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Compare and Contrast: Two Celestial Figures Answer Key

Example Pair: Orion vs. Cassiopeia

Category	Orion	Cassiopeia	Similarities	Differences
Name	Orion (The Hunter)	Cassiopeia (The Queen)	Both are constellations named from Greek mythology.	One is a hunter, the other a queen.
Location in the Sky	Seen best in winter, southern sky	Seen best in fall, northern sky	Both are visible in the Northern Hemisphere.	They appear in different seasons/sky regions.
Brightness/Star Type	Includes bright stars Betelgeuse and Rigel	Stars are dimmer but form a clear "W" shape	Both are recognizable by star patterns.	Orion has some of the brightest stars; Cassiopeia is fainter but distinct.
Myth or Story	Orion was a mighty hunter placed in the sky by Zeus.	Cassiopeia was punished for vanity, tied to her throne in the stars.	Both linked to Greek legends.	Their myths have very different lessons (strength vs. vanity).
Importance/Use	Orion's Belt used to find other constellations.	Cassiopeia helps locate Polaris (North Star).	Both are used as "signposts" in the night sky.	They guide toward different parts of the sky.