

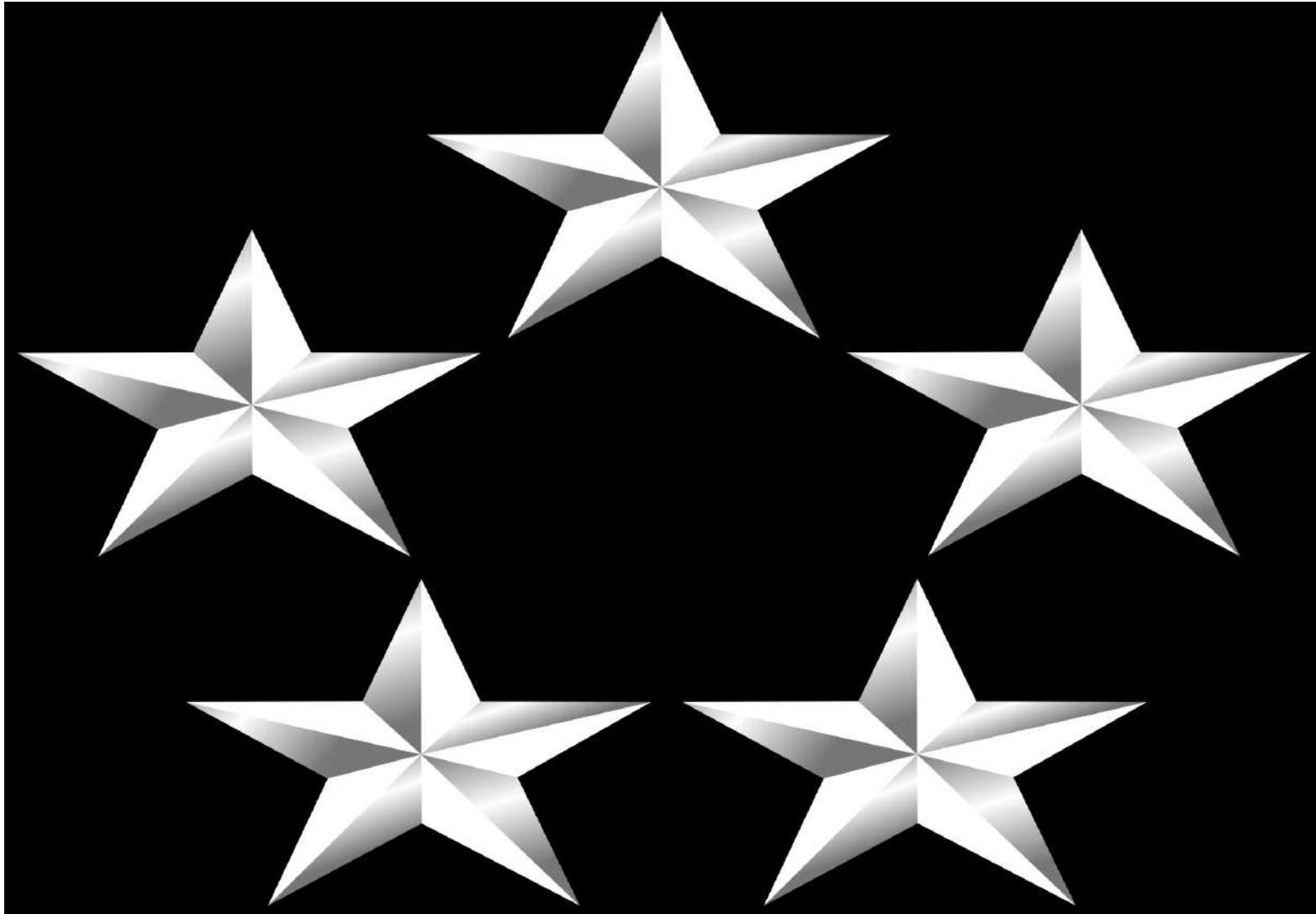
2nd Grade storytelling unit

- Identify the Three Northern Circumpolar Constellations significance to the Diné People.
- Associate the characteristic traits of the Northern Constellations.
 - Illustrate the male, female revolver and the north star.

