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COMPARE AND CONTRAST: THE *DONDO*

Directions: *A Venn diagram is a chart that shows similarities and differences between two things. First, read the paragraphs below and then think of at least five things to write in the Venn diagram for each outer part of the rounded shape (differences) and five things to write in the intersecting part (similarities).*

The ***Dondo*** is an hourglass-shaped drum from Ghana. By squeezing the cords connecting the two drumheads under the left arm and hitting one head with a stick, the performer can quickly change the drum's pitch. *Dondo* drummers use this technique to "talk" on the drum. The lead drummer will call to the other drummers with his talking drum, and say, "come and perform." One important 12-count rhythm is *Adowa* (ah-doh-wah). It is played to accompany singing and dancing, and is performed at social events, official ceremonies, and even funerals.

Ghana, a country in West Africa, is slightly smaller than the state of Oregon and it has a population of almost 21 million. The country has a tropical climate and has the world's largest artificial lake. The black star on the country's flag symbolizes African freedom. European countries colonized the country beginning in 1471, ending with the British in the 1900s. In 1957, Ghana became the first African country to gain independence colonial rule.

The **Lakota Drum** is a frame drum with one drumhead used by the Lakota in South Dakota. While holding the drum's handle with the left hand, the drummer strikes the drumhead with a long, padded beater with the right hand. Sometimes the drummer will add a buzz to the drum's sound by slightly touching the drumhead with the left index finger. One important 3-count rhythm is the "heartbeat rhythm," because it sounds like a beating heart. It is played to accompany singing and dancing at social events like a powwow and official ceremonies.

The Lakotas, or Oglalas, mostly live on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and have a population of almost 21,000. The climate in this area can be extremely hot or cold. The state is named after one of the three Oglala tribes, the Dakotas. The eight teepees on the Lakota's flag symbolize the eight Reservation districts. British settlers built colonies in North America in the 1600's and began to push the Native Americans westward forcing the Lakotas onto reservations in the 1800s. This legal issue has yet to be settled by the Lakota nation.

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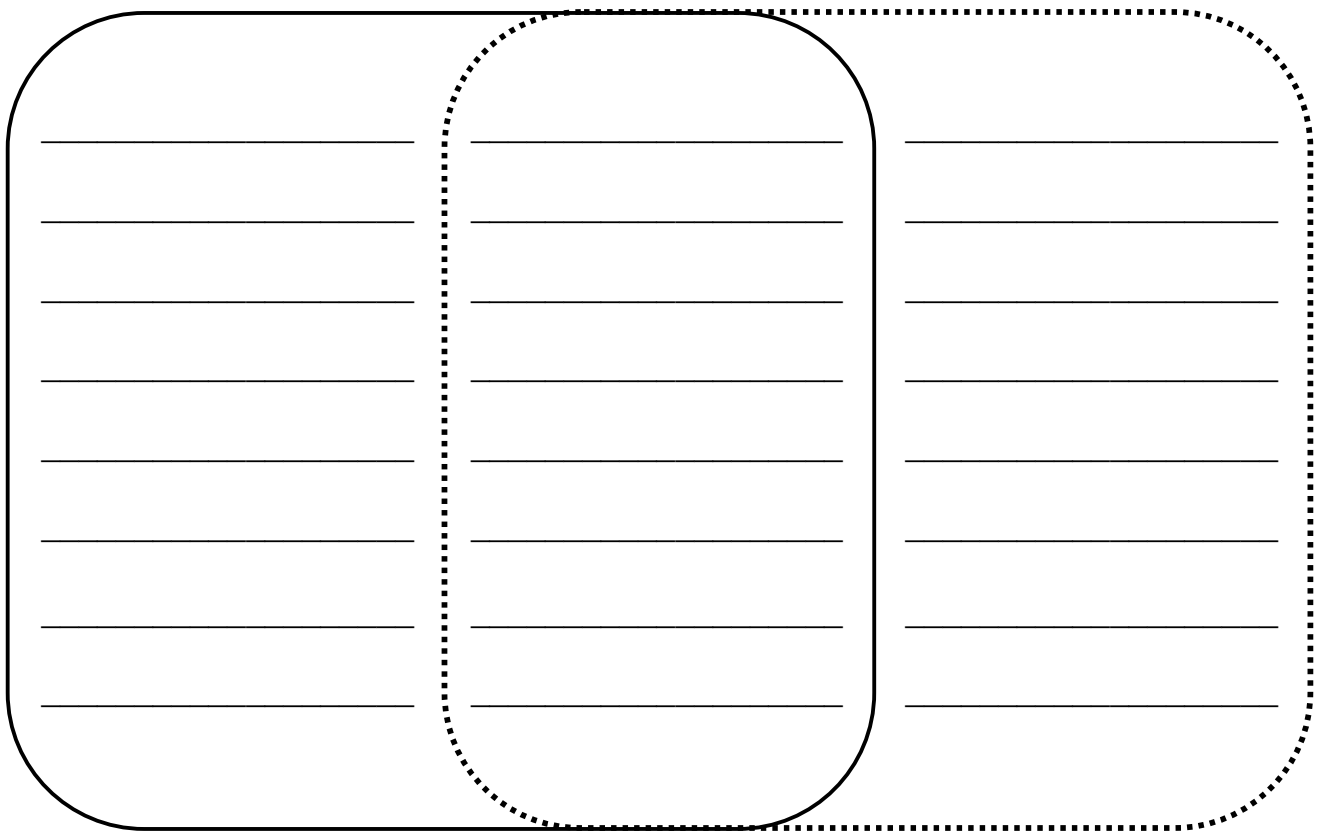
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Dondo*



Flag of Ghana



A Venn Diagram for the *Dondo* and *Lakota Drum*



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