

## *Homo naledi* and *Australopithecus sediba* Quick Comparison

### *Homo naledi*



*The Neo skeleton looks more similar to a human skeleton*

### *Australopithecus sediba*



*Karabo's skull is set in rock*

**Specimen Name:** Neo (Nay-oh)

**Lived:** Around 300,000 years ago

**Genus:** *Homo*

**Age at Death:** Adult male

**Year Discovered:** 2013

**Year Described:** 2015

**Location Discovered:** Lesedi Chamber, Rising Star Cave

**Number of Individuals Found:** More than 20

**Discovery Story:** Discovered by cavers in the Rising Star Cave System, Professor Lee Berger was informed and assembled a team of diverse "underground astronauts" to climb deep into the chamber and excavate over 1,200 fossils.

**New Research:** The team discovered teeth, dietary information and evidence on brain size and possible makeup of the brain through skull casting. Excavation and research are ongoing.

**Specimen Name:** Karabo (Ca-ra-bo)

**Lived:** Around 1.97 million years ago

**Genus:** *Australopithecus*

**Age at Death:** 12-13 years old (possibly a male)

**Year Discovered:** 2008

**Year Described:** 2010

**Location Discovered:** Malapa

**Number of Individuals Found:** At least 2

**Discovery Story:** Professor Lee Berger's son, Matthew "Matty" Berger, aged 9, discovered a fossilized collarbone at his father's dig site. From there, scientists were able to find the rest of the skeleton.

**New Research:** Scientists were able to determine gait (manner of walking), hypothesize about Karabo's diet. Scientists also found what is believed to be preserved hair and skin. Excavation and research are ongoing.