Vocabulary

- **N1hook-s Bik2'ii-(Ursa Major-Big Dipper)**
- **N1hook-s Bi'1adii-(Cassiopeia)**
- **N1hook-s Bik-ʼ-(Polaris-Little Dipper)**
- **S-ʼ-(Star)**
- **S-ʼ Dine'4-(Star Deities)**

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Náhookqs Bikq'ii
Ursa Major

Díí sɔ́ dah yikahígíí Náhookqs bikq'ii éí azhéé, dóó acheii, dóó ahastóí dlinígíí yá sizj. Díí éí doo naanáákahgóó t'óó t'áá'tahígíí shóóahjigo ahééhékááh.

The constellation Náhookqs bikq'ii, Ursa Major is commonly known as the Big Dipper. Náhookqs bikq'ii is a model of fathers, grandfathers, and uncles of the human race. Náhookqs bikq'ii stays in the northern night sky, and like a clock hand revolves in a counter clockwise direction.



Náhookqs Bikq'
Polaris (Ursa Minor)

Díí sɔ́ dah yikahígíí Náhookqs bikq' éí Náhookqs bikq'ii dóó Náhookqs bí'ádii bit'agí bikq' nlljigo díltʔ. Díí bik'ehgo hak' dadiltʔ. Áko díljíídi t'ahdii dahoohangóó k' dadiltʔ.

The constellation Náhookqs bikq', North star, is a portrait of fire and is located between the constellations Náhookqs bikq'ii, Ursa Major and Náhookqs bí'ádii, Cassiopeia. Náhookqs bikq' represents the central fire in all homes.



Náhookqs Bí'ádii
Cassiopeia

Díí sɔ́ dah yikahígíí Náhookqs bí'ádii éí asdzání nllj. Áko al'gajj' amá, dóó amásání, dóó anáí, dóó achó nlljigo áhé. Díí éí doo naanáákah da. T'óó t'áá'tahígíí náhookqsjii shóóahjigo ahééhékááh.

Náhookqs bí'ádii, Cassiopeia is a female constellation. She is a model for all mothers, maternal and paternal grandmothers, and great grandmothers. Náhookqs bí'ádii remains and revolves in the northern night sky. It is like a clock hand revolving in a counter clockwise direction.



S-’ Dine’4 Star Deities



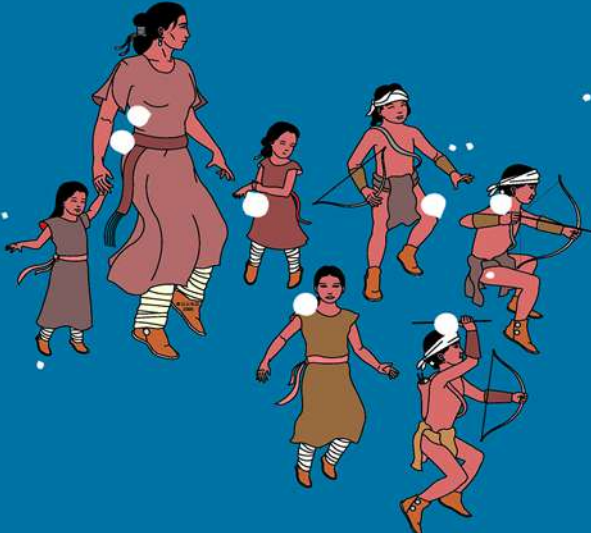
Atsé’ets’ózí
Orion

Díí sá’ dah yikahígíí Atsé’ets’ózí éí haigo deezlái bá siló. Áko deeniniil niho yich’ógh silj. Aakeego handakah dóo hai biighah yikah ’eh. Ch’éd’óghgo éí a’fso líkah.

The constellation Atsé’ets’ózí, Orion, displays a mighty shield protecting everyone from winter ailments and winter misfortunes. It can be seen in the fall and will be visible throughout the winter months. Atsé’ets’ózí sets in early spring.

