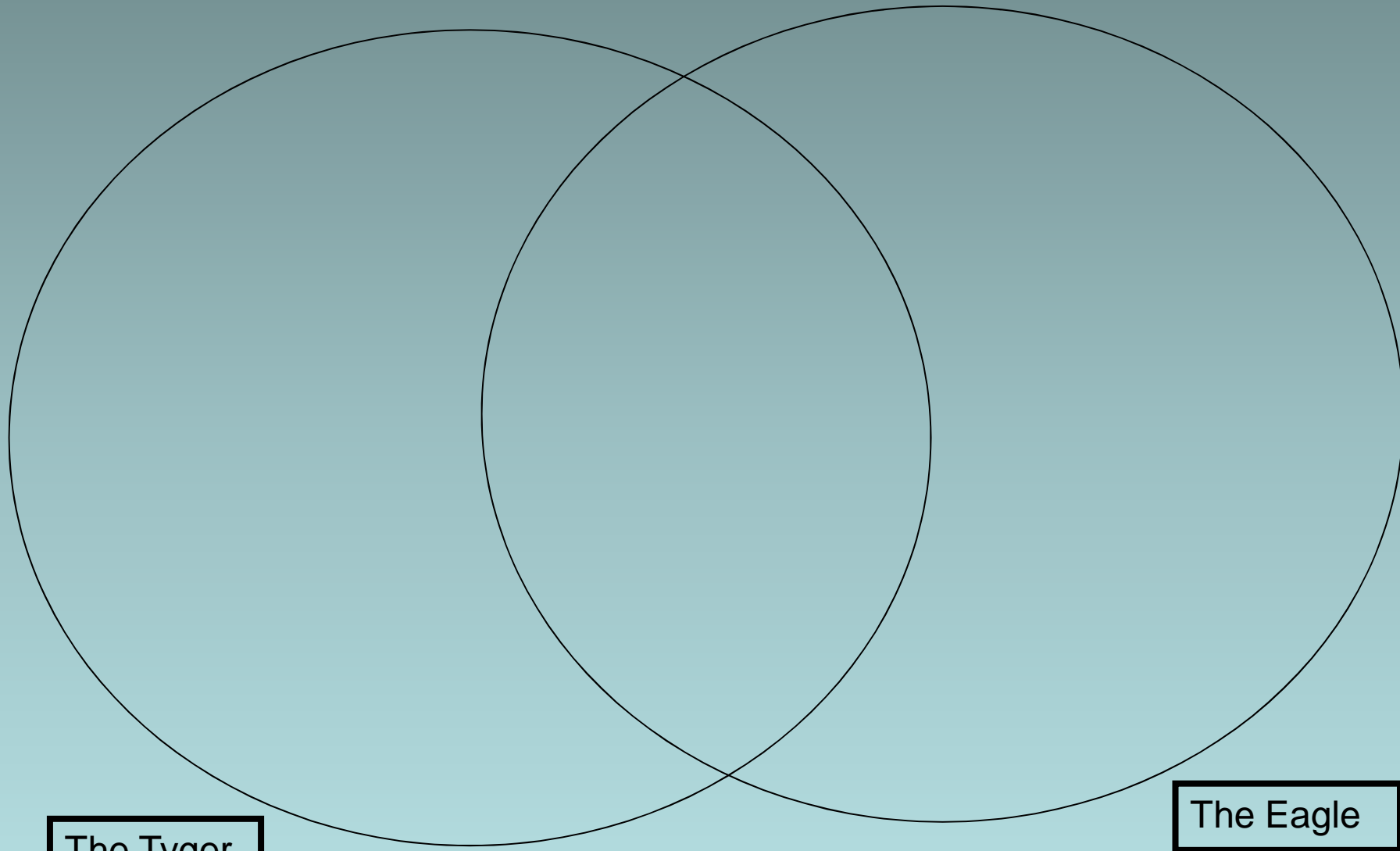


Write an essay comparing two animal poems.

- 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?**



The Tyger

The Eagle

Compare *The Eagle* written by Tennyson and *The Tyger* written by Blake.

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

- Words and phrases
- 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.

The Tyger

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?
In what distant deeps or skies
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand dare sieze the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
And when thy heart began to beat,
What dread hand? & what dread
feet?

What the hammer? what the chain?
In what furnace was thy brain?
What the anvil? what dread grasp
Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their
spears,
And watered heaven with their
tears,
Did he smile his work to see?
Did he who made the Lamb make
thee?

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?