

Comparing

Classifying

Analogy

Metaphor

Venn Diagram *Matrix*

YES!

Comparing

1			Sim & Diff
2			Sim & Diff
3			Sim & Diff

A and B are similar because they both

A and B are different because

A is _____, but B is _____.

A is _____, but B is _____.

A is _____, but B is _____.

Teach the Steps First... Then teach the matrix

Comparing

1. Identify what you are comparing and decide on a format to organize your information and guide your thinking.
2. Examine the items and decide what characteristics would lead to an interesting comparison.
3. For each characteristic, explain how the items are similar and different.
4. Re-examine your information, and state what you learned or thought about by doing this comparison.

Characteristic 1

Easy to see that items are very different for this characteristic...

Characteristic 2

...and very similar for this characteristic.

You can compare them on what? Rocks Minerals

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	
Characteristic 1				Similarities and Differences
Characteristic 2				Similarities and Differences
Characteristic 3				Similarities and Differences
Characteristic 4				Similarities and Differences

** This separates similarities & differences.*

** Recommend Matrix for higher level thinking*