

### Comparison Mahabharata and Ramayana

	<b>Mahabharata</b>	<b>Ramayana</b>
Genre	History	Fiction
Deity incarnate	Krishna, 8th Avatar of Vishnu.	Rama, 7th Avatar of Vishnu.
Attending the fight	Krishna did not attend the battle. He was Arjunas charioteer.	Rama fought against Ravana and killed him.
Author	Vyasa	Valmiki
What is it about?	Succession to the throne	Succession to the throne
Degree of relationship	Cousins	Brothers
Intrigue	<p>Men forge the intrigue.</p> <p>The Kaurava Duryodhana stirs hatred of the Pandavas. He is supported by his brother Dushasana and his maternal uncle, Shakuni. Karna is also involved.</p>	<p>Women forge the intrigue.</p> <p>Manthara, Kaikeyi's maid, incites her.</p> <p>Suparnakha, Ravana's sister, instigates him, to kidnap Sita.</p>
Heroine	Draupadi, consort of the Pandavas.	Sita, consort of Rama.
The Heroine's birth	Draupadi rises from the fire	Sita rises from the earth
Task at the feast of the choice of spouse	The one, who is able to shoot an arrow into the eye of a revolving wooden fish while looking at its reflection in the water below, wins Draupadi.	The one who is able to lift Shiva's bow wins Sita.
Progeny	Because of a curse Pandu is not allowed to touch his wife.	After the birth of a daughter Dasharatha is long without a son.
Mystical Procreation	<p>Pandu's wives father sons with the Gods.</p> <p>Possible because of a favor Kunti obtained, that could be transferred to Madri also.</p>	<p>Dasharatha's wives receive a rice pudding from Agni.</p> <p>Kausalya eats half, Sumitra a quarter plus an eighth, Kaikeyi one eighth. After eating the rice pudding, the three women gave birth to four sons.</p>
	Dhritarashtra's wife, Gandhari, gives birth to a ball of meat. This is divided into 101 parts, a hundred sons and one daughter arise.	Since Kausalya had consumed the largest portion, she gave birth to Rama. Kaikeyi gave birth to Bharata. Sumitra ate twice and gave birth to Lakshmana and Shatrugna.
Children	Pandavas: Three children, one twin. Kauravas: 101 children. Furthermore Dhritarashtra has a son, Yuyutsu, with a maid.	Two children, one twin. Furthermore Dasharatha has a daughter, Shanta, with Kausalya.
Exile	13 years for the Pandavas and Draupadi.	14 years for Rama.
Who accompanied the exiled?		Brother Lakshmana and Sita.

Adoption Kunti/Shanta	Kunti's father, King Surasena, gave her to his friend King Kuntibhoja for adoption.	Shanta's father, Dasharatha, gave her to his friend Romapda for adoption.
Bride Price	Satyavati's foster father, Dusharaja, demands from Shantanu that her son should become king. Shantanu's son Devavrata, whom he has with Ganga, then renounces the throne.	Kaikeyi's father, King Ashvapati, demands from Dasharatha that her son should become king. Dasharatha's son Rama, whom he has with Kausalya, was exiled.