

## COMPARING

### Process Guidelines

- \* Select the items you want to compare and a method of organizing your ideas , e.g., Matrix, Venn, Bubble graphic.
- \* Identify the characteristics on which you want to base your comparison of the items.
- \* Gather and record the relevant information for each characteristic for the items.
- \* Identify how the items are similar and different with respect to each characteristic.

Thoughtful Application: Decide if it would be valuable to add, delete, combine, or change any of the characteristics, or to include other items. Consider whether you need more information before deciding that you have identified the important similarities and differences for each characteristic.

**Reflection**: Think back on your work and articulate what you learned, e.g.,

- what did you notice that hadn't occurred to you before?
- what surprises and troubles you?
- what is confusing and clear?