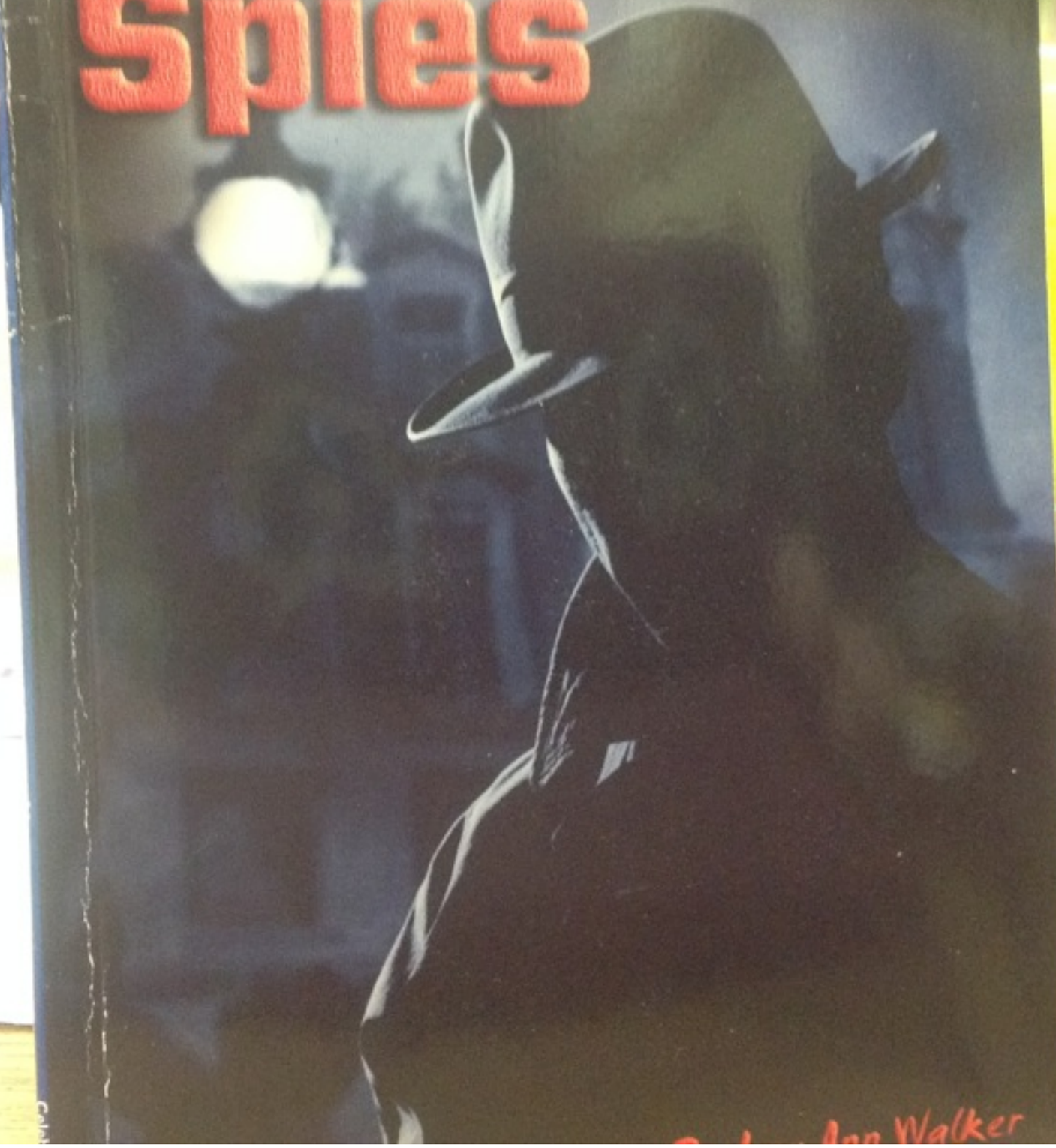
GHGR 3.1 Week - Activating Background Knowledge

Famous American Spies



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GHGR 3.1.2 - Thinking About What You Know Before Reading

- I can identify the topic of a book before reading.
- I can activate knowledge about the topic of a book.

*** Look for words in the title to help identify the topic.**
*** Analyze the cover art / photograph to think of how it helps identify the topic.**
*** One way to activate BK is to use the book title and cover art.**

