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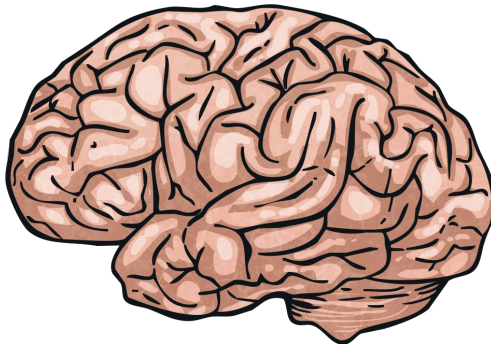
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An effective way to learn and understand different ideas is to compare and contrast them.

To compare means to find similarities.

To contrast means to find differences.

This helps our brains make sense of the information presented.





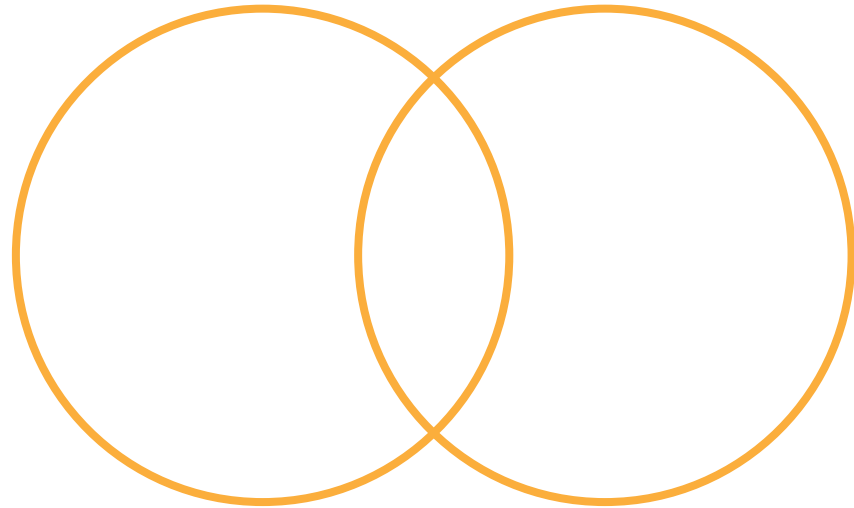
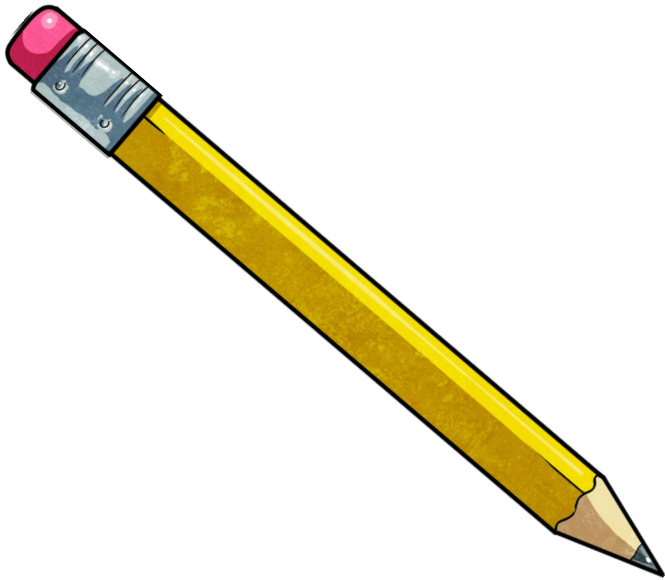
Think

Why is comparing and contrasting helpful? When have you compared and contrasted two texts or two items?

Reading and Taking Notes

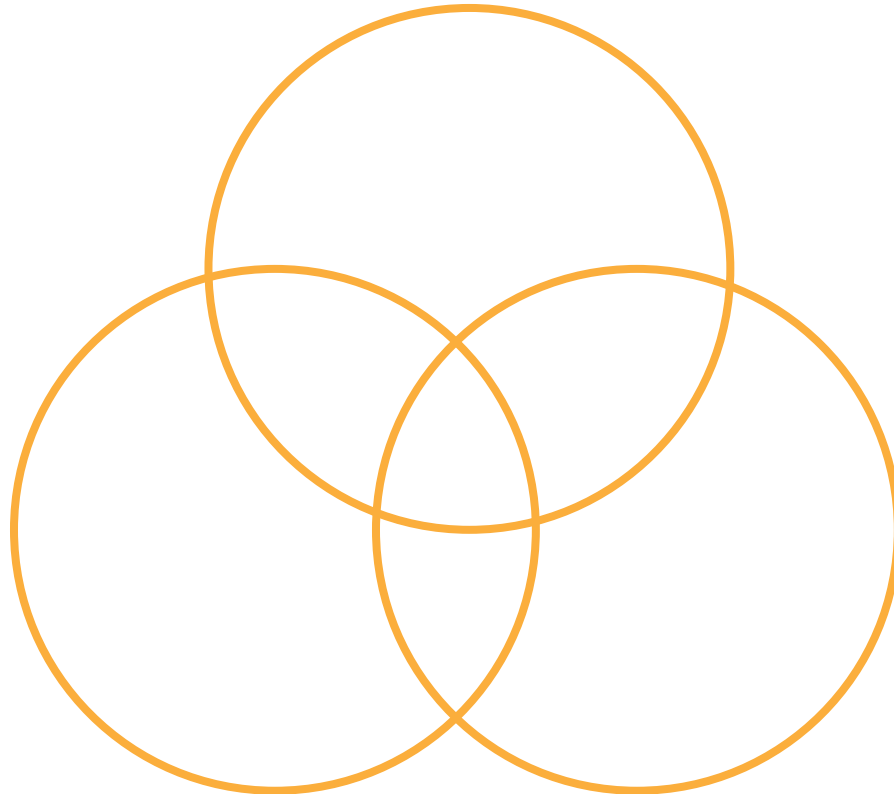
When you read two or more texts that you want to compare and contrast, take notes on the details found in each.

