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Chapter 8: Exploring and Settling Western Virginia

Early Forts of Virginia's Frontier

Directions: Some of the first British settlements in what is now West Virginia were forts. In this lesson, you will learn about life in these early defense communities and what remains of them today.

Part I: View and read each link to learn about Prickett's Fort and Fort Henry. Study the photos to get a better understanding of these early buildings in West Virginia. Complete the table with information found on the websites.

- Prickett's Fort**
- [Prickett's Fort State Park](#)
 - [Prickett's Fort Memorial Foundation](#)

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- Fort Henry**
- [West Virginia Culture](#)
 - [Fort Henry Days](#)
 - [Fort Henry Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution](#)

	<i>Prickett's Fort</i>	<i>Fort Henry</i>
Dates the fort was in use		
Purpose of the fort		
Location (nearby waterways, etc.)		
Construction material		
Named for...		
Near what present day town?		
Importance in West Virginia history		

Part II: Use what you have learned to complete the Venn diagram.



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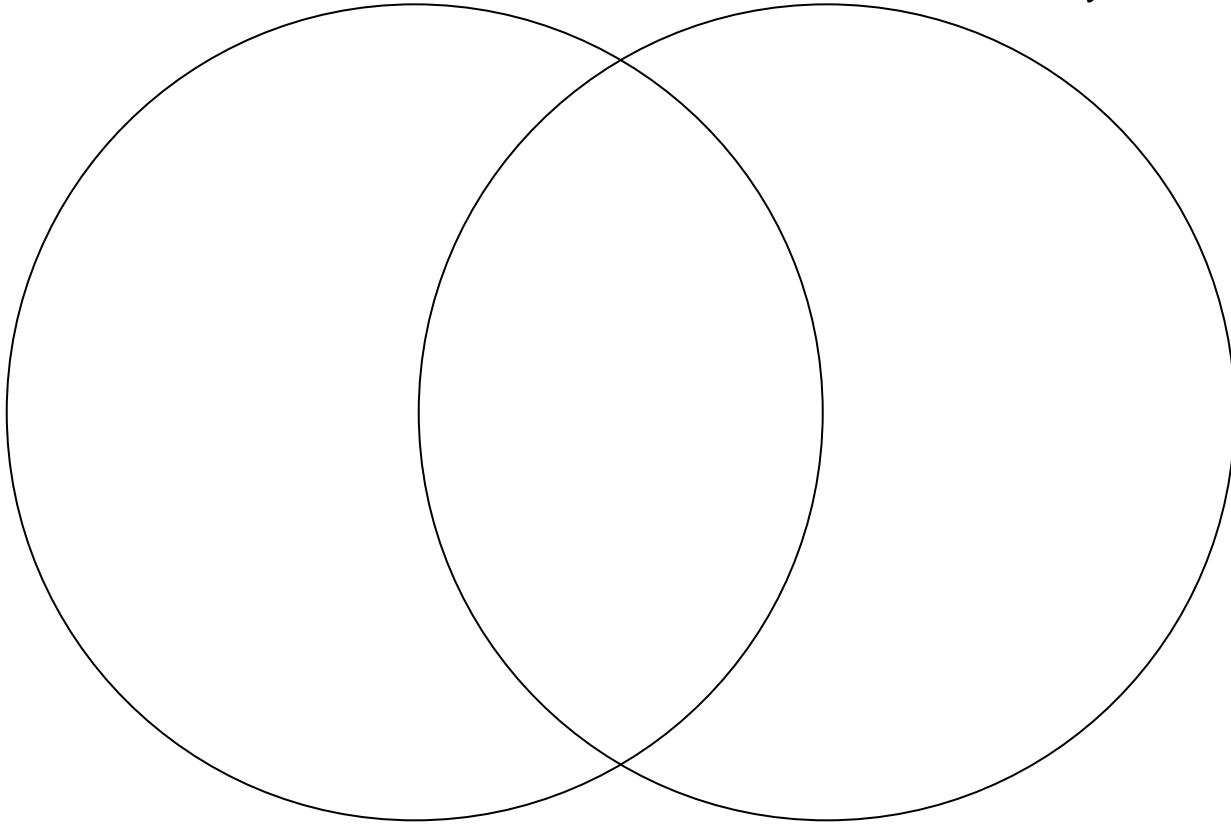
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On the left side, include at least four facts about Prickett's Fort that are different from Fort Henry. On the right, include at least four facts about Fort Henry that are different from Prickett's Fort. In the center, where the circles intersect, include at least four facts that apply to both of the forts.

Prickett's Fort

Fort Henry



Part III: What Do You Think?

Imagine that you could travel back in time to either Prickett's Fort or Fort Henry at the time that they were in use. Your time travel will last one month. Which fort would you choose to visit? On a separate sheet of paper, explain in a paragraph which fort you would choose and why. You might include answers to these questions: What would you like to see most on your visit? What would you want to take with you and why? What types of people and things would you want to see most? What would you want to avoid?

