

# The Same, *but Different*

Let's take a look  
at two chairs at  
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The goal of this activity is to provide an opportunity for elementary school students to evaluate two objects at The Huntington.

While the objects are the same—maybe through title, material, or function—they can also be different, perhaps through time period, culture, or form.

## Here's the format:

- Look closely at both images
- Explore the terms
- Sort the terms on the Venn diagram
- Check your answers
- Learn about each object
- Questions and activity



George Hunzinger, *Armchair*, ca. 1869, walnut, parcel-gilt, brass, brocade fabric. Purchased with funds from the Virginia Steele Scott Foundation. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.  
[Zoom in to the armchair](#)

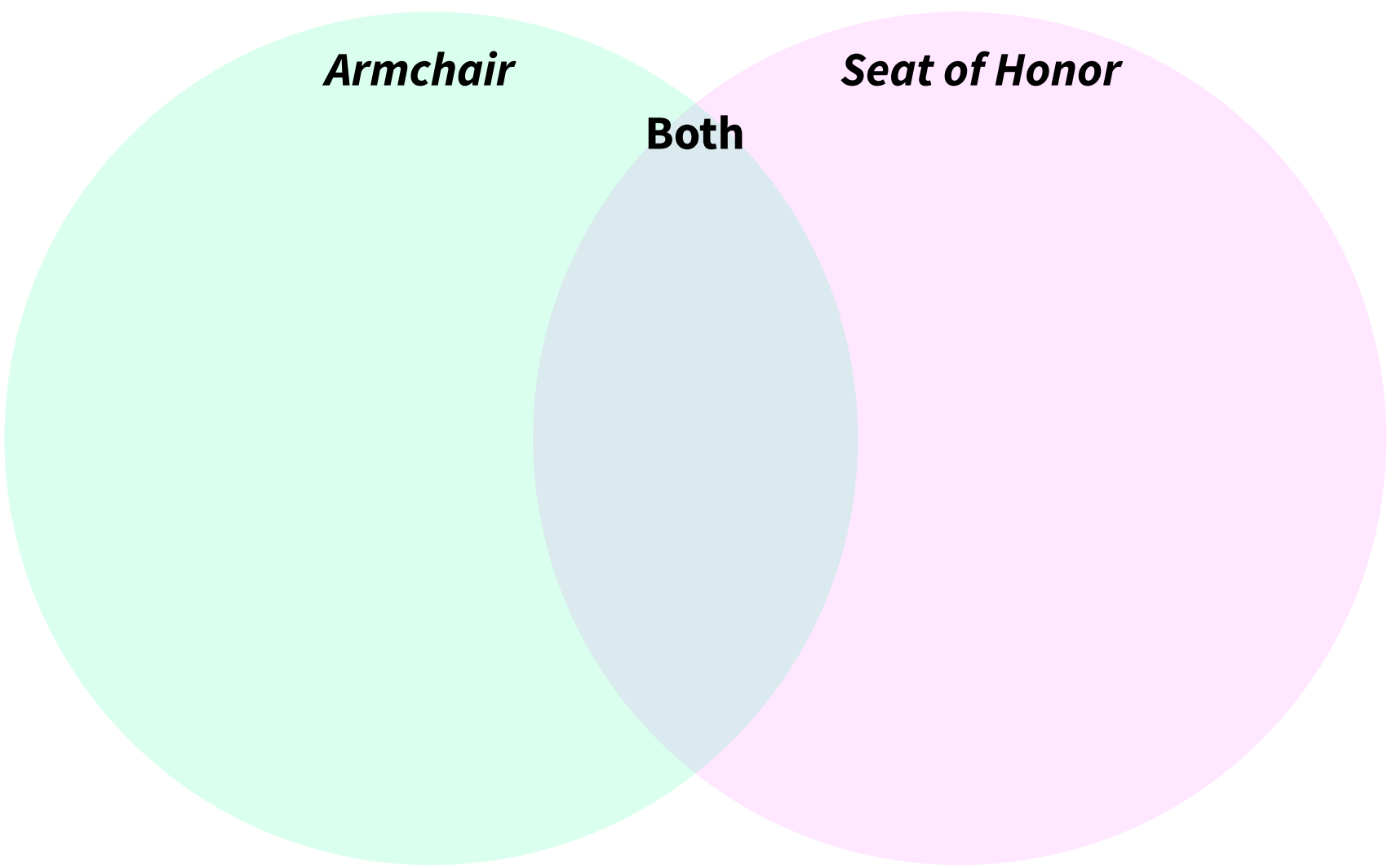


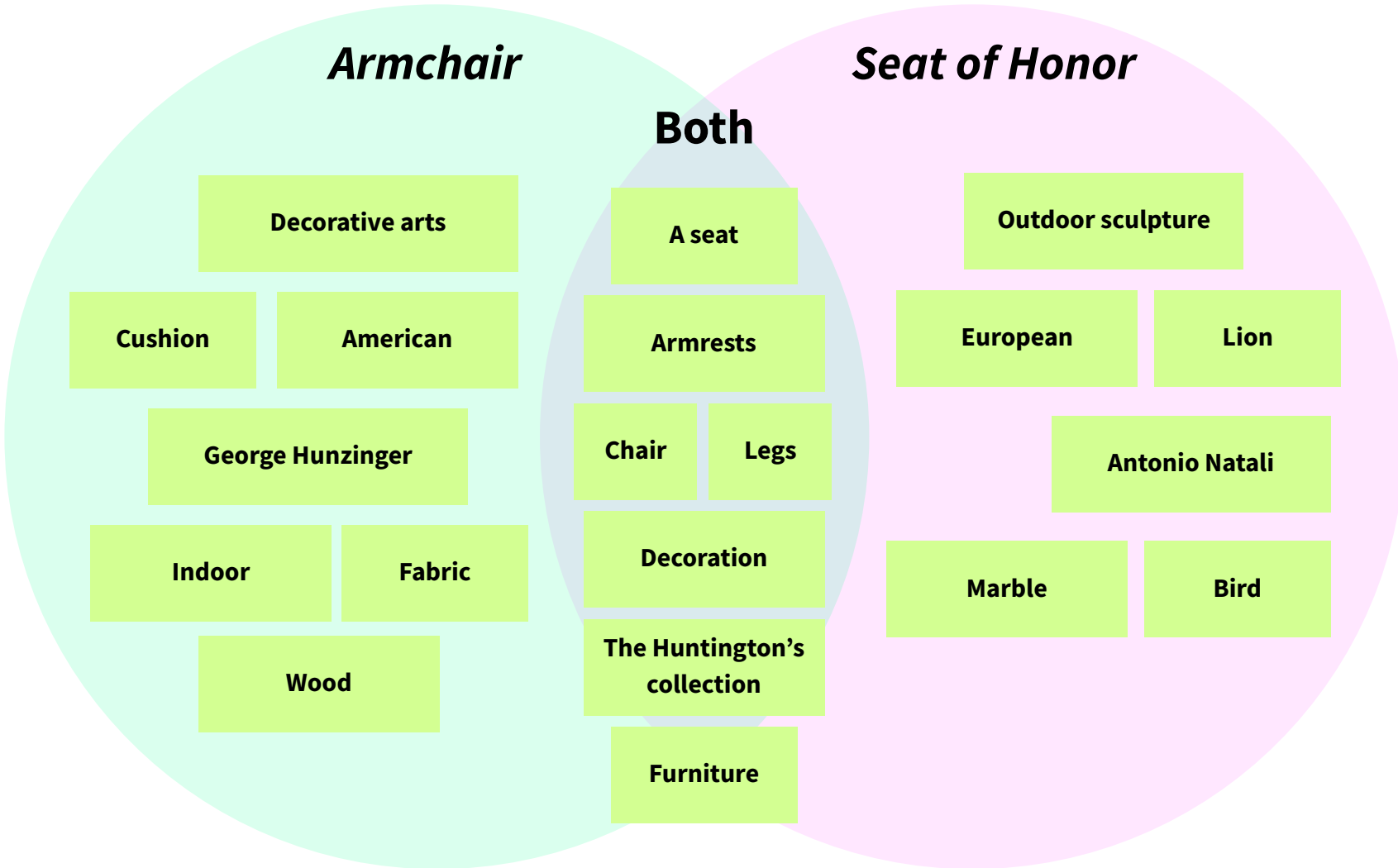
Antonio Natali, *Seat of Honor*, ca. 1870–1918, marble. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.  
[Zoom in to the chair](#)

Review the terms that describe **both** images. Which facts go in the **same** area of the diagram? Which facts go in each **different** area of the diagram?



**Time to sort!**





*Armchair*

*Seat of Honor*

**Both**

Decorative arts

A seat

Outdoor sculpture

Cushion

American

Armrests

European

Lion

George Hunzinger

Chair

Legs

Antonio Natali

Indoor

Fabric

Decoration

Marble

Bird

Wood

The Huntington's collection

Furniture



- This chair was designed and created by George Hunzinger. His father was a cabinetmaker, and he learned to build furniture by helping his father.