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Dilyéhé
Pleiades

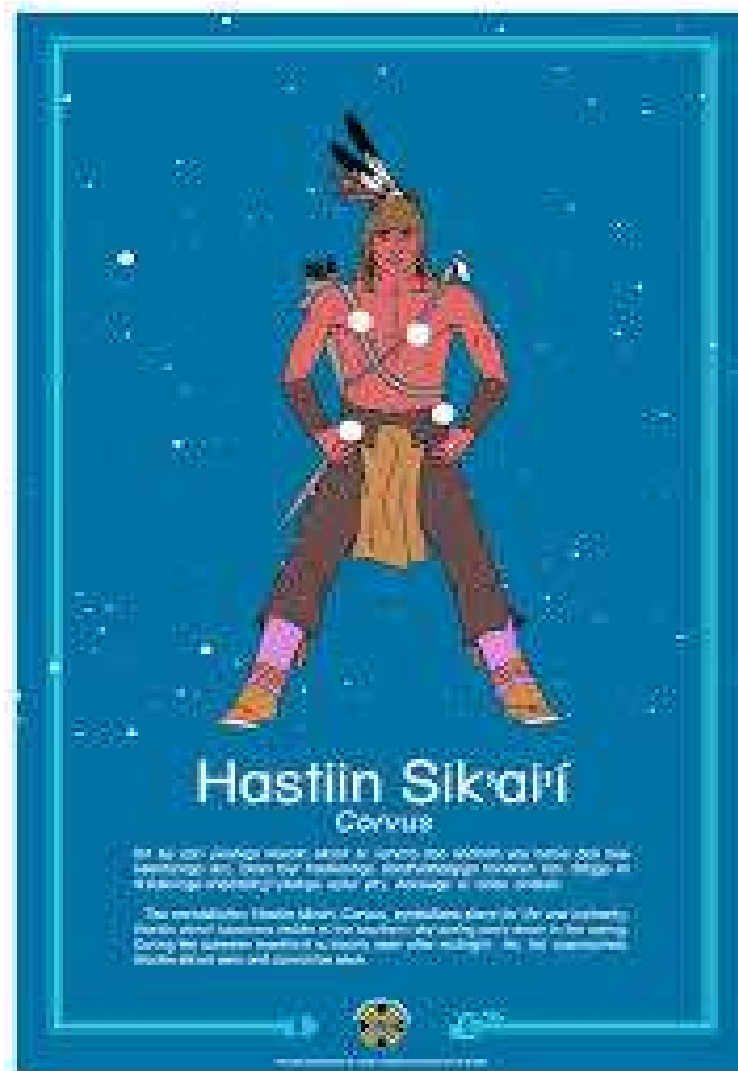
Dilyéhé éí tsosts'idgo s'ó ayáa daah'jigo yikah 'eh. Díí éí amá baró'chíníí hastó'í'heego yíí yikahgo áté. Akéego haakah, dóo daango atso ilkah. "Dilyéhé" jiniigo saadigíí Jazhiigo éí k'v'dilyé jiniigo oolyé. Díí Dilyéhé atso ilkahgo tinda k'v'dilyé.

The stars of Pleiades, Dilyéhé, consists of seven bright stars. Dilyéhé depicts a mother walking with her six children. These stars appear in the fall and are seen throughout the winter. The word Dilyéhé, in Navajo literally translates to mean or refer to planting of seeds. Planting of fields begins after Pleiades sets in late spring.



