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Sky Pictures

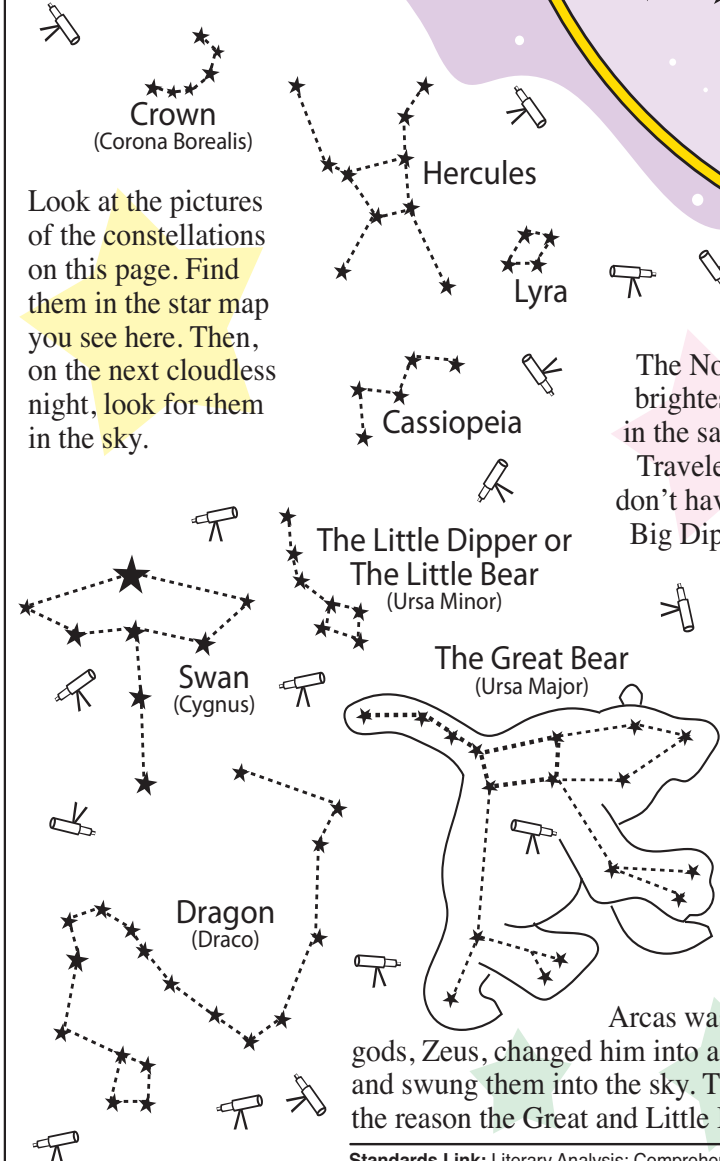
A huge dot-to-dot game is right above your head and you can play it on any cloudless night.

Stellar Shapes

The ancient Greeks contributed more than the Olympic Games to the world. It was in Athens that people first invented democracy, a government by the people, for the people. Ancient Greeks also contributed greatly to modern astronomy.

For thousands of years, people have looked at the stars in the sky and imagined shapes and patterns. The ancient Greeks saw that some stars formed groups that reminded them of people or animals or things like arrows and crowns. Today, we call groups of stars that make up pictures **constellations**.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know the patterns of stars and that different stars can be seen in different seasons.



Look at the pictures of the constellations on this page. Find them in the star map you see here. Then, on the next cloudless night, look for them in the sky.

Star Power

The North Star or Polaris is not the biggest or the brightest star, but it is the most important. It stays in the same spot and can be used to find other stars. Travelers use it to find their directions when they don't have a compass. The two stars at the tip of The Big Dipper's bowl help you to find the North Star.

Bear Tails

An ancient Greek legend tells the story of a beautiful woman named Callisto who loved her son Arcas. One day the goddess queen, Hera, became angry with Callisto and turned her into a bear.

When Arcas went hunting he came upon a bear in the woods. It was his mother, but she couldn't tell him.

Arcas was about to kill the bear when the king of the gods, Zeus, changed him into a bear too. Zeus lifted the bears by their tails and swung them into the sky. This caused their tails to stretch and that is the reason the Great and Little Bears have long tails.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Comprehend basic plots of legends from around the world.

My Stars!
The Big Dipper is part of the constellation The Great Bear (Ursa Major).



Kid Scoop Together

Book Scoop

Use the Kid Scoop Secret Decoder Ring to discover the name of this book by Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer, which is available at the library. To fill in the blanks, find the letter on the outer ring, then replace it with the letter below it on the inner ring.



A picture-book biography on science superstar Neil deGrasse Tyson, the groundbreaking American astrophysicist whose work has inspired a generation of young scientists and astronomers to reach for the stars! Find out what inspired his interest in space.

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Kids Reading to Dogs

A recent study revealed that a "Reading to Dogs" program could provide a comfortable environment for a child to practice reading rather than read aloud to classmates and family. Sometimes the factor of making a mistake, especially in front of their peers, presents a reason to avoid reading.

Look for a "Reading to Dogs" program at your local library. Volunteers bring therapy-certified dogs who will sit quietly while being read to. Some programs even provide cats or rabbits.

The results of these programs have been very positive in improving literacy skills.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Like civilizations that came before them, ancient Greeks gave constellations names. This one is a magical animal called Pegasus. Connect the dots to see what he looks like.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

W	R	P	A	T	R	V	P	A	S
A	L	Y	R	A	H	A	G	T	H
N	A	W	S	J	M	G	D	H	A
A	N	G	R	Y	I	V	I	E	P
B	S	R	A	T	S	W	P	N	E
G	E	Z	E	L	D	U	P	S	S
T	Q	V	B	S	K	E	E	R	G
P	E	G	A	S	U	S	R	Z	W
M	Y	K	S	S	A	P	M	O	C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Constellation Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell the name of a constellation. Connect the circled letters to make a design. Decorate your design!

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level appropriate words correctly; Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Why did the astronomer hit himself on the head in the afternoon?

ANSWER: He wanted to see stars during the day.

Write On!

Gravity Poem

Write a poem or descriptive paragraph telling what you like or don't like about gravity.



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