Compare and Contrast Homework 2 - AAPI Women Voices: Untold Stories Through Poetry

Instructions: In Vandana Khanna’s “Blue Madonna” and “Evening Prayer” she notices the differences between herself and the world around her on religions and cultures. Complete these two Venn diagrams after reading the poems to find what the two sets of categories have in common and how they are different. After filling out the Venn diagrams, complete the discussion questions on the page and be ready to discuss them in class.

"Blue Madonna"

“I wondered why there were always holy men but so few holy women.”

“Half a world away, girls my age came as close to God as anyone could be”

“And all I could think about were those girls, widows at fifteen. What did burning flowers smell like? Something terrible, something holy?”

Hinduism
- belief in many gods
- widely practiced in India
- major figures are Ganesh, Krishna.

Christianity
- belief in one god
- widely practiced in the U.S.
- major figures are Virgin Mary (Madonna) and Jesus

Author
- Hindu
- dark skin
- curry
- Speaks English with an accent
- Recites/chants "Ram, ram" (Hindu chant)

Others
- Christian
- light skin
- meat loaf
- no accent
- Recites / chants alleluia