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## WHERE CONSTELLATIONS REALLY COME FROM

HEY SKY PEOPLE, WELCOME TO STAR GAZERS. OUR ANCESTORS SPENT THEIR EVENINGS GAZING AT THE STARS, THEY WOULD PLAY A CELESTIAL GAME OF CONNECT THE DOTS, MAKING PATTERNS, TELLING STORIES ABOUT MORALITY, LOVE AND COURAGE INVOLVING EACH OF THE CONSTELLATIONS THEY MADE.

AS THESE ANCIENT HUMANS CAME TOGETHER FORMING TRIBES, COMMUNITIES AND EVENTUALLY A GLOBAL SOCIETY – ASTRONOMERS PICKED SOME OF THE MADE-UP PATTERNS TO BE OFFICIAL!

IN 1930 THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION RECOGNIZED EIGHTY-EIGHT OFFICIAL CONSTELLATIONS.

THOUGH IT'S A WELL KNOWN SHAPE, THE BIG DIPPER IN THE NORTHERN SKY IS AN ASTERISM – PART OF THE LARGER CONSTELLATION OF URSA MAJOR.

THE OLDEST NAMED CONSTELLATION IS TAURUS THE BULL – YOU CAN SEE HIS V-SHAPE OF STARS RISING IN THE EAST THIS WEEK NEAR THE PLANET JUPITER.

REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS, MAKE UP YOUR OWN CONSTELLATIONS TOO. STARGAZING AND CHILL IS THE BEST, NO PASSWORDS REQUIRED. KEEP LOOKING UP!