

Constellations Project

Quid est in caelo?

*An Interdisciplinary Venture Between the
6th Grade Latin I-A and Earth Science Classes*

Objectives

- 1. To understand the influence of Classical civilizations on our conceptions of the sky.*
- 2. To raise awareness of the constellations and their component stars.*
- 3. To explore Classical mythology through investigations into the constellations.*

Procedures

- 1. Choose a constellation from the following list.*

Auriga	Capricornus	Sagittarius
Canis Major & Minor	Corona Australis	Corvus & Crater
Carina, Puppis, & Vela	Corona Borealis	Hydra
Cassiopeia	Ophiucus	Leo
Cephus	Ursa Major & Minor	Aquila
Draco	Andromeda	Ara
Gemini	Aquarius	Scorpius
Lepus	Aries	Serpens
Orion	Cetus	Cygnus
Taurus	Pegasus	Delphinus
Cancer	Perseus	Hercules
Centaurus	Pisces	Lyra

- 2. Research your constellation. You may use print materials or internet materials. A variety of links to useful websites can be found on Mr. Webb's Latin I-A website.*

- 3. Create a poster to represent your constellation.*

Requirements of the Poster

It must...

- ✓ be at least 8 1/2 x 11" in size.
- ✓ include the name of the constellation.
- ✓ have a textual description of the mythological character after whom your chosen constellation was named.
- ✓ include a picture, drawn by you, that shows the pattern of the stars in your constellation. These stars should overlay a picture, drawn by you or computer generated, of the mythological character after whom your constellation was named. An example of this is at right.



Groups

You may NOT work in groups on this project.

Due Dates

This project will be due in class on _____.