

MASTERPIECES of COLORADO

A RICH LEGACY OF LANDSCAPE PAINTING



This lesson can be used while viewing the exhibit.

Visual Venn Diagram

Grade Level: 3-6

Duration: One 40-50 minute class period

Materials: Attached Venn Diagram handout, two pieces of artwork of a similar genre (landscape, portrait, still life, etc.), clipboards, pencils

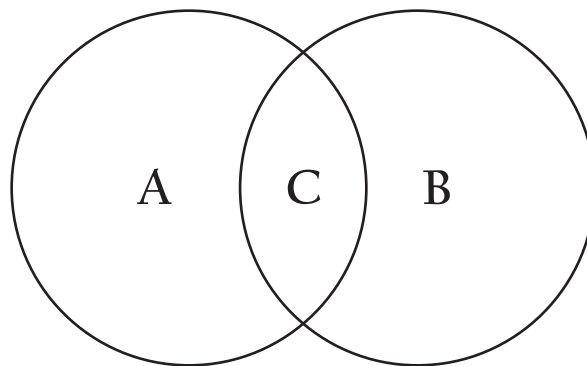
Colorado Standards: Reading and Writing: 1, Visual Arts: 5

DESCRIPTION:

It is important that children learn the concept of “compare and contrast” in literature. This is an excellent way to introduce the Venn Diagram to younger children. Instead of comparing two characters from a book, students will be comparing two pieces of art.

PROCEDURE:

While viewing the 2007 *Masterpieces of Colorado Landscape* exhibit, choose two paintings that are hanging side-by-side. Each student will use a clipboard and Venn Diagram handout. Ask students to fill out the name of the painting “A”, artist, and year it was painted. Do the same for painting “B.” Students will observe and write the description for “A” in the left circle and “B” in the right circle. Encourage students to really look long and hard to find the details that make each painting unique. Descriptive words should include color, texture, time of day, weather, vegetation, and other observations. Where the circles intersect, students will write how the paintings are the same:



(If students have not been introduced to the Venn Diagram, it would be a good idea to practice using one before coming to the museum.)

EXTENSION:

After students complete their Venn Diagrams, they can break off into groups of two or three and compare their observations. The teacher can also hold a whole-class discussion on the differences and similarities observed by the whole class.

ADAPTATION:

For younger students, the teacher can use a poster-sized Venn Diagram in a whole-class discussion. For more advanced version of a Venn Diagram, try using three intersecting circles and comparing three pieces of art. Just make sure all the artwork is of the same genre. This is also a great project for students to work in groups or in pairs.

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Artwork A

Title _____

Artist _____

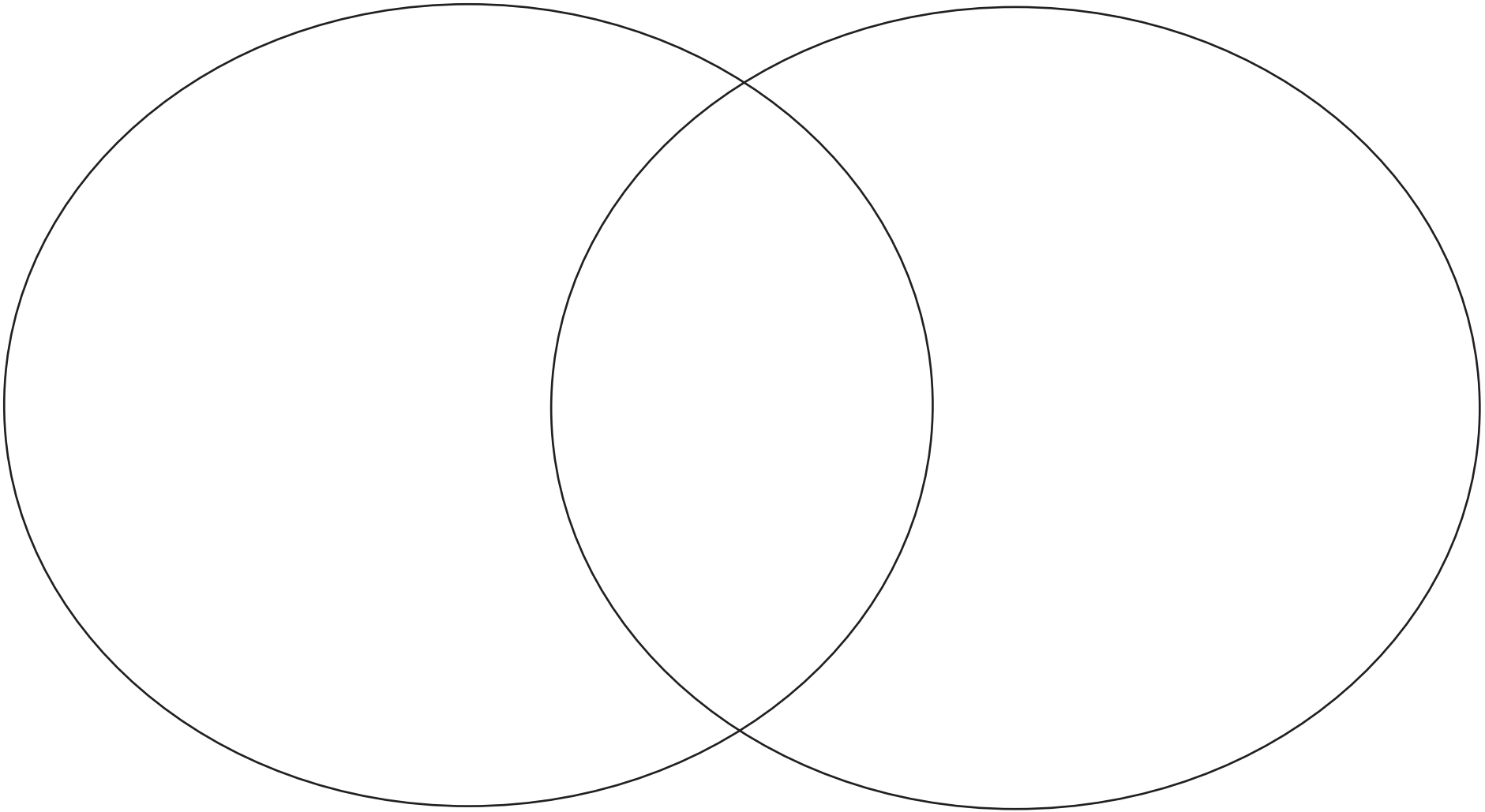
Year _____

Artwork B

Title _____

Artist _____

Year _____



Different

Same

Different