A helpful method for taking notes is to use a Venn diagram.



Venn Diagrams

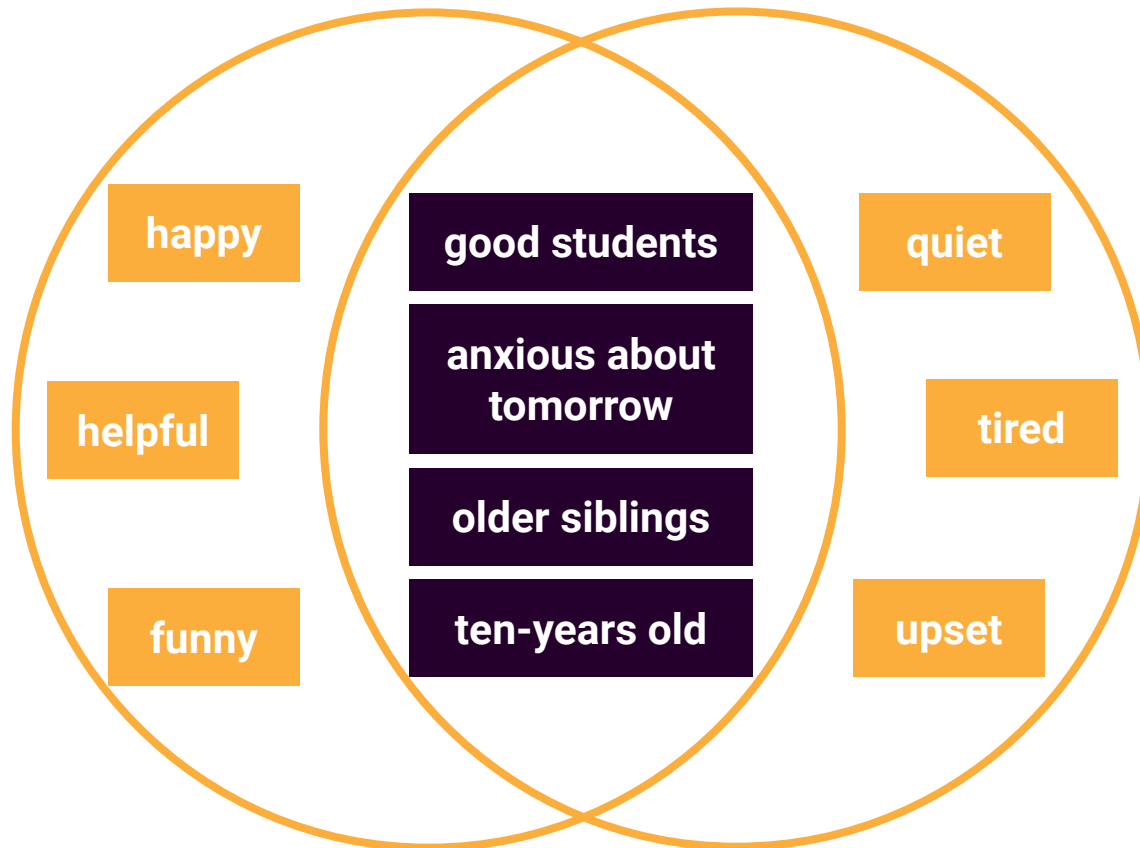
If you are comparing and contrasting three sources, a three-way Venn diagram can help you organize your information. For instance, you may need to compare and contrast three different characters in a story.





Turn and Talk

Explain the different areas in this Venn diagram and what they represent:



Compare Signal Words

As you write about two texts and identify similarities, these words will be helpful to include:

also

as well as

both

in addition

similarly

the same as

too

likewise



Recall

What compare signal words can you remember?

Contrast Signal Words

As you write about two texts and identify differences, these words will be helpful to include:

although

even though

in contrast

on the other hand

differ

however

unlike



Recall

What contrast signal words can you remember?

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