

Start with a Book: Space Rangers

If I Was a Constellation



Introduction

Show kids the constellation Orion and discuss with them how the stars mark his shoulders and his belt, sword, and shield. Tell them the story of Orion and as a group, write an acrostic poem.

Supplies

- Orion constellation illustration (provided)
 - Roll of black paper (at least 36" wide) — you can use white if black is not available.
 - 8-1/2 x 11 white paper
 - Stars cut out of yellow construction paper (about 8-10 2-inch stars per child)
 - Pencils, pens, markers
 - White chalk — or colored chalk if using white paper on the wall
 - Tape
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Let's get started!

In this activity, kids will invent their own life-sized constellations. After telling the Orion story, ask the kids to think about how they might create their own character or animal constellation by posing with their bodies.

Tape kid-sized sheets of paper to the wall and have each child stand in the constellation pose of their own invention in front of their paper. Mark the main points of the body with pencil or marker — just make a small "X".



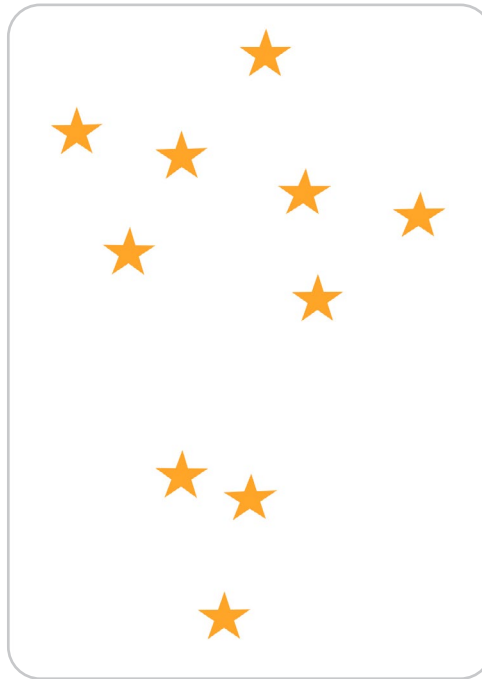


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Next, have the kids tape the paper stars to the main points on the body, on top of the “X”. They can connect the stars with the marker if they’d like to. **TELL KIDS:** That’s you as a life-sized constellation!

Ask the kids to give their constellation a name, write it on a sheet of paper in acrostic style (vertically, and then write a descriptive acrostic poem for their invented constellation.



More constellation activities

CONSTELLATION CENTERPIECE (PBS PARENTS)

pbs.org/parents/adventures-in-learning/2014/06/create-constellation-centerpiece/

CONSTELLATION VIEWERS (LITERARY HOOTS)

literaryhoots.com/2015/05/constellations-astronomy-for-kids.html



Orion, The Hunter

