**Aries**:

“The ram, is the first of the 12 Zodiacal Constellations, and marks the Vernal Equinox, or the beginning of Spring.” Dating back to “Greek and Roman times, it “depicts the Golden Ram that was sacrificed by Phrixus to bring fertility to his homeland in Thessaly. The Golden Fleece of the sacrificed ram was given to Jason and the Argonauts to return it home. This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of November.”

**Taurus**:

“Determined to win Europa's heart, Zeus assumed the form of a milky white bull. With horns crowned with flowers, and mingled with the herds of Agenor, Europa was enchanted by the sight of the splendid creature, and climbed upon its back. Taking advantage of his good fortune, Zeus carried the fair maiden away from her homeland, to the island of Crete. Here, Europa gave birth to Minos, father of the creature Minotaur, who was half bull and half man. Zeus celebrated his love for Europa by having the continent Europe named after her, and created the constellation Taurus, to be seen in the sky for eternity, the symbol of fertility and power.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of December.

**Gemini**:

“After Zeus, disguised as a graceful swan, visited Queen Leda of Sparta, she gave birth to twin sons, Castor and Pollux. The mortal Castor developed into a master horseman, while the immortal Pollux became a famous boxer. Together, The Twins grew to become skillful warriors. When Castor was killed in battle, Pollux, could not bear to continue on without him. Stricken with great sorrow, Pollux asked of their father, Zeus, to bring Castor back to life. Zeus, touched by this display of devoted brotherly love, arranged for The Twins to stay endlessly side by side among the stars as the brilliant constellation Gemini.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of January.

**Cance**r:

Cancer, “The Crab snapped at Hercules' ankles as he bravely fought with Hydra. Unbothered by Cancers' efforts, The Hero easily crushed the crab to pieces under the heel of his foot and went on to successfully destroy the monstrous snake. In gratitude for The Crab's courageous attempt to fulfill her angry wrath, Hera gifted Cancer with a place among the stars as a constellation. Located between Gemini and Leo, The Crab remains eternally perched just above Hydra” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of February.

**Leo**:

“The courageous hero Hercules, wore the Leo’s skin over his shoulders, assuring him eternal protection from harm. In memory of this dreadful battle, Zeus placed the proud and passionate lion in the heavens to eternally symbolize the challenges of kingship. The constellation of Leo contains the enormously bright star, Regulus, known as ‘the star of the king,’ perhaps referring to Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia, who, during his lifetime, ruled the entire known world, and who was born during the Lion month.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night during the month of March.

**Virgo**:

“In Greek mythology, Virgo is the maiden Astraea, goddess of innocence and purity. Daughter of Themis, the goddess of justice. In our drawing, the virgin is at her bath and at peace with nature; her innocence is depicted in the friendship shown her by the birds. In most early cultures, Virgo was almost universally associated with the harvest. The bright star Spica is named for the Latin word meaning wheat. Harvesting of grain was begun when Spica rose just ahead of the Sun. When Vindemiatrix, Mistress of the Vineyard and northernmost of Virgo's stars, first rose before the Sun, this was a signal for the gathering of the grapes.” This constellation can be best viewed during the month of April.

**Libra**:

As Astraea, the Roman Goddess of justice, “became increasingly offended by the wickedness of her citizens, she decided to flee from the corrupt civilization, and returned to the heavens, joining Demeter as the constellation of the Virgin Goddess. Astraea abandoned civilization so hurriedly that she left behind her golden scales of justice. The Romans, in fear of her judgment, created the constellation of Libra from the ancient Scorpion's claws so that The Scales would always be nearby in the sky.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of May.

**Scorpio**:

This constellation’s astronomical name is Scorpius. “Scorpius gained eternal fame when, upon command of the gods, he sprung from the earth to surprise Orion, and sent the able hunter to his final resting place. Even the God of Healing, Asclepius, was unable to reverse the fatal effects of The Scorpion’s sharp sting. Scorpius is also remembered for his disastrous intervention when the mortal man, Phaeton, attempted to drive the chariot of Apollo, God of the Sun. Here, Scorpius pricked Apollo's horses with his lethal sting, causing the creatures to bolt and driving the sun-bearing chariot recklessly through the heavens, drying up many rivers and scorching the earth below.” This constellation can best viewed in the night sky during the month of June.

**Sagittarius**:

One fated day, Chiron, the most famous of centaurs and a skillful archer, “was mistakenly slain by his student, Hercules. Realizing the wound was incurable, Chiron begged Zeus not to deprive him of immortality. Pitying his half-brother's predicament, Zeus granted the request and located Chiron in the sky as the constellation Sagittarius, where The Archer stands with bow and arrow for all time.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month July.

**Capricorn**:

As the monster Typhon, son of Titan Tartarus and Earth, sought revenge... “the Olympian gods sought to escape by adopting various disguises: Zeus, a ram, Hera, a white cow, Bacchus, a goat. As Typhon approached, Bacchus/Pan threw himself into the Nile but, in a panic, only succeeded in changing part of his body, ending up with a goat's body and the tail of a fish. Meanwhile, Zeus had been dismembered by Typhon, but was saved when Bacchus/Pan let out an ear-splitting yell, distracting the monster long enough for an agile Hermes to collect the supreme god's limbs and carefully restore him. In gratitude, Zeus transferred Bacchus/Pan to the heavens.” This constellation also known as Capricornus, can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of August.

**Aquarius**:

“When realising how in need of water the people on earth were, Ganymede pleaded with Zeus to be allowed to help and was given permission to send down rain. Eventually he was glorified as Aquarius, god of rain, and placed amongst the stars.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of September.

**Pisces**:

“Pisces, the Fishes, is a very old constellation, and is one of the original Zodiacal Constellations recognized in Ancient Times. In Greek and Roman mythology, this constellation represents the goddess Venus and her son Cupid, who transformed themselves into a pair of fish and jumped into the Nile River to escape from the monster Typhon. The images that concealed them were placed in the zodiac, where they are now known as Pisces, a lengthy double constellation occupying the region south of Andromeda and Pegasus and northwest of Cetus. Pisces acquired the title ‘Leaders of the Celestial Host’ after precession brought the vernal equinox to a point south of the star Omega in the southwestern fish.” This constellation can be best viewed in the night sky during the month of October.