

5 Idea 3: Compare and Contrast

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1. Research a topic that is similar but different to student's expository topic.
2. Complete a Venn Diagram
3. Write paragraph

Compare and Contrast

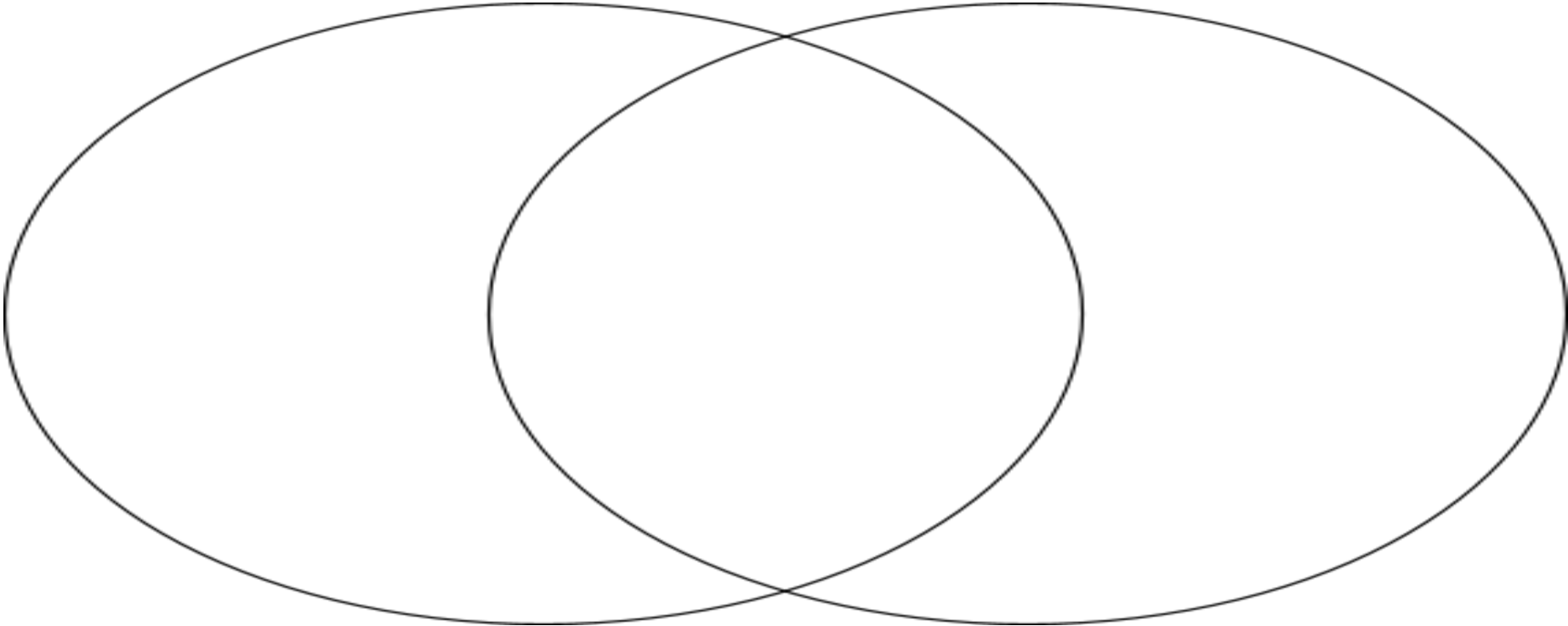
Compare and Contrast

Name: _____

Questions:

Topic _____

Topic _____



Name of Note:

