

Expanded Venn Diagram

Teacher Instructions

Purpose

- To help students visually organize similarities and differences between three ideas, objects, or sets.
- To increase awareness of relationships between 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 three different sets of ideas, objects, or facts.
2. Students should label each circle and then record differences in the isolated portions of the circles, and similarities in the intersecting portions of the circle.
3. 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 overlapping 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 three items.

