The Big Dipper or Ursa Major
There are two dippers both are part of the constellations Ursa Major and Minor. The dippers are one of the easiest constellations to spot and rotate around the north star Polaris.

The Little Dipper or Ursa Minor
The handle of the little dipper has the north star Polaris on its handle. You can use the big dipper to find the north star. Use the front two stars on the bowl of the dipper and create a line up to the brightest star of the little dipper.

Orion
The easiest way to spot Orion the hunter is to look for the three bright stars in a parallel line that form his belt. Stars in the constellation include the red supergiant Betelgeuse which rests on his shoulder.

Canis Major
The constellation is easily found by following Orion’s belt down to the brightest star in the night sky, Sirius. Sirius makes up the front of the Canis Major and joins the body and head.
DIY - Create Your Own Constellation!

Now that you know about some of the most popular constellations, it’s time to create your own constellation - and a story to go with it! Decide what you’d like your constellation to be. *Hint: It can be anything such as an animal, person, or object!*

**Draw your own constellation within the space below.**
*Hint: You can draw your “stars” using dots - then connect the dots to create the outline of your constellation.*

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Finally, tell us the story of your constellation!
Who were they? What did they do? How did they end up amongst the stars? *Hint: Some constellations stories are happy, sad, or even a mixture of both. Do not be afraid to add other elements such as action, love, and family too!*