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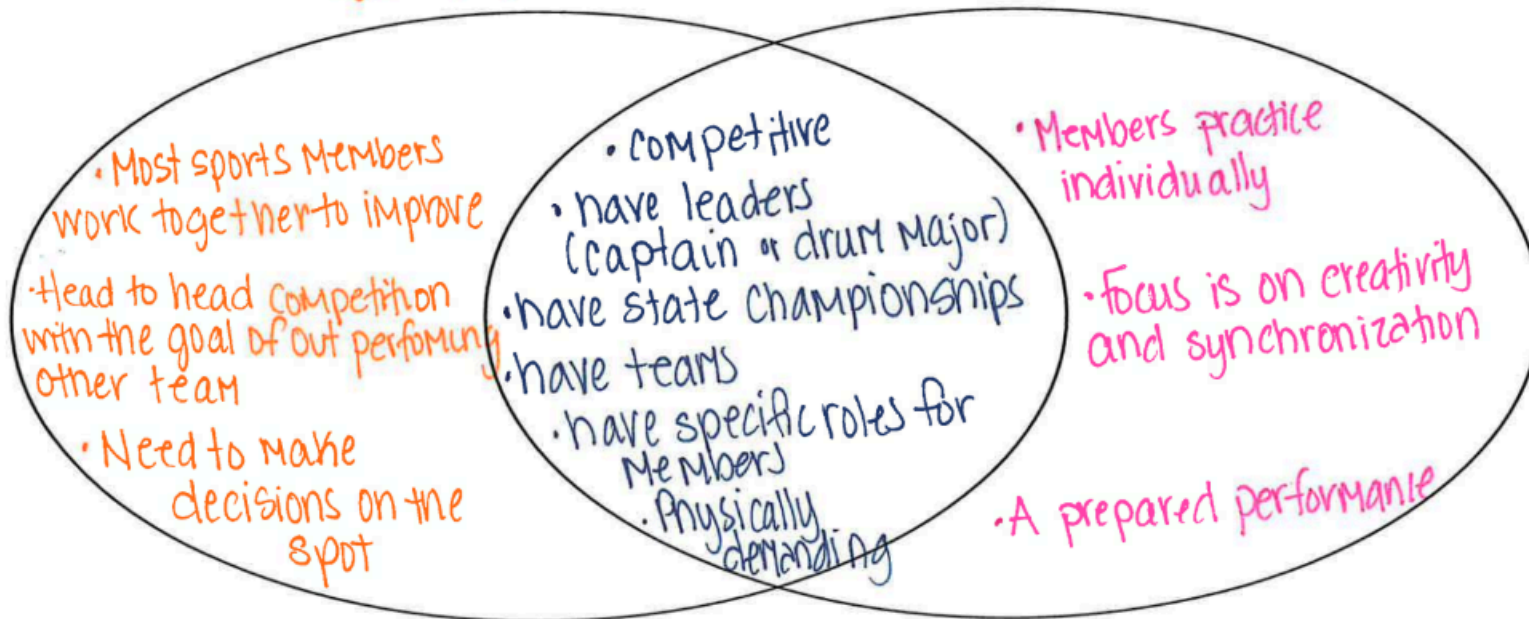
CC Teacher Sample

Questions:

What are the similarities between sports and band?
How are sports and band different?

Topic High School Sports

Topic High school band



Name of Note:

Similarities

Name of Author:

Lo Sardo

Name of Note:

Differences in band and sports

Name of Author:

