

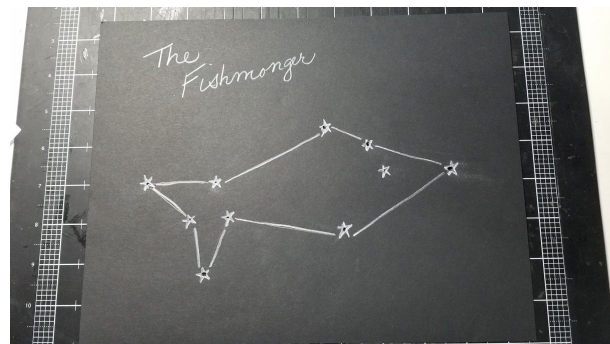
Star Mythology: Creating a Constellation

Subject: Visual Arts, Creative Writing

Grade Level: M3

Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Create a new constellation and share the myth that earned your character a place in the stars.



Constellations are the shapes stars make in the sky. The **Mythology** is the story behind the shapes.

IN THIS PROJECT, YOU WILL:

1. Create a new myth
2. Draw your new constellation

WHY MAKE A CONSTELLATION:

1. Explore myth and imagine why a character deserves a spot in the sky.
2. Use points to help others visualize an image.

VOCABULARY:

Constellation, mythology, stars

MATERIALS:

- Drawing Tools (pencils, markers, pens, crayons, etc.)
- White Paper
- Black or Dark Blue Paper
- A Safety Pin
- If possible, a computer, tablet or smartphone to view an instructional video

- Extra materials: If you wish, you could have sequins, glitter, buttons, etc. to make your constellation, but it is not necessary.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Creating a Constellation Video](#)

MAKE YOUR CONSTELLATION:

1. If possible, watch this [video](#) on the Hercules Constellation myth.
2. Create a new myth and name for your constellation. For example, The Myth of the Fishmonger - a woman who gave her fish to the poor and needy instead of selling the fish to the wealthy.
 - a. Who is the myth about?
 - b. Why? What did they do to earn a spot in the sky?
 - c. What is the name of your new myth?
3. On a piece of white paper (could be the same paper you wrote your new myth story on), draw a picture that represents the main character in your new myth.
4. Figure out the placement of your stars. Some may be bigger, some smaller. Remember, your constellation doesn't have to look exactly like your picture.
5. On your dark piece of paper draw your stars. Don't worry if you don't have dark paper-you can use white paper and color the background.
6. Once you have your stars placed, very carefully poke holes where your stars are located. You can use a pin, or just the tip of your pencil.
7. Hold your new constellation up to a lamp and enjoy your new constellation!
8. Extra: If you wish, you can draw your new constellation and use sequins, glitter, buttons, etc. as your stars! Have fun and be creative!

SHARE OUT:

1. Share your project with your friends and family! Tell them your new myth and show them your constellation. Ask them:
 - Why do you think my main character earned a place in the stars?

- From looking at my stars, what image do you think I chose to represent my main character?

SELF REFLECTION:

1. What creative choices did I make?
2. What problems did I solve?
3. Overall, I think my work is successful because:
4. If I were to do this activity again, I would do these things differently: