

Supergirl and Flash: Similarities and Differences

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Introduction:

Hello viewers! I am writing to you today to give you a comparison piece about Kara Zor-El (supergirl) and Barry Allen (the flash). I'll be comparing both characters in 5 categories: appearance, personality, actions, motives and their crazy-cool superpowers or as we shall call them "gifts". In addition, I've listed examples from both the series of "The Flash" and "Supergirl". Just so you don't get confused I will give you a quick summary about their origins before I get into the comparing and contrasting! Hope you enjoy!!!

Introduction to Characters:

Barry Allen and Kara Zor-El are both Super Heroes, who fight criminals for justice in their city. Barry Allen was adopted when he lost his parents, at the age of eight (8) years old. Barry's adopted father was a police officer, who believed in fighting for justice. Kara was born as an Alien on the planet Krypton; she was the cousin of "Super Man". Before the planet Krypton was destroyed, her parents sent her in a Space Shuttle alone to Planet Earth at the age of twelve (12) years old. This is the origin of both "Supergirl" and "The Flash". Now you should be able to understand the comparison piece below.

Their Superpowers:

Let me just tell you about the superpowers that these characters possess: The Flash has the following characteristics;

- Greatly enhanced 5 senses.
- Enhanced mental abilities- meaning he is able to process things in less than a second, able to read a chapter book in seconds and etc.
- Dimensional traveling- meaning he can visit other dimensions like the speed force. Super human speed and stamina-meaning his body is able handle the amount of stress when he is running for a long period of time without being weak or tired afterwards.
- Vortex creations-meaning he can basically create a tornado with his hands or body.
- Time traveling to the past or future.
- Phasing-he is able to go through objects like walls and windows.
- Molecular acceleration- meaning he can make himself vibrate. He might use this ability to help disguise himself as the flash.
- Interstellar traveling- meaning he can travel through different universes.
- Flight- meaning he can spin his body like a propeller if he ever wanted to fly.
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- Faster healing.
- Superhuman durability- meaning he is capable of withstanding incredible amounts of force.
- Superhuman agility.
- Superhuman reflexes- he can react to danger or event faster, meaning he perceives the world in slow-motion and
- probably many more powers that I won't list because then this would get way too long.

Supergirl has the following characteristics

- Superhuman strength.
- Speed.
- Stamina.
- Flight.
- Invulnerability.
- Super breath- meaning she can inhale and exhale enormous amounts of air.
- X--Ray vision.
- Telescopic vision.
- Microscopic vision.
- Infrared vision- meaning she can see in the darkest of places without needing light.
- Freeze breath.
- Heat vision.
- Super hearing.



here is Kara Zor-El flying through her city ...



and here is Barry Allen, the fastest man alive!

Appearance

So, there are definitely similarities and differences between the two. They both have red in their suits when they go to save their cities. For example, if you look above, you will be able to spot red on Supergirl's cape and red all over Flash's suit. Another easy-to-spot difference is that when it's the daytime, Kara wears glasses as a disguise but Barry doesn't. But that makes perfect sense because when Barry has his suit on, he wears a mask goes along with it. He has only ever worn glasses once or twice in the series "The Flash".

Personality

Both characters have pretty much the same personality. But I think that one of the very obvious traits they share is that they both know how to work as a team with

others, yet they are able to work independently when they are fighting criminals. For example, when Kara goes to the deo to find out where and how to fight criminal, usually she works with her team to get the job done and the same thing goes for Berry. He goes to star labs to find, catch and get the upper hand on the criminals when he turns into the flash. But there is one tiny little difference between the two. Have you guessed it? Well weather you know it or not, Kara has a way bigger temper then Berry and she has always wanted to fit in with humans. Since Berry has already experienced how it feels to be like to be an ordinary human he can't really relate to that at all. In fact, many fans of supergirl know that throughout her series she has been seen punching things or even yelling if she doesn't get her way. But over all, these characters have realistic but heroic personalities.

Their Actions and Motives

I'm sure you know what the flash and supergirl's motives are. What motivates them is their friends and family. I know this for a fact because if you watch both "The Flash and "Supergirl" you will notice so many sacrifices in both shows. And that is what leads them into making the most gullible mistakes of their lives. For example (in season 2) the flash was against Zoom and Zoom took hostage of his best friend. He attempts to free her but he ends up getting caught by Zoom and is now a prisoner with his best friend. Kara has also done a pretty stupid mistake as well. When she finds an alien spacecraft with a man in it her and the duo try to revitalize him so they could know why the alien came to earth. Instead of welcoming the alien she hates him because his race had declared war on her species long ago. But later she regrets hating the alien because he was actually a nice and fun guy. The only difference between the two is that in the beginning the flash's motivation was his mentor (Harrison Wells) for example in the first season of "The Flash" Berry is seen practicing on how to get faster. In addition, when Berry was on missions his mentor always encouraged Berry to go faster or to use a different technique when it came to fighting criminals.

Their Family/Friend's Status

So, if you are a big fan or you just know about these two herons in general, then you know that both characters have some amazing and tragic stories when it comes to their family and friends. They both have had at least two people killed in their families/friends. For example, in "The Flash" Barry's biological parents lost their own lives when he was little. In "Supergirl" of course, both of her parents had died when her planet was destroyed. Unfortunately, the Flash has suffered way more than Kara. He had to see his own (first not his second or third) mentor portray him and in the process, his mentor was killed. He had to also see how one of his best friends (Katelyn Frost) became the evil villain known as, killer frost as well. In Kara's life time (so far), she has only endured as many as 5 tragic endings of her family and friends. For Barry, I would estimate about 8 or more. Although these characters have gone through thick and thin with their lives, families' friends and more I would say they are very similar- but still have differences. In fact, sometimes the two shows will crossover (meaning one ep. Starts on one show and ends on a different show). Over all, these two shows and characters are fun to watch. I hope you have learned at least one new thing about these characters! Hope you had fun reading the comparison piece!!!!

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You can go to fandom.com. this is where I found most of the info I needed to list supergirl/flash's superpowers.

Web Links is below:

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