

FIND THE CONSTELLATION

Κητος

Ketos - The Whale

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



Λαιλαψ

Lailaps (Canis Major – The Big Dog)

Lailaps was 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.



Δρακων

Dracon – 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.



Πηγασος

Pegasus

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



Κυκνος

Kyknos (Cygnus) – The Swan

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



Διοσκουροι

Dioskouroi – The Sons of Zeus

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. Now known as Gemini, the Latin for 'twins'.



Ὅριων

Orion – The Hunter

Orion was the son of the god Poseidon and the hunting companion of the goddess Artemis. This is why his constellation looks like someone firing an arrow.



Καλλιςτω

Kallisto (Ursa Major - The Big Bear)

Another hunting companion of Artemis, Kallisto was turned into a bear and killed.



Extension

On a plain sheet of paper, can you trace a constellation and then add artistic detail to make it look more like its mythical inspiration? Watch out, Callisto is difficult!