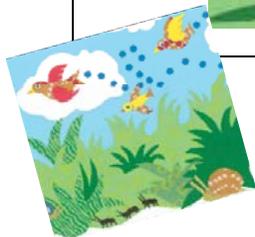


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Missing Letter

Below are pictures of objects found in the story *Colors of Me*. Fill in the missing letter of the word in the boxes to the right of the picture.

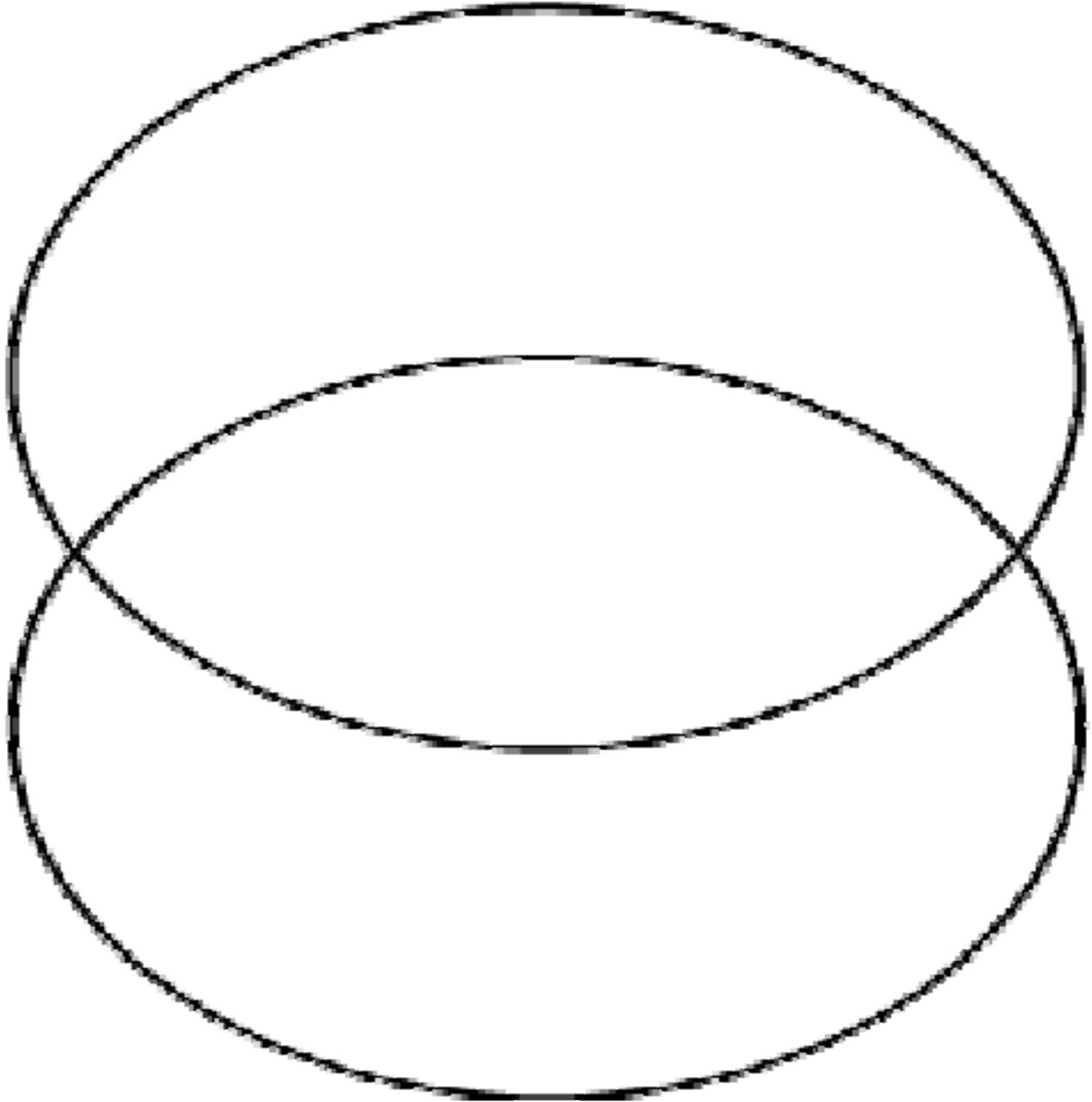
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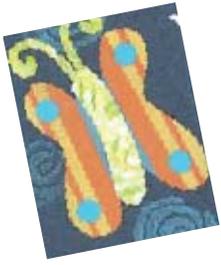




Compare and Contrast

With a partner complete the Venn diagram below. In the oval on the top, write things that are unique to you, and on the bottom, write things that are unique to your partner. In the center, where the ovals overlap, write things that you both have in common. Include things such as physical appearance, personality traits, hobbies, likes, dislikes, or other facts.

