

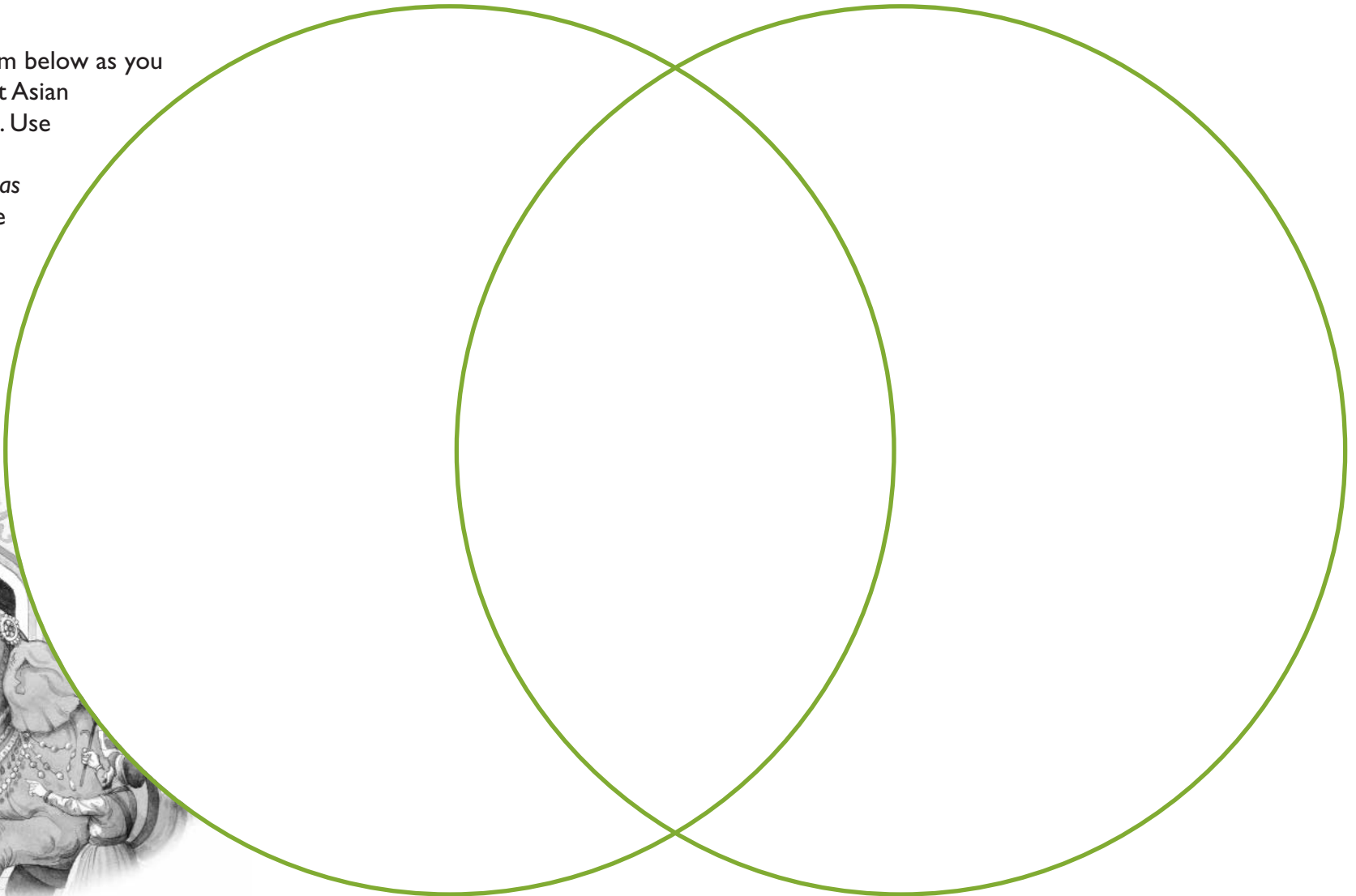
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**Asian Elephants**

**African Elephants**

**Directions:**

Fill in the Venn diagram below as you compare and contrast Asian and African elephants. Use the Author's Note in *A Crazy Day with Cobras* and the attached page of elephant facts to help get you started.



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## Elephant Investigation

**Directions:** Draw a picture of both kinds of elephants.



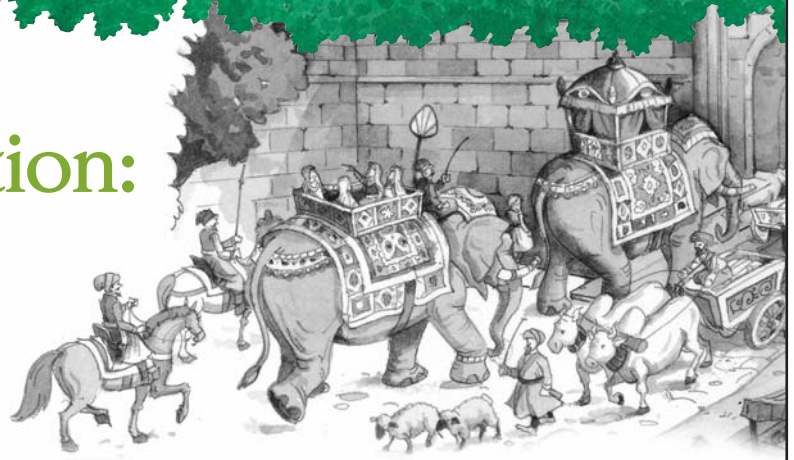
**Asian Elephant**

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a green border, intended for a child to draw an Asian elephant.

**African Elephant**

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a green border, intended for a child to draw an African elephant.

## Elephant Investigation: Fact Sheet



- African elephants weigh more than Asian elephants.
- African elephants are taller than Asian elephants.
- An African elephant's skin is more wrinkled than an Asian elephant's skin.
- An African elephant's highest point is the shoulders, whereas an Asian's highest point is the back.
- An African elephant's ears are much bigger than an Asian elephant's ears.
- African elephants have concave-shaped backs, whereas Asian elephants have dome-shaped backs.
- African elephants have one more pair of ribs than do Asian elephants.
- African savanna elephants have fewer toenails than Asian elephants, but African forest elephants have the same number of toenails as Asian elephants.
- The shapes of the heads of the two elephants are different. An African elephant's head is round with no humps or indentions. The Asian elephant has humped structures on the top of the head and the forehead is dented.
- The teeth of the Asian elephant are more tightly compressed than those of the African elephant.
- Both male and female African elephants have tusks. Only the male Asian elephants have tusks.
- The end of the African elephant's trunk has two "fingers." The Asian elephant has only one "finger" on the end of the trunk. Both kinds of elephants use their trunks to drink, smell, to lift food to their mouths, and to play. The African elephant will grasp objects between the two fingers to move them, while the Asian elephant will use a scooping motion and hold objects against the underside of the trunk.
- African elephants eat mainly leaves, while Asian elephants eat mainly grass.
- Both African and Asian elephants are endangered because their habitats are shrinking and poachers illegally hunt them for the ivory in their tusks.
- Both African and Asian elephants have a very keen sense of smell.