Create a Constellation ![C:\Users\arhuckab\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\N2ESS419\MC900150989[1].wmf]()

A myth is a story that tries to explain something…it usually deals with a hero or heroine. A constellation myth tries to explain why that particular constellation is in the sky, and usually contains a moral.

**Objectives:**

1. Students will become familiar with constellations and the myths attached to them.
2. Students will create their own constellation and write a myth about their creation.

**Step-by-Step Procedures:**

1. Research**:** Go online to research the meaning of the constellations, how they got their names, and the “backstory” (myth) for each.
2. Read the three following different constellation myths and observe the constellation: A. Orion, the Hunter B. Ursa Major (the Great Bear) and

C. Taurus, the Bull

1. Describe the points of the myths of each constellation you read about. (To be turned in)

A. How are they alike? B. How are they different?

TURN in # 1-3 on separate paper

1. POSTER: Randomly drop stars on your paper. DO NOT PLACE them.
2. This RANDOM pattern is your newly formed constellation.
3. Connect the dots in a way to create a constellation.
4. Determine/Draw what your constellation will represent (person, animal, or thing) around your “skeleton” of the constellation.
5. Name your constellation TWICE: with a scientific-like name; AND give it a “nickname”.
6. Write a myth about how the constellation came to be in the sky.

(Your myth should include all the parts that a myth has. It should explain how the hero/heroine got put up into the sky and what the moral is……your chance to show your creativity and imagination!!)

1. Present to your classmates.\*\*

\*\*These will be displayed