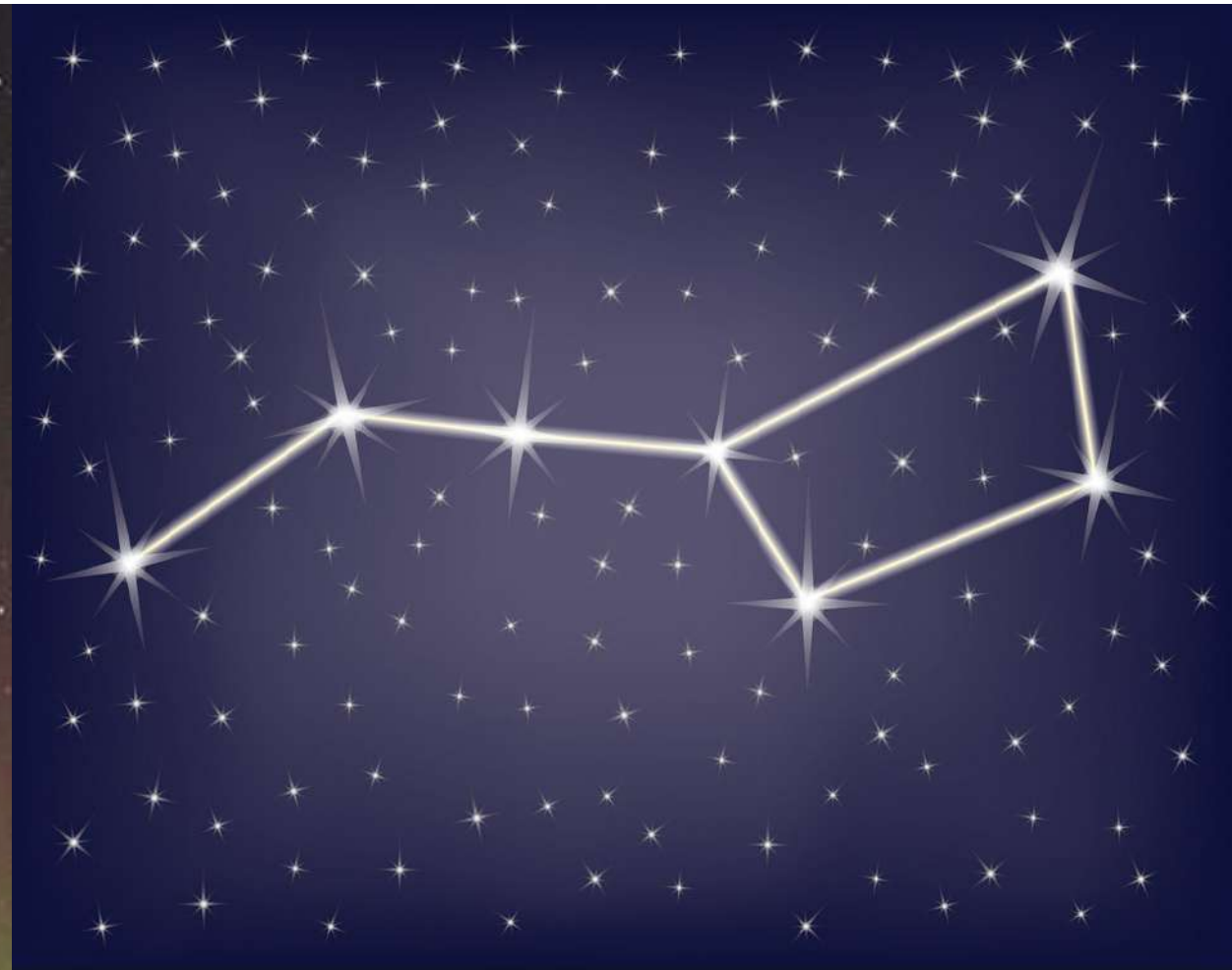