- A special feature of this chair is the diagonal back support, which was created to help the chair recline backward.
- Imagine you are sitting in this chair. How do you think it would feel?



- This is a marble chair. The armrests are carved to look like two lions, from their heads down to their claws.
- The title of this chair is *Seat of Honor*. Who do you think would have sat in this chair? What makes you think that?
- The creator of this chair was Antonio Natali, an Italian sculptor. Natali's name is carved on the back of the chair.
- Imagine you are sitting in this chair. How do you think it would feel?

- What did you notice about object 1, *Armchair*?
- What did you notice about object 2, *Seat of Honor*?
- How are they the same?
- How are they different?
- What did you learn?
- Which chair do you like best? Why?



# Activities

## Activity: Where is the chair?

Materials: Paper and tools for drawing

Time: 10 minutes

### Steps:

1. Pick either the *Armchair* or *Seat of Honor*.
2. Where do you think this chair was originally found? Draw this place. It could be an indoor or outdoor space. It is up to you.

## Extension Activity

Materials: Scissors and tape/glue

Time: 5 minutes

### Steps:

1. Print the image of the chair you chose. Use the scissors to cut it out.
2. Then tape or glue the chair to your drawing to show where this chair should go.

# We would love to see your work!

Please take a picture of your Venn diagram.

Then post it on social media and tag The Huntington!

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