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Famous American Spies

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American Spies

might wear disguises or have a secret identity

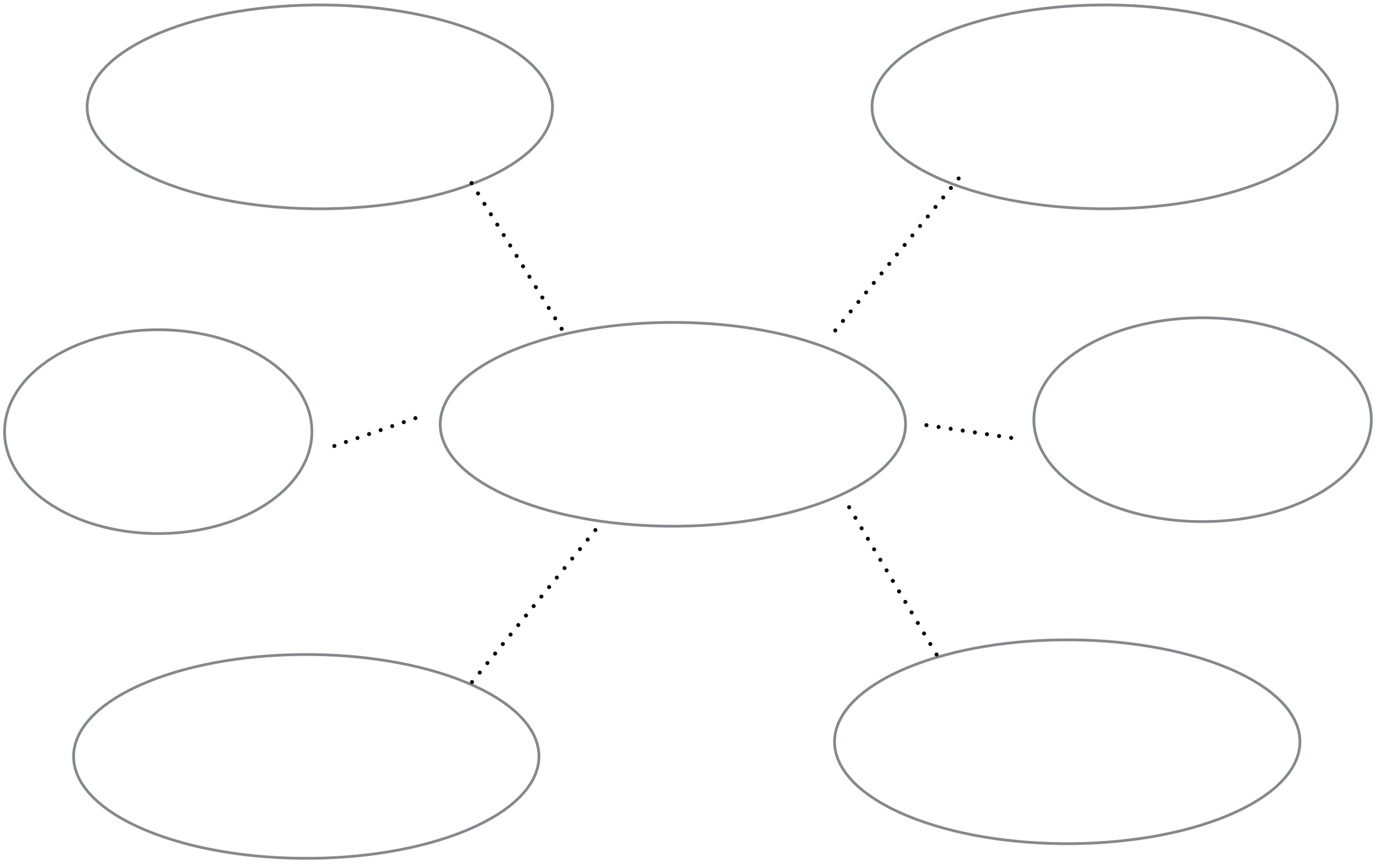
get good information during war time about the enemy

Gain people's trust

dangerous

stealthy / sneaky but can just blend in

"hi-tech" but really not



GHGR 3.1.3 - Considering Your Purpose for Reading

- I can identify a purpose for wanting (or have) to read a book.

- I can figure out what background information is most helpful.

*** 3 Purposes of Writing - Inform, Entertain, & Persuade. As a reader you usually don't read to be persuaded, but you do read to be informed (learn), and entertained (enjoyment).**

My Purpose for Reading.

What I already know...

Read pp.68-69 and complete the chart.

My Purpose for Reading.	What I already know...
* I read to be informed about the types of early clocks.	*Clocks tell us time, ancient people used different types of devices to keep time. * There are different types of clocks today (2 or more hands) or digital.

GHGR 3.1.4 - Previewing to Activate Background Knowledge

- I can preview a book (including title of contents page, visuals, captions, headings, and boldface type).

- I can identify, after previewing, specific BK that will enhance my understanding.

*** Previewing a book is like watching a movie trailer, it should give you a big idea of what it's about but very few small details.**
*** Use visuals & text features to connect.**

George Washington, Spymaster

Hi-Tech Spying & equipment

American Spies

Civil War Spies

Unimportant to Important undercover agents

preview pp.71-93 and complete the web

What Time is it?
"Time"

GHGR 3.1.5

Steps to Activating Background Knowledge

Identify the topic of the book.

Think about what you already know about the topic. Record that knowledge on a concept web.

Decide on your purpose for reading the book. Figure out what BK will be most helpful for that.

Preview the visuals, contents page, and text to help you figure out what BK is most important.

Revise the concept web

GHGR 3.1.5 - Wrap Up

- Choose a topic and write it down
- computer games
- baby-sitting
- mythology
- music
- tennis shoes
- amazing animals
- U.S. Presidents

- Three reasons someone would want to read a book about this topic are ...

- My purpose for reading a book on this topic would be...

- It is important to identify the topic of a book because...

- The reason for thinking about my purpose for reading is...

- By previewing a text before I read, it'll help me by...