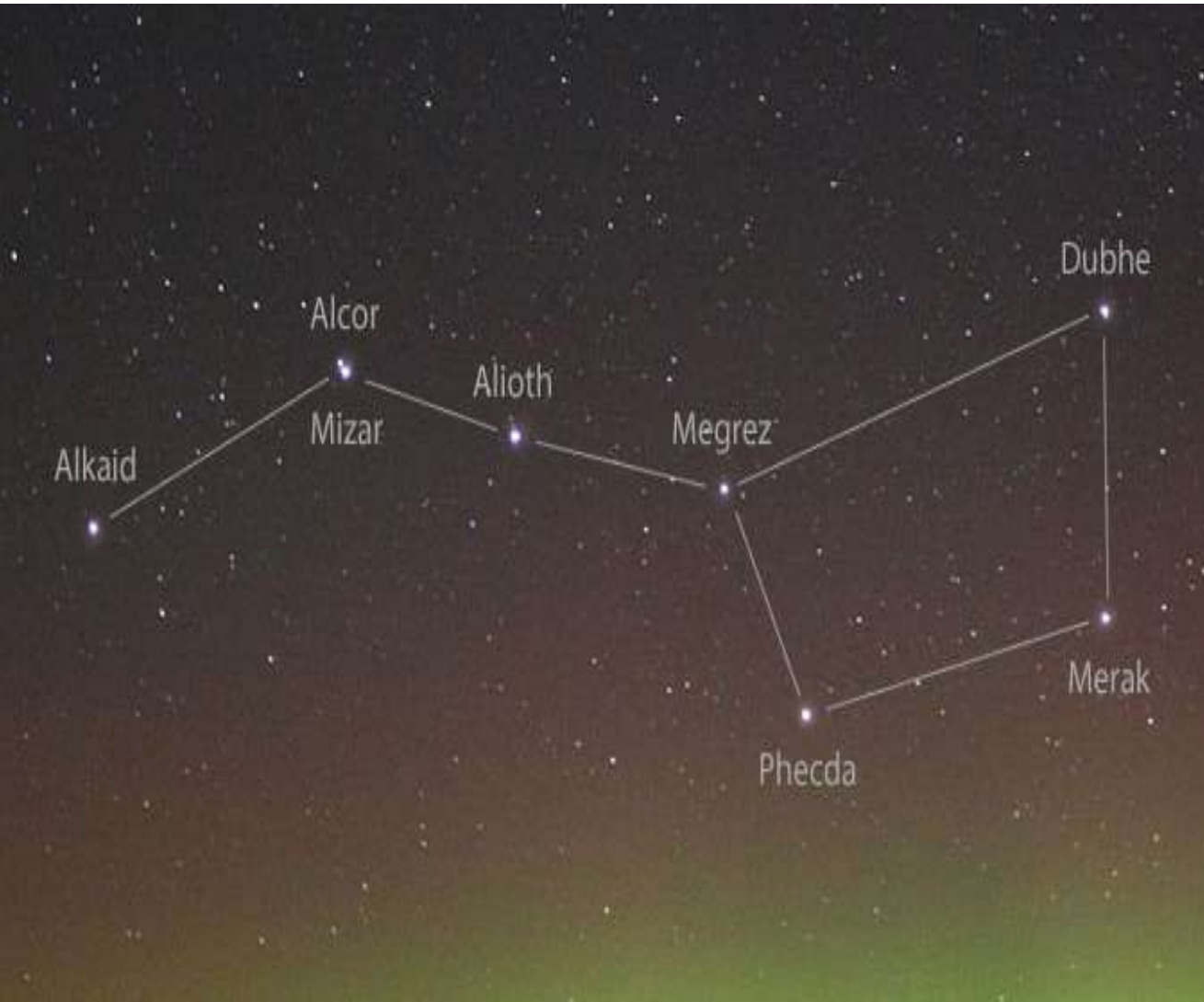
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