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Constellation Project

The ancient Greeks used stars as navigation tools and as a reference to help them keep track of the changing seasons. When considering the significance of the stars, it was important for the Greeks to organize them in some way. They did this by grouping the stars into patterns known as constellations. The patterns ranged from representations of people, to animals, to objects. For many, the intended representations of these constellations may not seem apparent, but this may be due to the symbolic nature of the constellations. Also, in some cases, myths, or stories were created to describe the constellation.

For this project, you will create your own myth/story and a constellation that symbolizes your myth. This should be accomplished by pretending that you are an ancient Greek stargazer. Your project should:

- include a myth/story (two paragraphs minimum - typed) explaining how your constellation came to be
- include a star chart/diagram (attached) that highlights the location of your constellation among the stars
- include a magnified illustration (drawing/painting) of your constellation that also identifies the stars composing it

It is highly recommended that you take some time to research myths and constellations prior to beginning this project.

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Grading Rubric

Component	Exceptional (10-9 Points)	Acceptable (8-7 Points)	Marginal (6-5 Points)	Points
Myth	Contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment; the author has really used his/her imagination.	Contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment; the author has used his/her imagination.	There is little evidence of creativity in the myth; the author does not seem to have used much imagination.	
Star Chart/Diagram	Clearly identifies the constellation and its location among the stars in the night sky.	Identifies the location of the constellation and its location among the stars in the night sky, but may be a little confusing.	Does not clearly identify the constellation and its location among the stars in the night sky.	
Illustration	Provides an enlarged and detailed visual of the constellation and any symbolic pictures.	Provides an enlarged visual of the constellation; more detail would have been beneficial.	Provides a visual of the constellation, but it is lacking with regard to details.	
Mechanics	The project has no misspellings or grammatical errors.	The project has 1-2 misspellings or grammatical errors.	The project has 3 or more spelling or grammatical errors.	
Neatness	Extremely neat and meticulously constructed; project appears to have taken a lot of time and effort.	Neatly put together, but does have the potential to be neater.	Messy project that appears to have been completed at the last minute.	
Presentation	Project was presented in an enthusiastic, informative, and thorough manner.	Project was presented in an informative manner.	Project was presented in a lackluster and non-informative manner.	

Total _____/60

Additional Comments:

