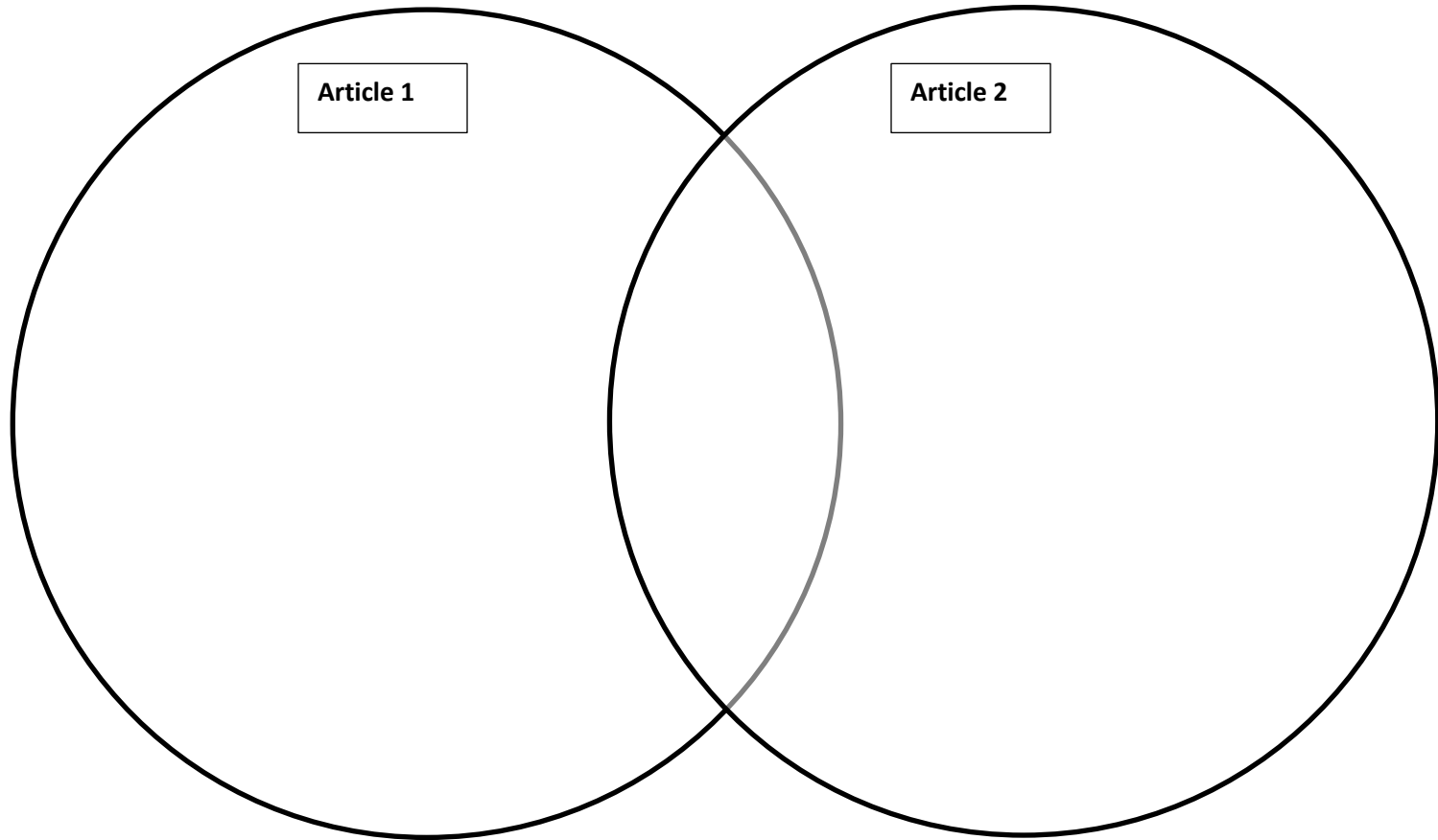


# *It's a Curator's Life for Me*

Directions: In small groups (2-3 people), read the two articles describing the job of a museum curator. Use the Venn Diagram below to compare the two articles.



After reading the two articles about the job of a museum curator, answer the following questions with your group.

1.) What is the origin of the word “Curator”, what does it mean?

- A. Greek for curious
- B. Latin for care
- C. English for artifact
- D. Latin for create

2.) According to the articles, what are some jobs you might have to work for free before you can apply to be a museum curator?

- A. A volunteer
- B. Do an internship
- C. Both A and B
- D. Be a conservationist

3.) What is a hygromograph?

- A. A device that measures the temperature and humidity to keep artifacts safe.
- B. A device that encloses artifacts in a vacuum seal.
- C. A device that carefully cleans an artifact to get it ready for display.
- D. A device that measures the dimensions of an artifact to create a 3D computer image.

- 4.) A curator is responsible for setting up and maintaining exhibits. What is an exhibit?
- A. The layout of exits. The public has to know how to get out in case of an emergency.
  - B. The name of the shows at the museum, like the videos. The curator decides what videos to play.
  - C. The name of the collections of artifacts on display at the museum. The curator is responsible for the set up, care, display and maintenance of the items.
  - D. The museum gift shop. The curator gets to decide what fun gifts are available to the public.

5.) True or False.

You have to go to college to become a museum curator.                      True                      False

- 6.) All of the following are jobs of a museum curator, EXCEPT:
- A. Using computers, writing grants to get funding, writing the descriptions of the artifacts on display.
  - B. Working in a lab to clean and protect the artifacts.
  - C. Getting the artifacts, cataloging them and putting them on display in an exhibit.
  - D. Working with museum educators to help create educational materials and programs.

- 7.) If a museum didn't earn enough money from their admission tickets for several years in a row, what might happen to the museum curator?
- A. They may lose their job. It is their job to keep the museum funded.
  - B. Their wages might get cut. The museum won't have enough money to pay them their salary.
  - C. The museum might make fire other people and make the curator do extra jobs around the museum to save money.
  - D. All of the above are correct.