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# YOUR NAME IN STARS!



## OBJECTIVE:

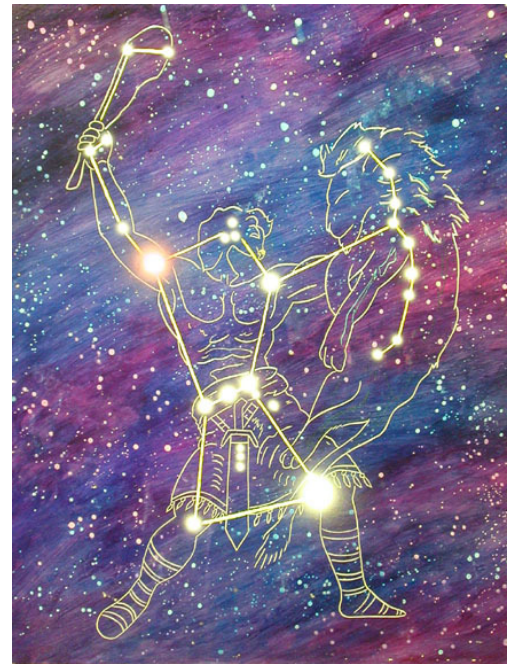
To gain a better understanding of the use of a star map, the terms constellation and star map, and the creative nature of the development of constellations.

## THE STORY OF ORION:

The constellation of Orion is said to be in the shape of a man with a wide hunter's belt round his middle and a great sword hanging from his belt. The dog star, Sirius is at his heel and follows him.

There are several versions in Greek legend of how Orion the Hunter came to be in the stars. Orion was said to be a huge, strong and very beautiful man who was a famous hunter. Some versions say he was a giant and was able to stand in the sea with his head still above water however deep the sea was. He always went hunting with his faithful dog Sirius and together he killed all the wild animals on the Greek island of Chios in order to impress the king's daughter who he wanted to marry. The King was not impressed, however, and persuaded Dionysus the god of sleep to put Orion into a deep sleep and then the King poked out Orion's eyes. (These Greek legends are NOT good bedtime reading!)

However Orion knew that he could get his sight back by travelling toward the sun and so he did this and got a boy, Cedalion, to guide him by sitting on his shoulders. With his sight restored, Orion set out for some revenge, but on the way he met the Goddess Artemis. She is the Greek version of Diana, and is the Goddess of hunting, the moon and purity.



Here the versions differ. One says that Artemis was falling in love with Orion and Apollo, her brother (the God of the Sun and Music) disapproved. So when Orion was swimming well out to sea, Apollo tricked Artemis by betting her that she couldn't hit a far off speck in the sea. She shot an arrow and hit the speck, only to find that it was Orion's head sticking up out of the sea and she had killed him. She was so upset that she set him in the stars forever with Sirius (the dog star) at his heels.

The other version says that Orion rather over stepped things with Artemis and tried to kiss her. In her fury Artemis caused him to be stung to death by a scorpion. Certainly the constellation Orion is very brilliant in the sky until the constellation of Scorpio (the scorpion) rises then it fades.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Follow the directions below to create your own constellation.

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**Creating your constellation image:**

1. Write your full name (First, Middle, Last) *vertically* down the far-left column of the table.
2. Leave a blank space between your names.
3. Place a dot in the box that lines up with each letter of your name and the letter across the top.
4. Create a constellation with the dots:
  - You do not need to use *all* of the dots, but try to use as many as you can.
  - The more stars you use in your constellation, the better your grade.

**Tell the story behind your constellation:**

- Give your constellation a name.
- Your story should be at least 3 paragraphs long (a paragraph is 5-7 sentences).
- Your story should explain ***how and why*** the constellation came to exist.
- Attach your story to the Constellation Grid page.

**Assessment:**

1. Your constellation will be assessed based on the following criteria:
  - The constellation grid is completed correctly and neatly
  - The percentage of dots used in the constellation outline
  - The name and story of the constellation are related to the shape(s)
  - The story of your constellation fulfills the length requirements and is grammatically correct

