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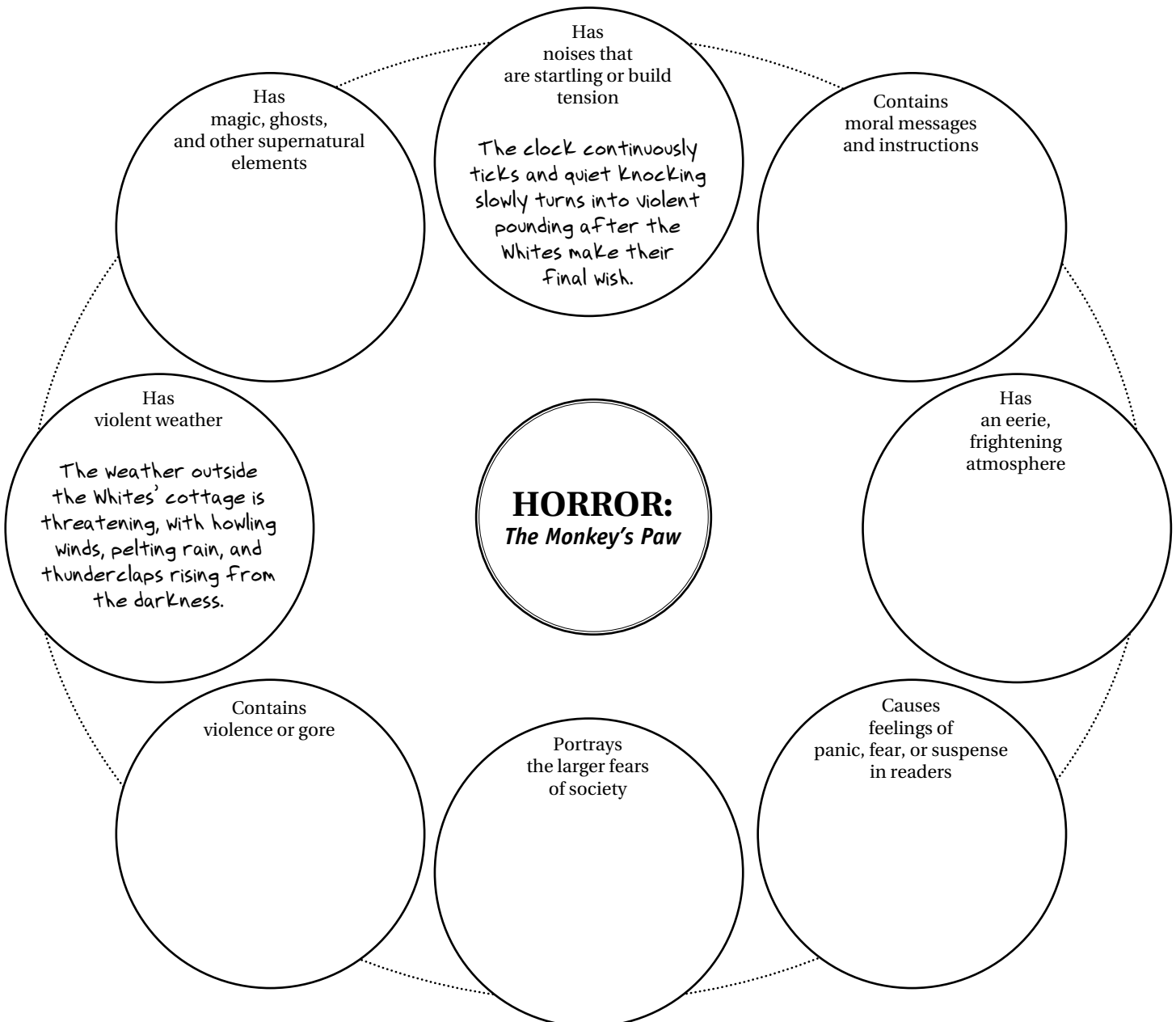
A **genre** is a category of literature or art. Mystery, science fiction, historical fiction, and biography are all genres of literature.

Genre: *The Monkey's Paw*

The Monkey's Paw belongs to two genres: drama and horror. In this activity, you will focus on what makes it horror.

Directions: The graphic organizer below gives some common characteristics of horror. *The Monkey's Paw* does not have all of these characteristics, but it has many of them. We've explained how the play shows two of these characteristics.

Choose FOUR more characteristics and briefly explain how the play shows those characteristics.



Directions: Answer the questions below.

1. What other stories, plays, or movies have you read or seen that belong to the horror genre?

2. Stories in the horror genre often imply that certain types of behavior are dangerous and should be avoided.

A. What kind of behavior does *The Monkey's Paw* warn against?

B. Do you agree with what the play suggests about how we should behave? Explain.
