

Astronomy: constellations

Can you find these constellations in the star map on the right? Trace over them in a coloured pen or pencil.

Cetus- The Whale

A sea monster sent as punishment to Ethiopia. Killed by the hero Perseus, but turned by the gods into a constellation.

Canis Major – The Big Dog

A magical dog that never failed to catch its prey until it met the Teumessian Fox. Their never-ending chase was commemorated by the gods in the stars.

Draco – The Dragon

A hundred-headed serpent who guarded the golden apples of the Hesperides. Killed by Hercules, then placed into the night sky by the gods.

Pegasus

The immortal winged horse who was born from the severed neck of Medusa.

Cygnus – The Swan

The form taken by the god Zeus in one of his many visits to mortal Earth.

Gemini – The Twins

Castor and Pollux, the twin sons of the god Zeus who rescued sailors in distress. They were commemorated for their bravery by being made into a constellation when they died.