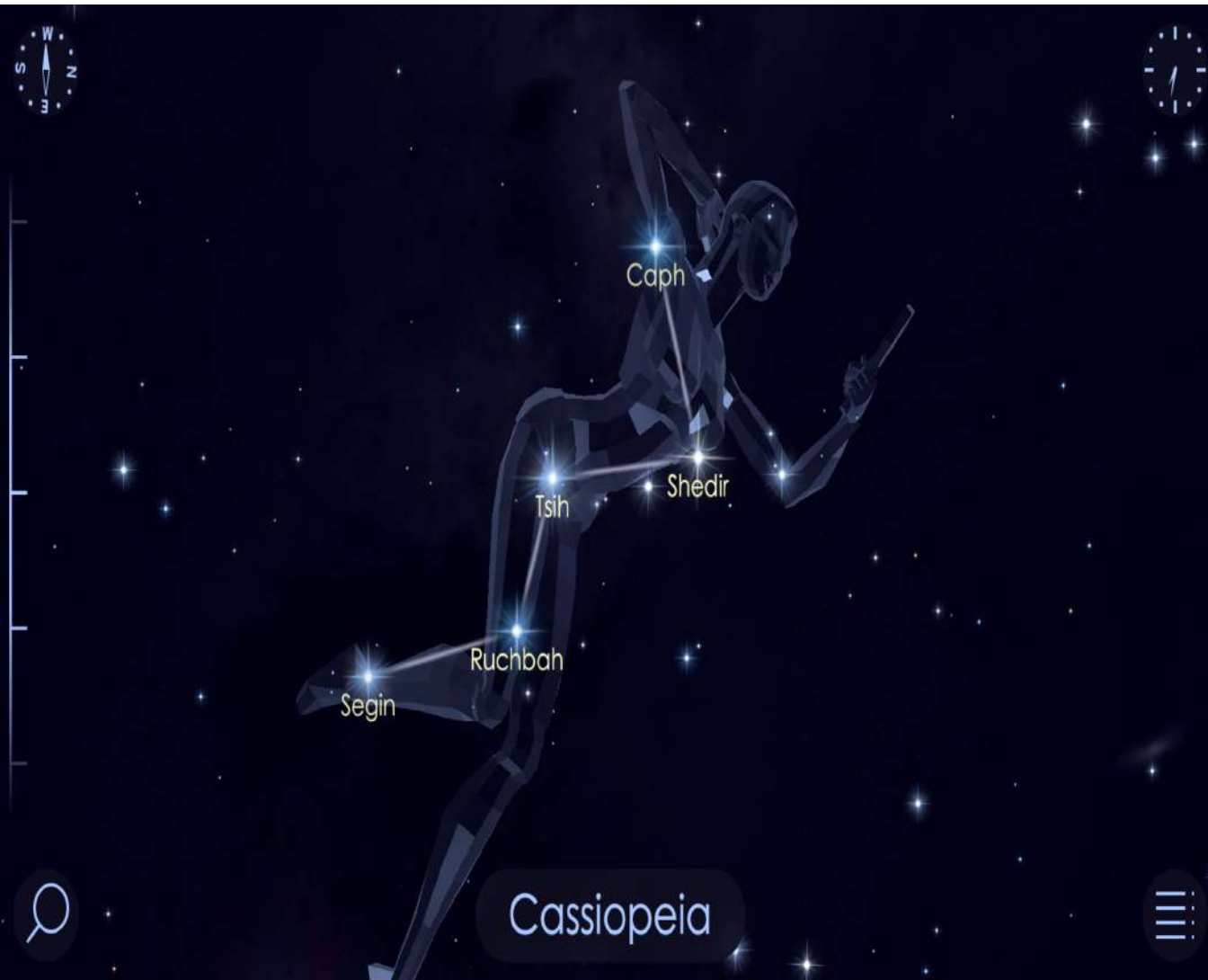