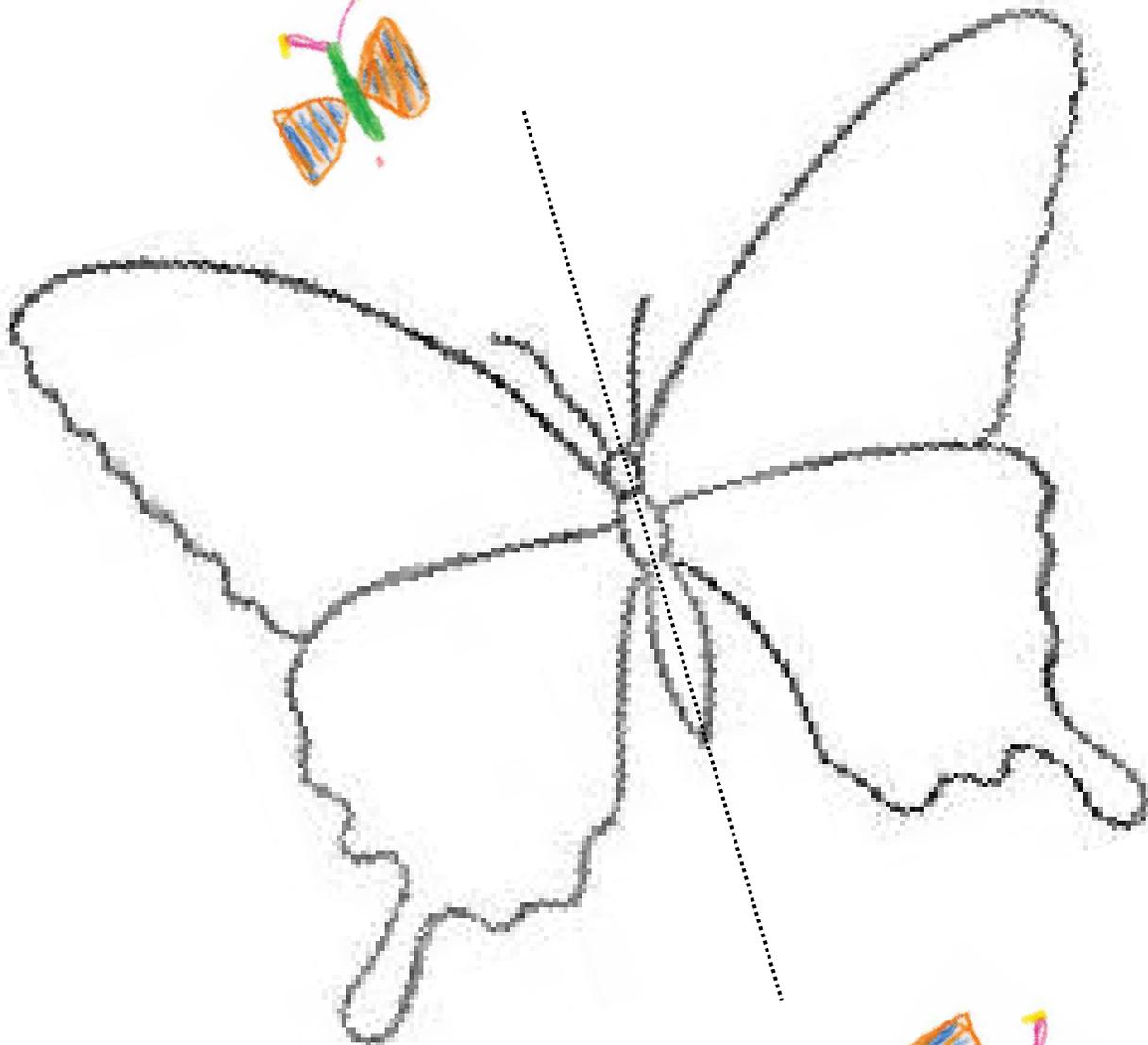




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Symmetrical Butterfly

Butterflies are very colorful insects. Below is an outline of a butterfly. The dotted line shows the line of symmetry. Color each half of the butterfly so that the entire picture is symmetrical.





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Graphing

Count the shapes below from the book *Colors of Me*. Color the graph to show how many of each shape is pictured below.



10					
9					
8					
7					
6					
5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
	Star	Fish	Raindrop	Butterfly	Heart



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I Am Different

After reading *Colors of Me*, work in groups of four students to complete the following sentences. Write how you are different from the other members of your group. Be sure to use plenty of detail, as well as complete sentences.

I am different from _____ because I _____

I am different from _____ because I _____

I am different from _____ because I _____



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Answer Key

Statement vs. Question: 1)S. 2)Q? 3)Q? 4)S. 5)Q? 6)Q? 7)S. 8)Q? 9)S.
10) Q? 11) S. 12)S. 13)Q? 14)Q? 15)S.

Missing Letters: Cat, Sun, Boat, Tree, Star, Bird, Rain, Bug