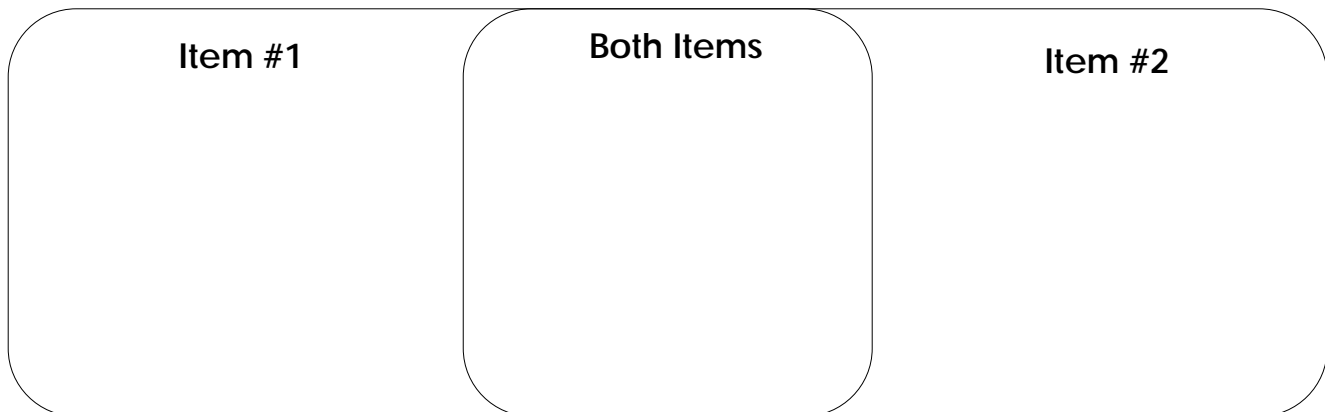


The Venn Diagram

A Venn Diagram is a visual representation of what is the same about two things and what is unique to each one. Completing a Venn can help you organize your thoughts about how the relationship between two things. A Venn Diagram looks like this. What is the same about both subjects is written in the overlapping center area.



DIRECTIONS:

1. **Choose two things to compare and contrast.** For example, football vs. rugby or Great Danes vs. Poodles.
2. **Brainstorm.** Write down as many things as possible that you can think of about each item in the pair you chose. Make two lists, one for each item.
3. **Sort the items on your list into a Venn Diagram**
4. **Determine how you will structure your essay.**
 - In the **alternating** method, you compare and contrast two subjects point for point.
 - In the **dividing** method, you make all of your points about the first subject; then you make all of your points about the second subject.
5. **Write your paragraph** on a separate sheet of paper.