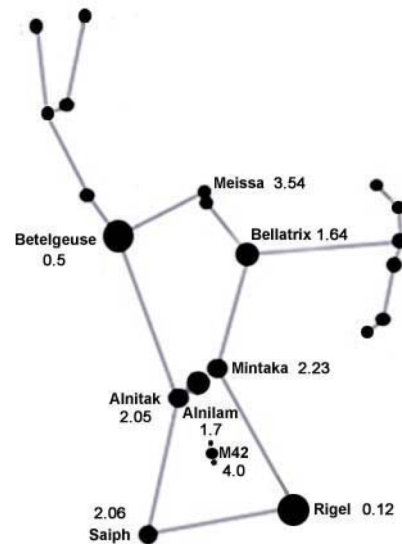


It's in the Stars

A constellation is an arrangement of stars in a specific part of the sky. Throughout human history, different cultures have developed constellations to describe the arrangement of stars in the night sky. The images show the constellation known as Orion. It is a prominent constellation and is visible throughout the world. The constellation portrays the giant hunter in Greek mythology known as Orion. Most commonly, constellations were named for mythological figures. Different cultures have used constellations to keep track of time throughout the year and for navigation.

Your teacher has prepared a diorama portraying stars in the night sky. View the diorama from different angles. What do you notice about the position of the stars when you view it from different angles?



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On the next page, draw the relative positions of stars and create a constellation describing the arrangement of the stars.

When you have completed your constellation, share your constellation with other students.

Use the grid below to help you indicate the location of the stars.

What is the name of your constellation?

What does your constellation depict?