VENN DIAGRAM

Teacher Key

Directions: For each character below, students record details from the story "Adam" that contribute to characterization. They should focus on physical appearance, thoughts and feelings, dialogue, and the narrator's comments. Below are some examples of possible student answers.

"I know, I know, I know"...a sullen gorilla, plainly impatient. (line 4). ***Sousa is a large man. He is ungrateful for another baby girl.***

He stomped out of the room (line 14). ***Has a temper, acts immaturely.***

"Never knew it to fail," said Sousa bitterly. (line 131). ***He feels bitter; he thinks he deserves whatever he wants.***

"Far as I'm concerned," said Sousa, "you can have the championship." (line 140). ***He lacks empathy for Knechtmann, he Isn't happy for him.***

Sousa sighed and smiled wearily (line 150). ***He appears tired of daily life.***

The White Sox! Don't tell me you're a Cub fan…. The other two men seemed to be sinking away from him….move Minoso in from left field to shortstop. See what I'm doing?" ..."Yep, yep," said Sousa eagerly. (line 165). ***Sousa only gets excited About baseball, a kind of trivial American novelty, but he bonds with others this way he is part of a community.***

Men living in America, 1950's

Working class

Becoming Fathers, wait in hospital waiting room

Celebrating with a drink

a small man with thin wrists and a bad spine (line 16). ***He seems like an underdog.***

so overcast with good-humored humility as to be beautiful (line 18). ***He isn't handsome, but something about him is beautiful.***

He had died a little as each member of his family had been...killed by the Nazis, until only in him... had life and the name of Knechtmann...(line 20). ***He has experienced tremendous tragedy and is changed by it.***

Heinz's mind was a medley of proud family name (line 32). ***He wants his family name to live on.***

He spoke the name with an exaggerated Old World \ pronunciation...unsoftened for American ears. " KhhhhhhhhhhhhhhNECHT! Mannnnnnnnnnn." (line 45). ***He feels strongly about holding onto his culture.***

"It's the most wonderful thing that ever happened." The elevator doors...shut between them before Dr. Powers could show a glimmer of response. (line 79). ***He is elated, but others don't understand why.***

Heinz stood, and held his glass high, ready for the next step in camaraderie, a toast to the whole human race… (line 153).***He wants to become part of a community of peers.***

Mr. Sousa **Mr. Knechtmann**