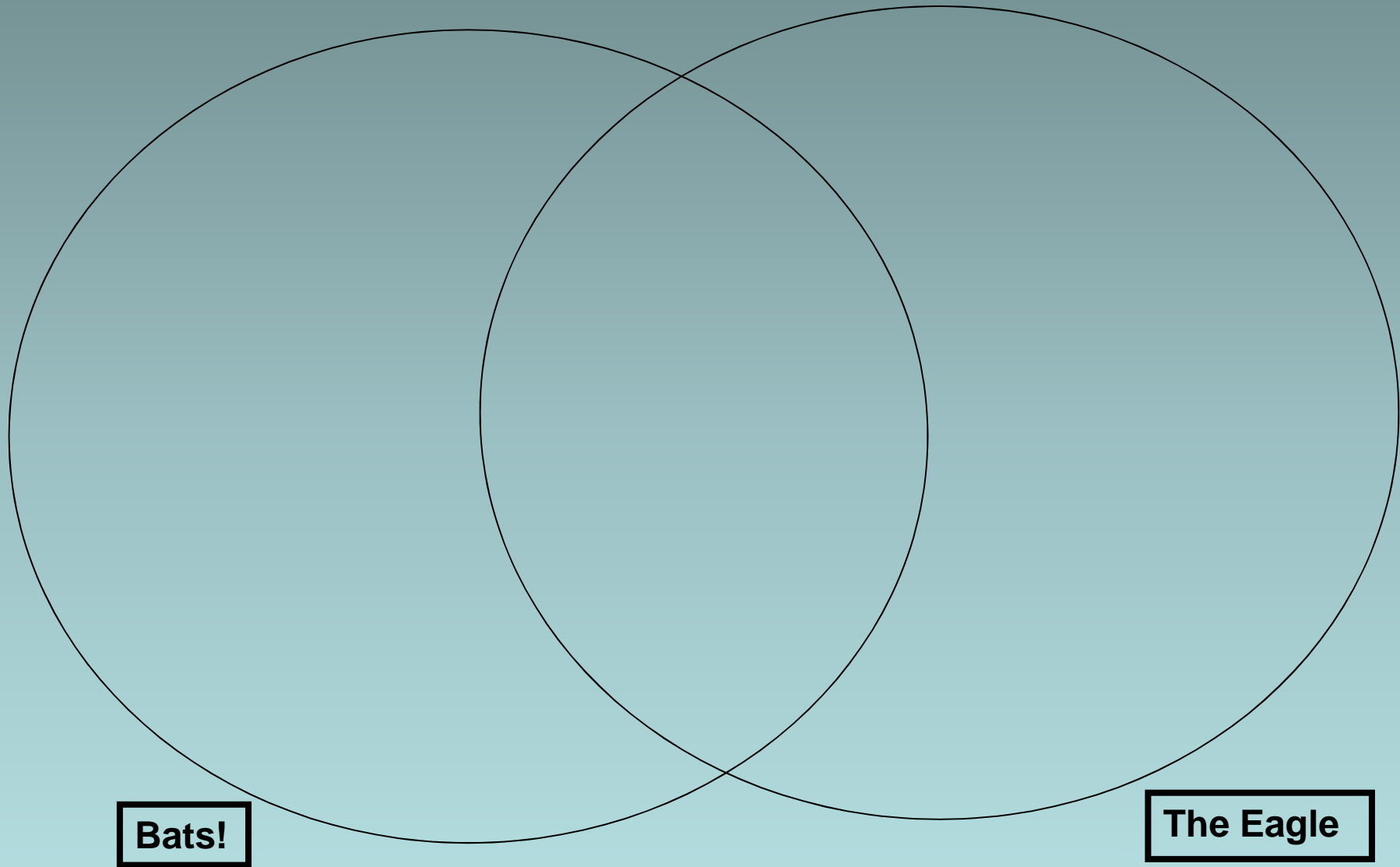


Write an essay comparing two animal poems.

- Think about the similarities and differences
- Select quotations
- Explore the language of the poems.

Think about the two poems carefully. **What impression do they give you of each animal? What similarities are there in the ways the poems are written?**



Compare 'The Eagle' written by Tennyson and 'Bats!' written by D.H. Lawrence.

How does each poet **describe** the animal?

Things to consider:

Description of the animal-

Words and phrases used

- Use of simile

Description of the surroundings -

Words and phrases used

- Atmosphere created

How the poet feels about the animal
phrases

- Words and

- Impression given of the

animal

- Why you think the poet

feels like

this.

The Eagle

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

Bats!

Creatures that hang themselves up like an old rag, to sleep;
And disgustingly upside down.

Hanging upside down like rows of disgusting old rags
And grinning in their sleep.

Bats!

Not for me!