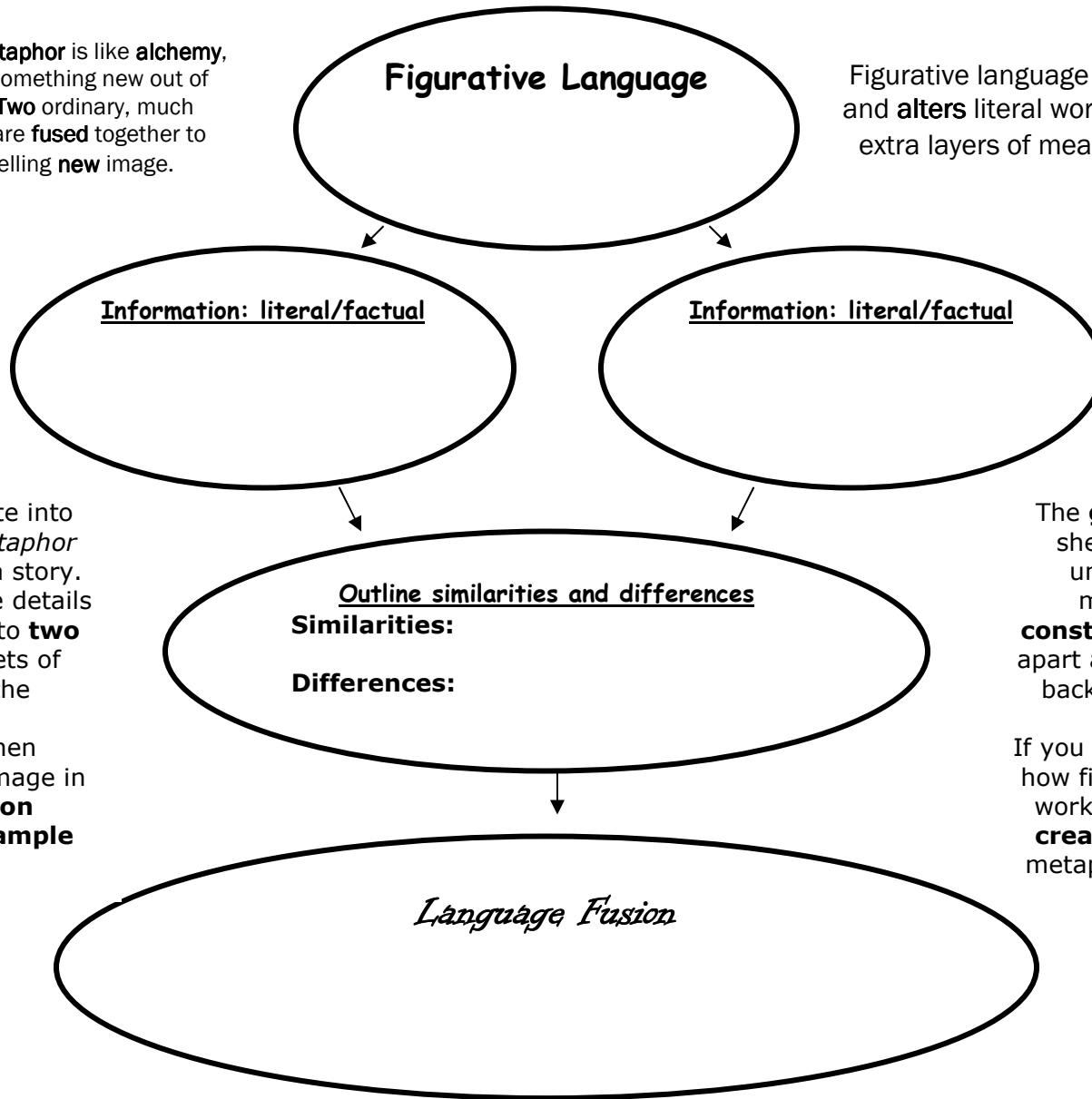# Figurative Language Map – Simile and Metaphor

A good **simile** or **metaphor** is like **alchemy**, in that it creates something new out of ordinary things. **Two** ordinary, much different images are **fused** together to create a compelling **new** image.

Figurative Language

Figurative language **exaggerates** and **alters** literal words to provide extra layers of meaning to text.

Information: literal/factual

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Instructions: Write into the top circle a *metaphor* or *simile* found in a story. Next, *tease out* the details of the metaphor into **two** separate, **literal** sets of information. Note the **similarities** and **differences** and then *reconstruct* the image in the **language fusion** circle. Use the **example** sheet as a guide.

Outline similarities and differences
Similarities:

Differences:

The **goal** of this work sheet is for you to understand how metaphors are **constructed**, pull them apart and then put them back together again.

If you have knowledge of how figurative language works, you can better **create** your own new metaphors and similes.

Language Fusion

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