N1hook-s bik2'ii

Ursa major-Big dipper

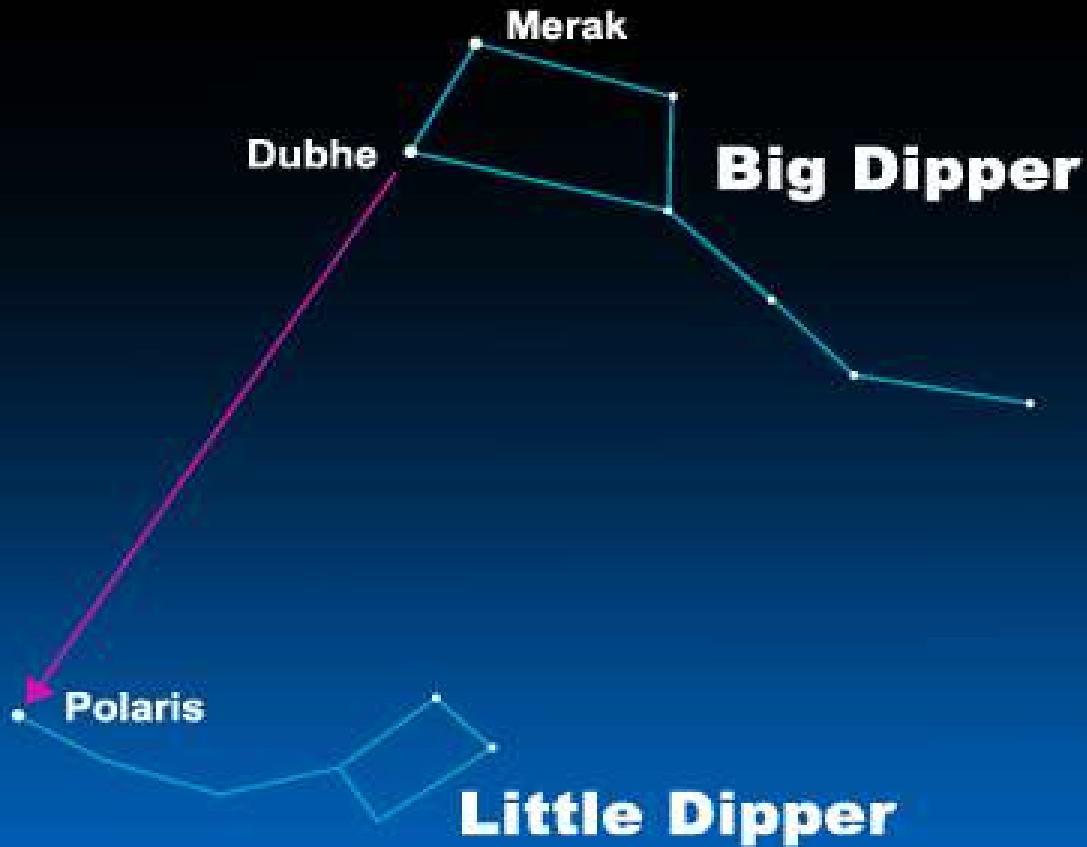


N1hook-s Bi'1adii Cassiopeia

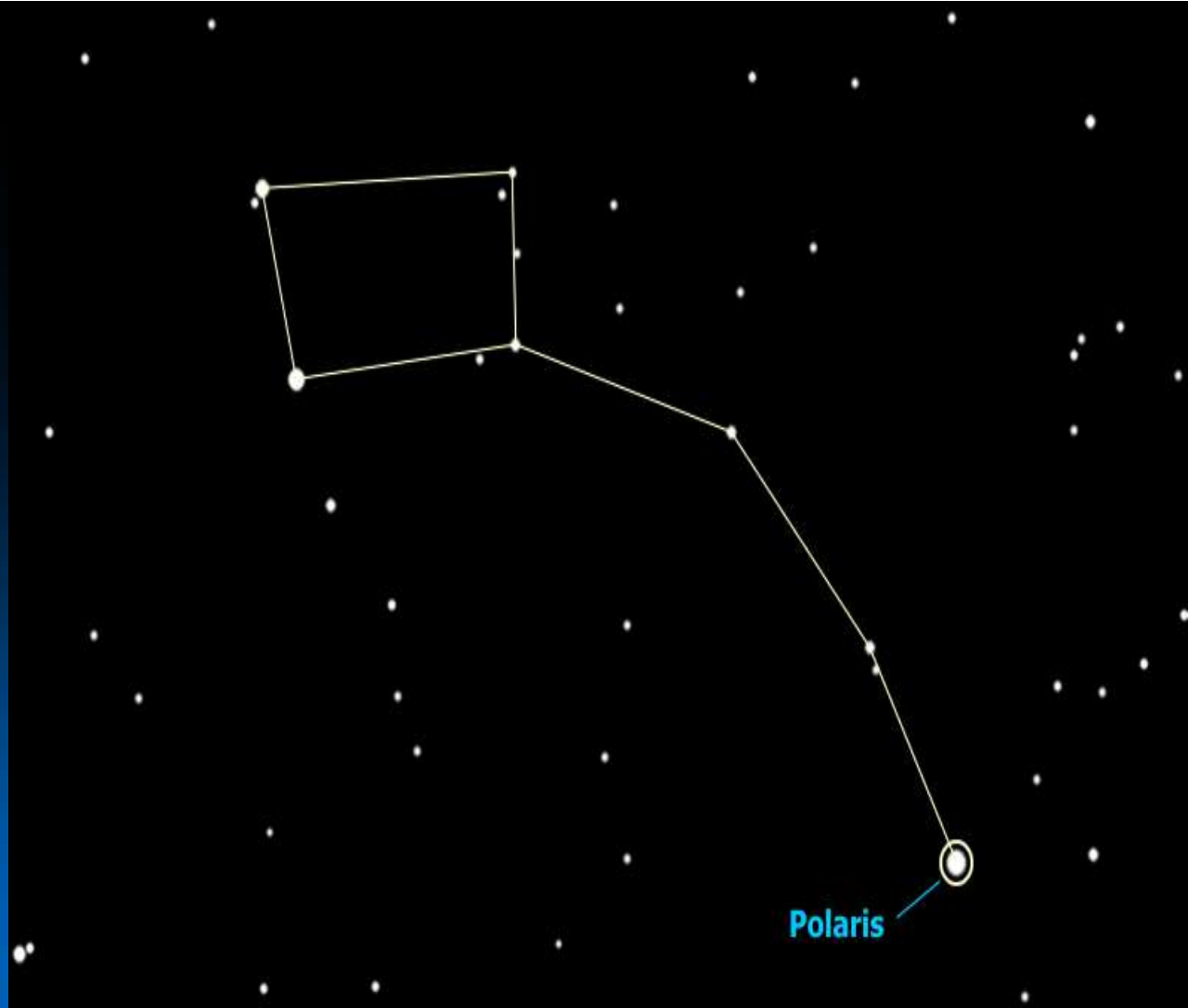


N1hook-s bik-' Polaris-Little Dipper

North, Evening



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