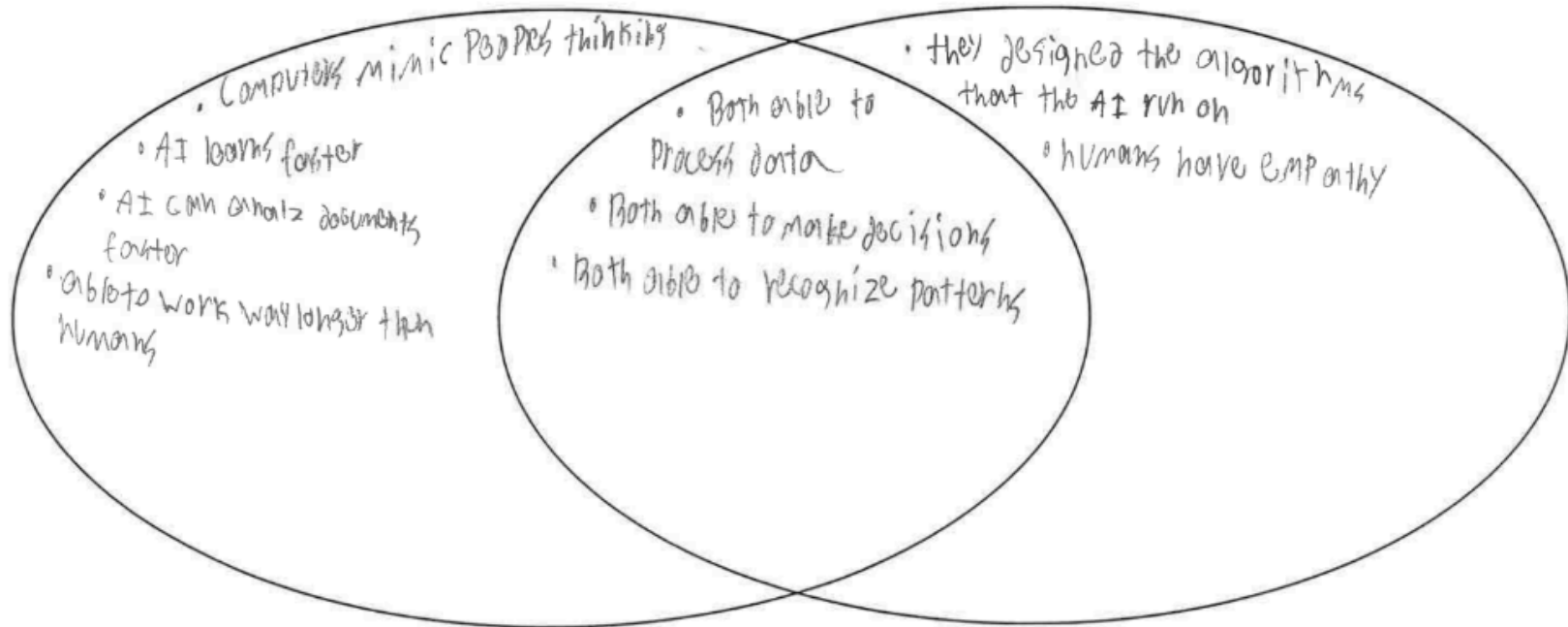
Vu and Yang

CC Student Sample

Questions: how are AI and humans the same
how are AI and humans different

Topic AI

Topic humans



Name of Note:
differences

Name of Author:
K vreshi

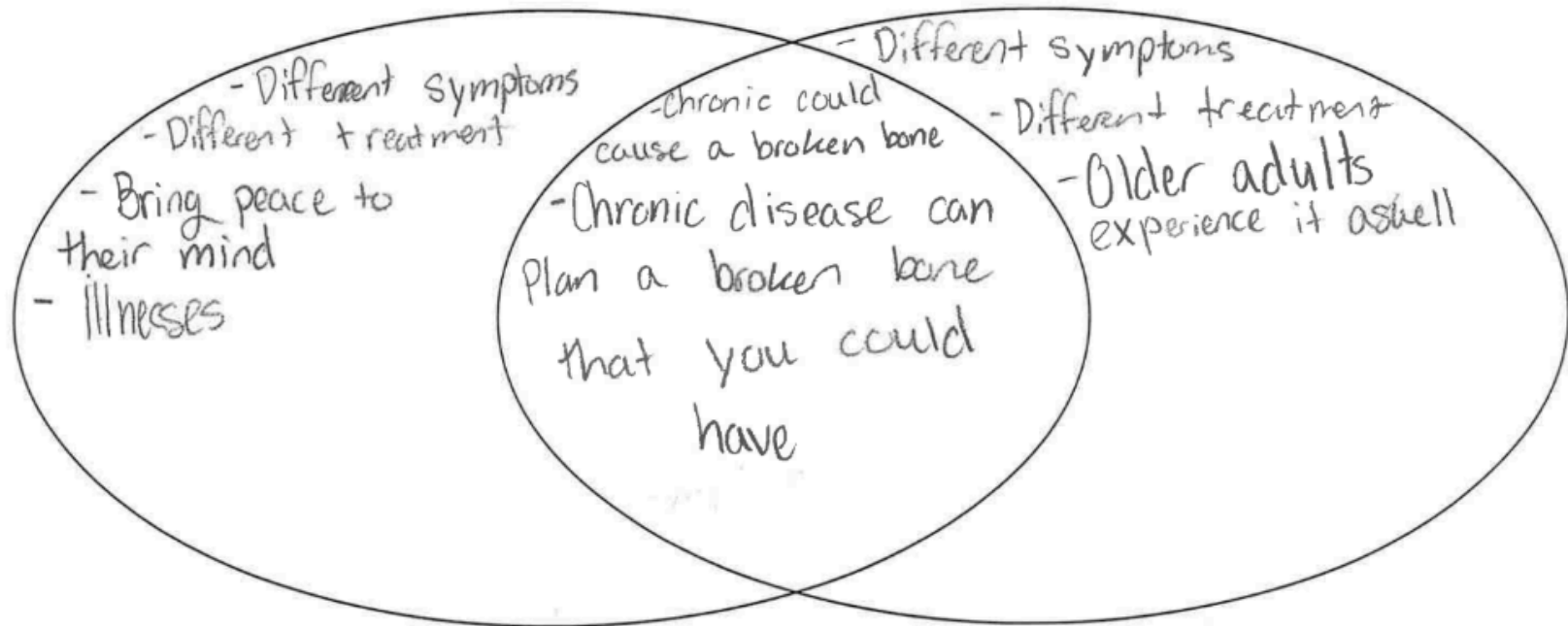
Name of Note:
similarities

Name of Author:
michael Bennett

