

# Lights, Camera, Action: Perseverance!

## Task 2: Exploring Perseverance in Science

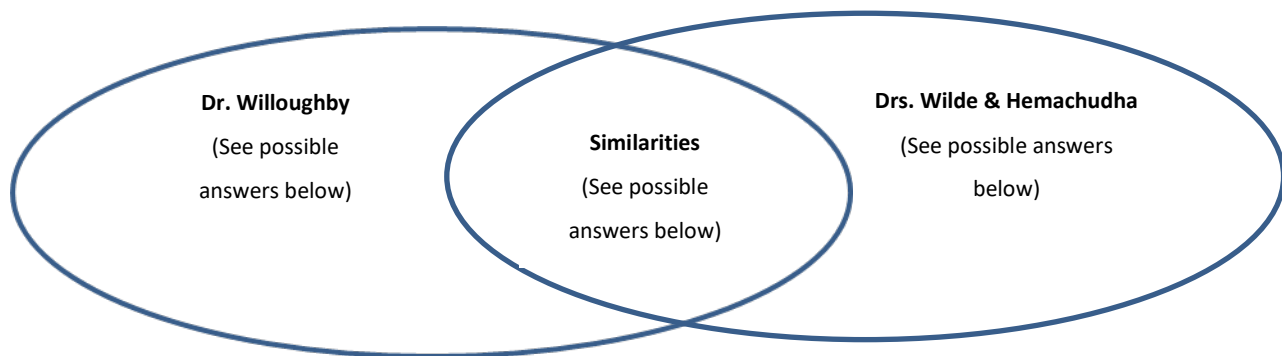
### Activity 1: Organize Your Thoughts

Read the following the article and listen to the podcast:

- “Undead: The Rabies Virus Remains a Medical Mystery”
  - <https://longreads.com/picks/undead-the-rabies-virus-remains-a-medical-mystery/>
- “Rodney versus Death” – Podcast
  - <https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolab/segments/rodney-versus-death>

Use the Venn diagram below. You must list the important information that would be featured in the film, including the doctor’s motivations, goals, and beliefs.

**Venn Diagram**



Possible answers for the **Dr. Willoughby** section of the diagram:

He believes that rabies can be defeated if the body is given enough time; he believes that rabies primarily affects neurotransmission; he believes that rabies was causing the brain to kill the body, rather than rabies killing the brain directly; he believes in the Milwaukee protocol; he believes in inducing a medical coma in rabies victims so their body has time to fight the disease; his goal is to have the Milwaukee protocol adopted world-wide; his goal is to increase funding for his cause.

Possible answers for the **Drs. Wilde and Hemachudha** section of the diagram:

They believe the Milwaukee protocol is dangerous; they believe the Milwaukee protocol can cause death; they believe the Milwaukee protocol prevents people from receiving the vaccine; they believe that rabies kill brain cells directly; they believe different rabies cases impact the victims differently; they believe some people have a natural immune response to rabies; their goal is to discount the Milwaukee protocol.

Possible answers for the similarities between **Dr. Willoughby and Drs. Wilde and Hemachudha:**

They are all motivated by the desire to save people from rabies infections; they are all motivated by the possibility of saving lives; they all believe that Precious and Jenna had rabies; they all have the goal to eradicate rabies deaths in the world.