

The Night Sky

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Overview

This text presents stories about the night sky that have been passed down by Indigenous Elders.

Genre/Text Type Non-fiction/Report	Text Features Boldface type (including glossary words), chapters, diagrams, fact boxes, glossary, headings, illustrations, italics, list, photos, pronunciation guides, table of contents
Connections Social Studies Traditional Teachings of Indigenous Peoples Science Phases of the Moon	Vocabulary Words that might require clarification include <i>bison</i> , <i>companions</i> , <i>heed</i> (verb), <i>lunar</i> , <i>represent</i> , and <i>vivid</i> . Additional words are defined in the glossary. Media for Storytelling You could point out to students that Elders traditionally shared stories orally. Through discussion, you might establish that stories can be shared through a variety of media, including print, music (songs), drama, dance, and visual arts. Consider providing a few examples or challenging students to communicate a brief story through mime or a short series of illustrations or photos.

eBook Activities

Using Text Features (page 3); **Inferring** (page 10); **Activating Prior Knowledge** (page 12)

Extensions

Synthesizing: Look at the constellation on page 7. Design your own constellation and create a similar image, with lines connecting stars and an outline of what your constellation represents. You could even write a story about your constellation, like the story about *Mista Muskwa*.

Activating Prior Knowledge: The story on page 8 tells how dogs became companions to humans. Dogs are also helpful to humans. List a few different ways you know of in which dogs help humans. Are any other animals helpful to humans? Provide examples and explain how each is helpful.

Making Connections: **AT HOME** Traditions, such as sharing stories from the past, are passed down through generations. What is an example of a tradition that has been passed down to your family? Does your family do anything that you would like to pass on to your children as a new tradition?

