A sociogram is a graphic representation of the relationships among characters in a literary text.

**What should it look like?**
In a sociogram, the central character(s) is placed at the center of the page, and the other characters are placed around him/her. The spatial relationship on the page should in some way represent each of the character’s relationship with the main character as well as with each other. Lines/arrows are used to show the "direction and nature" of the relationship (ex. strength/weakness, friend/foe, dominance/submissiveness, etc.).

**Before you start**
Clear off your desk and place all of the main characters' names on small pieces of paper. Begin arranging the characters in a way to represent your understanding of their relationships. This will give you a chance to brainstorm how you want your sociogram to look before you place it on your poster.

**Some helpful hints:**
- Place the central character(s) at the center of the diagram
- Let the physical distance between characters reflect the perceived psychological and/or emotional distance between the characters
- Let the size/shape/symbol of a character metaphorically represent each personality, importance, one's power or lack of, etc.
- Show the direction of a relationship by an arrow/line, and its nature by a brief label (the lines can be creatively applied: What might the following lines indicate? A jagged line? A wavy line? The thickness of the line? etc.)
- Represent substantiated relationships with a solid line and inferred relationships by a broken line.
- Illustrate the tone and or theme of the novel by the use of color or visual symbols.