Questions: What are the similarities between chronic disease and a broken arm?
What are the differences between chronic disease and a broken arm?

Topic Chronic disease

Topic Broken arm



Name of Note:
Similarities

Name of Author:
Linda J. Vorvick

Name of Note:
Differences

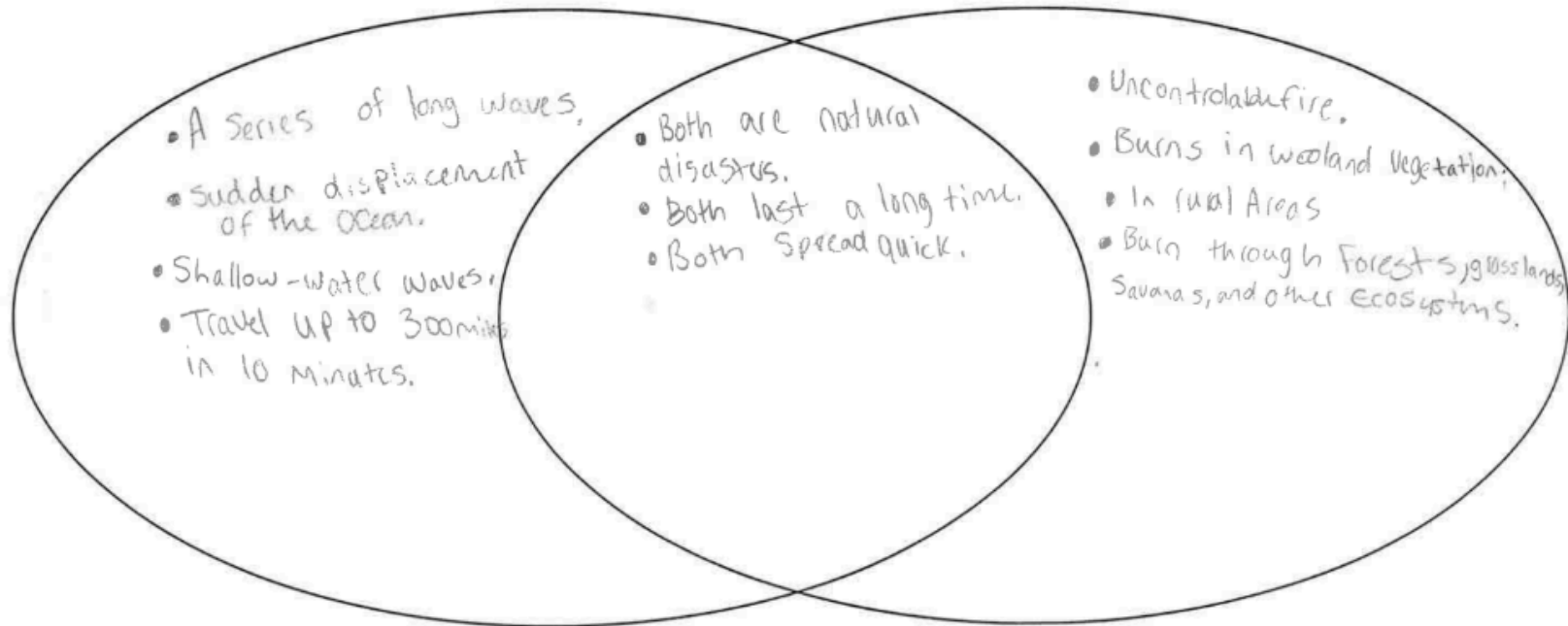
Name of Author:
National council on going

Questions: What are Tsunamis?

