We often think of dinosaurs as creatures of the past, but did you know that their descendants still live among us? The birds that we see today share a common ancestor with extinct dinosaurs! **Birds are part of the clade Therapoda—avian dinosaurs!**

Birds descended from the group of 2-legged dinosaurs known as theropods, for example, Tyrannosaurus rex.

**COMPARE + CONTRAST**

Look closely at the two skeletons above (dinosaur + bird) and make a list of how they are similar and how they are different. Use the venn diagram on the next page to compile your data!
Let’s compare the two!

**Put dinosaur information here.**
e.g. many dinosaurs had gastralia or "belly ribs"

**How are they similar?**

**Put bird information here.**
e.g. most birds are capable of powered flight