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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the most likely reason the author wrote *Wild and Wacky World of Wigs*?
 - (A) to persuade the reader to donate his or her hair to a good cause
 - (B) to inform the reader how wigs are a thing of the past
 - (C) to persuade the reader to buy a funny wig
 - (D) to inform and entertain the reader about the history of wigs
2. How was the use of wigs in ancient Egypt similar to their use in Roman times?
 - (A) Only wealthy people wore wigs.
 - (B) People wore wigs to cover bald spots.
 - (C) Only women wore wigs.
 - (D) People wore wigs to look like their gods.
3. The drop in the price of wigs in the 1700s was caused by _____.
 - (A) not many people wearing wigs anymore
 - (B) the lowering of the price of hair
 - (C) a big sale
 - (D) wigs being made for different sizes of heads
4. The word *bigwig* means _____.
 - (A) a person who sells wigs
 - (B) a person who wears wigs
 - (C) an important person
 - (D) a person who designs wigs

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5. What was the effect of women in the 1700s not removing their wigs for months at a time?
 - Ⓐ Cockroaches, mice, and rats would build nests in their hair.
 - Ⓑ They would have to cut the wig off their head.
 - Ⓒ They would soak their wig in oil to remove it.
 - Ⓓ They would lose all their hair under the wig.

6. *A fake piece of hair that covers part of the head* is called _____.
 - Ⓐ an extension
 - Ⓑ a toupee
 - Ⓒ a wig
 - Ⓓ a mustache

7. How are modern-day wigs different from wigs in ancient Egypt?
 - Ⓐ They can be made of nylon threads.
 - Ⓑ They can be worn by people at any level of society.
 - Ⓒ They come in different lengths and designs.
 - Ⓓ They are enjoyed by many people.

8. Why were wigs sometimes worn only by wealthy people?
 - Ⓐ Wealthy people were the only ones who wanted wigs.
 - Ⓑ The materials to make the wigs were expensive.
 - Ⓒ Poor people were not allowed to wear wigs.
 - Ⓓ Wealthy people were the only ones who had missing hair.

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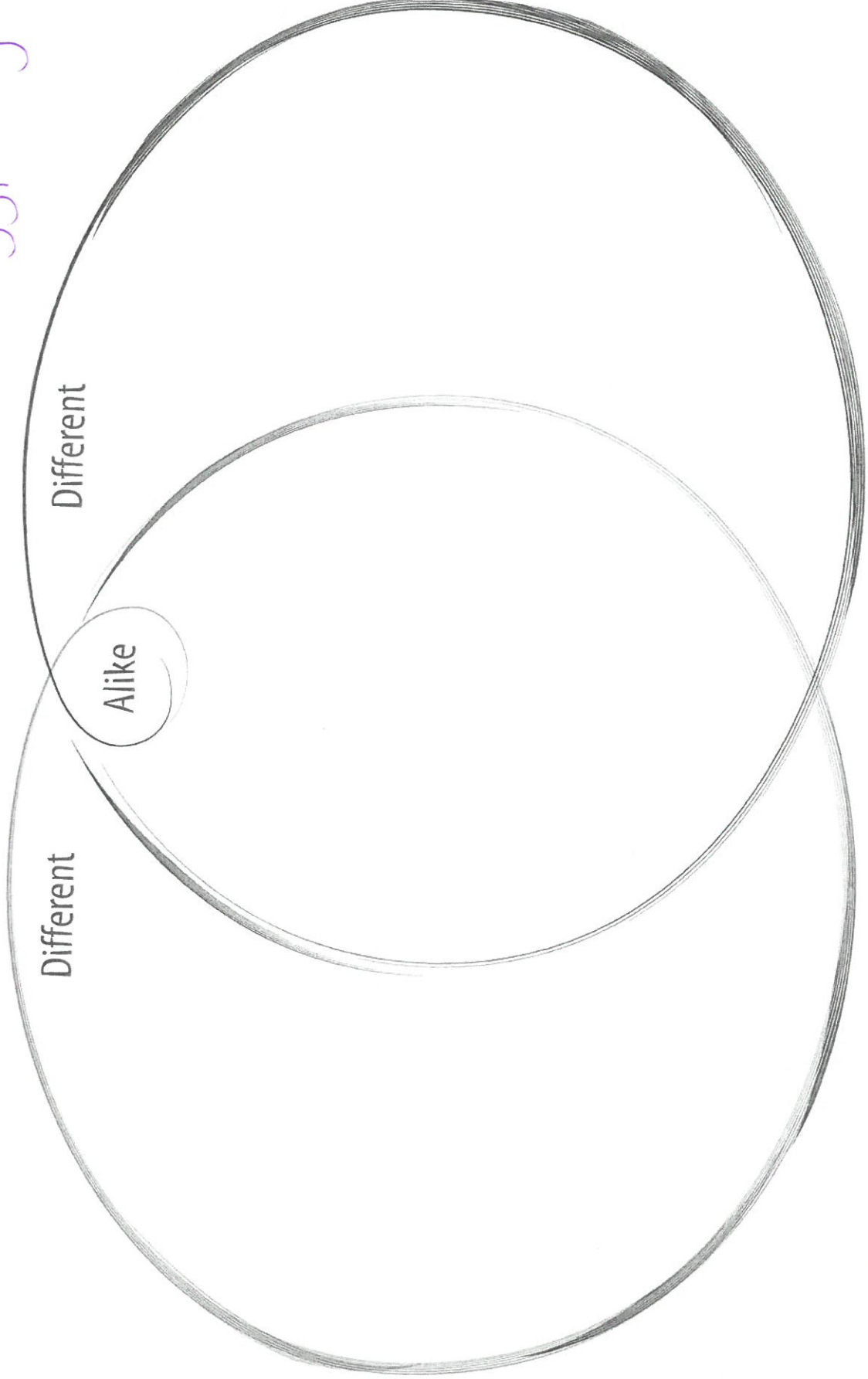
9. The word **ornate** means _____.
- Ⓐ a popular style
 - Ⓑ to make or design
 - Ⓒ an extreme interest
 - Ⓓ decorated with great detail
10. Wigs in the 1700s were attached to people's heads _____.
- Ⓐ by tying a ribbon to a cap
 - Ⓑ by tying it to people's hair
 - Ⓒ with double-sided tape
 - Ⓓ with tree sap
11. **Extended Response:** How have wigs played an important part in history? Use examples from the text to support your response.
12. **Extended Response:** What are three reasons people continue to wear wigs? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

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Instructions: Use the Venn diagram to compare wigs from modern times to wigs of ancient Egypt.

Modern Wigs

Ancient Egypt Wigs



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Reading A-Z

Instructions: For each sentence, circle the adjective(s) and then underline the word(s) that it modifies.



- ① From ancient Egyptian culture to modern civilization, wigs have played an important role in this obsession.
- ② A tight cap with a fabric base was made to fit the person's head.
- ③ The Egyptians believe their gods had fancy, thick, braided hair, so they made wigs in the same style.
- ④ Wealthy people in later times also wore false hair.
- ⑤ Today, some people give their long hair to organizations like Locks of Love.
- ⑥ As clothing fashions at the royal courts became fancier, the need for fancier hairstyles also grew.
- ⑦ Women carried a long stick with a claw on the end.
- ⑧ Many of the common people saw them as a luxury only the rich could afford.
- ⑨ Whether they are long or short, fancy or plain, wigs have played an important role in history.