

Compare and Contrast Web

Teacher Instructions

Purpose

- To help students visually organize similarities and differences of two ideas, objects, or sets.
- To increase awareness of relationships within ideas, objects, or sets.
- To develop the ability to organize material learned.

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1. As either a pre- or post-lesson activity, ask students to consider two different sets of ideas, objects, or facts.
2. Students should write the names of the two items compared in the large octagonal boxes.
3. In the outer circles, students should record at least three unique characteristics of each item.
4. In the four circles in the center of the web, students should record shared characteristics.
5. Either have students hand in the diagram or ask them to self-assess using the following questions:
 - Are the isolated attributes described correctly?
 - Are the similar or shared attributes described correctly?

Suggested Uses

- *For Literature:*
Compare and contrast stories, poems, literary techniques, or themes.
- *For Math:*
Compare and contrast sets, geometrical shapes, rules, and processes.
- *For History:*
Compare persons, events, forms of government, or eras.
- *For Science:*
Compare competing theories, scientific laws, or famous scientists.

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Purpose: To compare and contrast attributes of two items, characters, events, people, or concepts.

