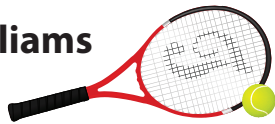


Compare and Contrast: Awesome Athletes!

Part 1:

Read about each athlete.

Serena Williams



Serena Williams is an American tennis player. She has changed women's tennis with her incredible talent and powerful style of play.

Serena was born on September 26, 1981, in Saginaw, Michigan. Serena's sister, Venus, is also a **professional** tennis player. Their father taught them how to play tennis when they were very small.

Serena has won gold medals at the *Olympics*. She has also won tennis tournaments including the *French Open*, *U.S. Open*, *Wimbledon*, and the *Australian Open*.

Being a professional athlete takes hard work, **training**, and **dedication**! Serena Williams has **paved** the way for female tennis players around the world!

Mariel Hamm



Some people believe that Mariel Hamm, known as Mia, is the world's best women's soccer player.

Mia was born on March 17, 1972, in Selma, Alabama. When she was 15 years old, Mia became the youngest member of a U.S. national soccer team.

Mia has won *World Cup* championships and gold medals at the *Olympics*. She has set almost every soccer **record**!





Mia believes in the **power** of teamwork and is **dedicated** to winning. Mia has **paved** the way for female soccer players around the world!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Part 2:

1. Use the key below to highlight the answers in the text.
2. Next, use the information you learned to finish the sentence frames.

 Sport
 Place of Birth
 Accomplishments
 Beliefs

Serena plays _____.	Mia plays _____.
Serena was born _____.	Mia was born _____.
Serena's accomplishments include _____ _____.	Mia's accomplishments include _____ _____.
Serena believes _____.	Mia believes _____.