



BIOFUELS AND INVASIVE SPECIES

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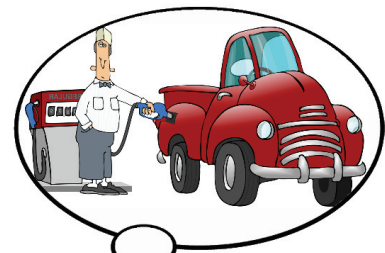
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The chapter "Stanley Mason's Chinese Tallow Tree Plantation" in *Edison's Concrete Piano* describes this inventor's idea to use the Chinese tallow tree as an alternative source of fuel, a "biofuel". Chinese tallow tree is an invasive species and its usefulness as a biofuel is questionable for this reason.

QUESTIONS:

What is an invasive species? Give an example from your region.

What is a biofuel? Give an example of a species being currently considered as a good biofuel, preferably in your region.



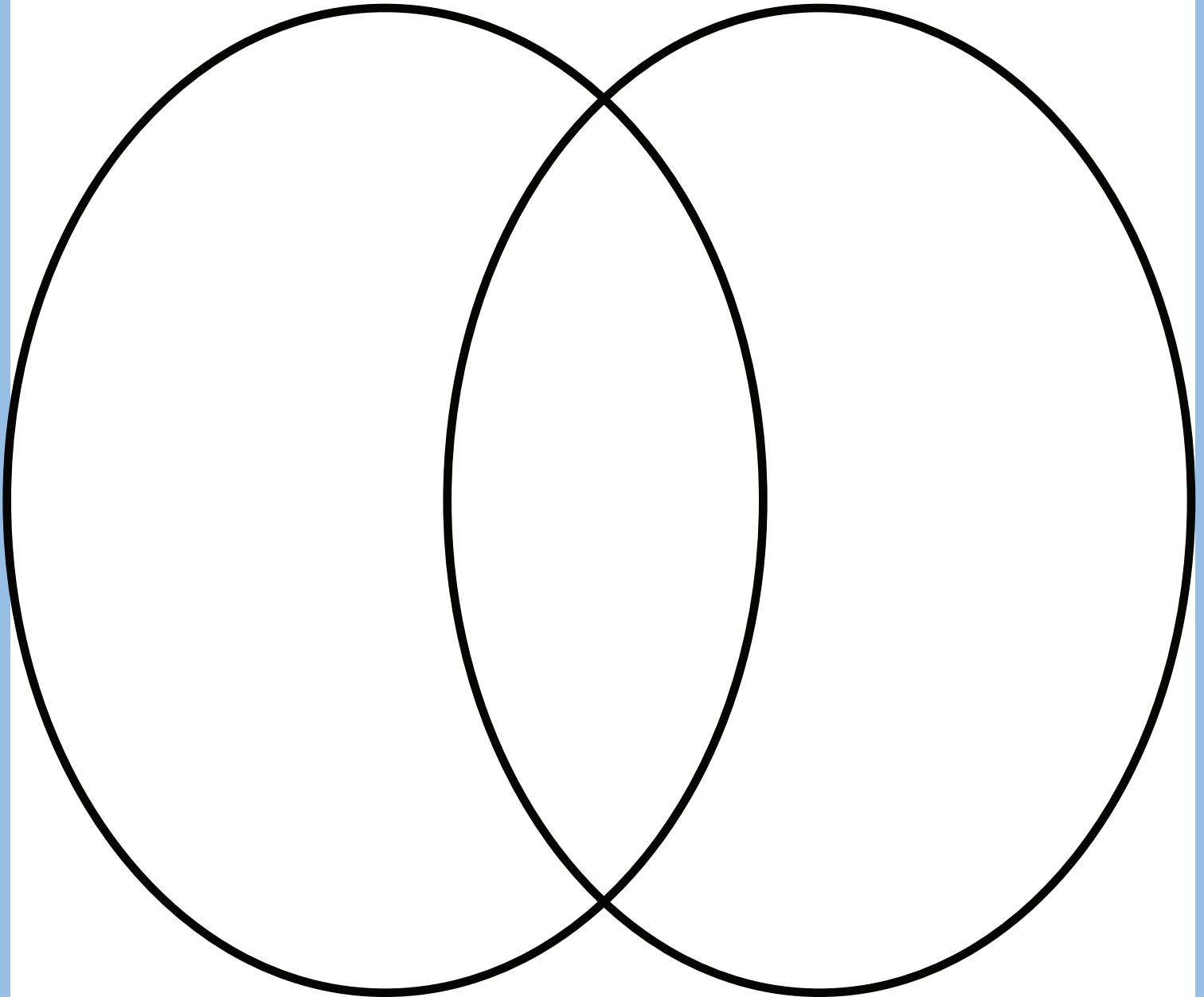


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Use this Venn diagram to compare the characteristics of an invasive species and a good biofuel candidate

Invasive Species Characteristics

Biofuel Characteristics



On a separate sheet of paper list the sources you used to answer these questions.

What is your opinion of biofuels?
