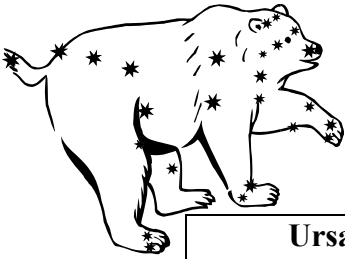


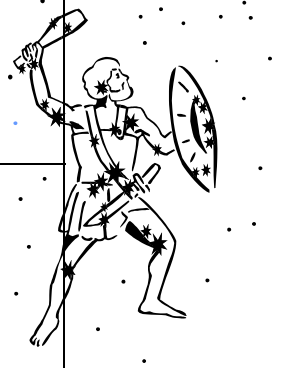
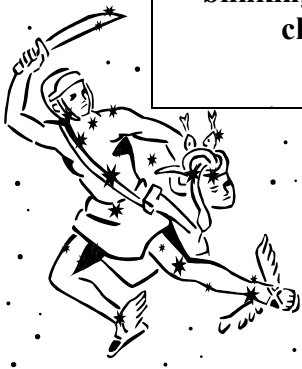
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Constellation Haiku Assignment

Ursa Major and Minor Big Bear, Little Bear paws never touching water circle the night sky	The Pleiades Daughters of Atlas flee from Orion as doves seven sisters shine
Perseus Algol, Medusa's blinking eye, looks down at me chilly midnight sky	Lepus Crouching rabbit, hush hunting dogs, ready to pounce, prey of Orion

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How to write a Haiku:

Haikus are a Japanese form of poetry with a special structure. The poem consists of a 17-syllable verse, usually written in three lines with a 5, 7, 5 format.

The purpose of a haiku is to create an image in the reader's mind. Haikus are usually about nature and refer one of the four seasons. Since constellations are seasonal, you do not have to mention the specific season, but you can use words that refer to that season; such as warm, sunny, balmy, chilly, crisp, humid, windy, rainy, brisk, bitter, etc...

Use a **thesaurus**, this is a great help when you are trying to create an image and find the perfect word with the right number of syllables to fit into your poem. If you do not have one, go to <http://thesaurus.reference.com/> or <http://dictionary.reference.com/>.