



Writing About Stars

Writing helps kids process and solidify new knowledge and gives them an opportunity to use new vocabulary and concepts. Offer one or more of these prompts or questions to get your Space Rangers writing.

Write a constellation myth

Talk about what a myth is — a made-up story that explains the existence of something in nature, such as where thunder comes from or how the Milky Way formed. Myths often feature supernatural and heroic characters who have the power to make amazing things things happen.

Next, read a constellation myth to the group, and tell the kids that they'll be writing their own constellation myths.

Give the kids a copy of the Summer Star Chart (see the next page) and paper, pens, pencils, and/or markers for writing and drawing.

Look together at the stars on your star chart. What kinds of patterns do the kids see? Ask each child to find a cluster of stars and design a new constellation with its own modern-day myth. The constellation myth should explain how and why this particular constellation is in the sky.

Share your stories in a group circle.

Variation: Look at the Summer Star chart. Find two constellations that are neighbors and write a new story about the two characters together.