How are Tsunamis what are wild fires?
and Wild fires
alike?

Topic Tsunami

Topic Wild Fire



Name of Note: What are Tsunamis

Name of Author: NOAA, A.GOV.
Pacific Tsunami Museum

Name of Note: What are wild fires?

Name of Author: Education, Nation

Paragraph Example Comp/Contrast

What goes into a compare and contrast paragraph?

Starting Ideas:

- [Topic] and [topic] may differ but they also have many similarities.
- Although [topic] and [topic] have many differences, they also share several similarities.
- Even though [topic] and [topic] are alike, they have many differences.

Transition Words for Similarities

- Both
- Another similarity
- Alike
- This is similar to
- One similarity
- Another shared trait
- A common element

Transition Words for Differences

- But
- On the other hand
- Differently
- Unlike
- Whereas
- In contrast or A contrast
- Differs from
- One difference is

Sample Paragraphs

Although different, high school sports and band share some similarities. The article "Marching Band and Football Team Are More Alike Than You Think" by LoSardo details several similarities between the two. First, they are both competitive as they have state championships. Another similarity is that both have leaders. High school sports have captains and band has drum majors. Also, they are both teams where members have specific roles. For example, in hockey, there are positions like the goalie and forward, and in band, the members play different instruments like percussion and wind. Finally, they share the similarity of being physically demanding. While it may not seem like band is physical, it is. When marching, students have to hold their instruments, control their breath, and march to a beat in order to make it through the performance. This is similar to sports because athletes are usually running and having to conserve energy to make it through a game.

1. Start by naming both topics
2. State purpose of the paragraphs
3. Introduce article
4. State the similarities
5. Use transitions that show the topics are alike
6. Add examples and details

On the other hand, the two are very different. The article "Should Marching Band Be Considered a Sport" by Vu and Yang details the differences between high school sports and band. In sports, the team members work together to improve. This happens on a field or court. But in band, they practice individually at home and come together to rehearse. In sports, the competition is head-to-head, like in a game where one team is against another. This is unlike band where competition is on creativity and synchronization on a football field. Finally, in sports during a competition, athletes need to be able to make decisions on the spot depending on how the other team is playing. However, in band, the competition is about a prepared performance and how well the ensemble can play together without changes.

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Paragraphs Student Samples

Student Sample 1: AI

AI thinking and human thinking may differ but they also have many similarities. The article “Artificial intelligence vs. human intelligence: Differences explained” by Michael Bennett says both minds are able to process information like reading a spreadsheet and reading articles. Another similarity is that AI and human intelligence are both able to make decisions. One more similarity is that they are both good at recognizing patterns like if you're making a quilt people can recognize the pattern pretty quick and if you take a photo of that quilt the AI will recognize that quilt and see the pattern on it.

Even though AI and humans are alike they have differences. In the article “Artificial intelligence: How is it different from human intelligence?” By Rameez Kureshi. One difference is AI learns way faster than Humans but humans have to train AI on what they want it to learn. But on the other hand humans have empathy unlike AI that just says the answer like a robot. Another difference is AI is able to work way faster than humans for example, AI is able to analyze a presentation and make a detailed explanation on what it was about in about 20 seconds but it would probably take a human 10 times as long as the AI.

Student Sample 2: College

Even though college and high school have similarities, they're very different. According to the University of Bridgeport, college students are usually older than high school students. They are also responsible for their own time when doing assignments. Also, their class sizes range from 5 to 200 students while in high school it is rare to see a class with more than 35 students. College tends to have more flexibility and independence than high school. High school students usually go to school for 7-8 hours while college students have to learn to manage their own time.

On the other hand, the two are very similar. According to “Similarities Between High School and College” by Katelyn Fahrenbruck Weston says that in high school and college, you will receive a good education and homework assignments to go with it. She says you'll also have to take tests, and quizzes, and write many essays. Both college and high school will offer social events for their students to attend. Weston also states that you'll have to sit in front of a professor or teacher who will teach you the subject that you are learning.