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**Compare and Contrast Early Government**

- **1619 Virginia Assembly**
- **1640 Virginia House of Burgesses**
- **both**

Teaching Tips: fold a colorful piece of 8 1/2" x 11" paper, hamburger fold, leaving a 1 1/2" tab at the bottom. Glue title “compare and contrast early government” to the tab of the foldable. Glue Venn diagram to the top layer. Cut in top layer in three sections as marked with dotted lines. Use the word bank below and have students cut out and glue the words under the flaps in the correct section to indicate Virginia Assembly in 1619, or the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1640, or both. For some students, it may be best to have them use the word bank and write the words rather than having them cut and glue. Refer to the Curriculum Framework, page 12 for details.
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**Word Bank**

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Answer key:

Virginia Assembly

- 1619
- The governor’s council
- The governor
- Includes appointed and elected representatives
- Two citizen representatives from each division
- Representatives could vote
- Adult white men

Virginia House of Burgesses

- 1640’s
- First elected legislative body in America
- Became a separate legislative body
- Included only elected representatives
- Became the General Assembly of Virginia
- Continues to the 21st century

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