

Starry Sky

- 1 Using the contents page, which chapter are you most interesting in reading about and why?
- 2 Label a map with the countries mentioned on page 15 that saw the first agricultural settlements.
- 3 Convert the information in the chart on page 25 into a fact box.
- 4 Write captions explaining the difference between the two stars pictured on pages 26–27.
- 5 Which of the facts from the sidebar panels did you find the most interesting?
- 6 Write your own glossary entries for three terms that you didn't know before reading the book, or for three terms that a younger reader might not know.
- 7 Create a true or false quiz about stars and constellations.
- 8 Using the contents, glossary and main text, write a fact file about the constellations.
- 9 Create your own constellation based on an animal of your choice, draw and label it and add a fact-based caption explaining it.
- 10 Create a chart of all the different things stars and the constellations have helped people with.

Answers

- 1 Answers will vary.
- 2 Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Egypt
- 3 Answers will vary. Example answer: Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun; Neptune is furthest from the Sun; Earth is the third planet from the Sun; There are eight planets in our solar system; Earth's closest neighbour is Venus.
- 4 Answers will vary. Example answer:
page 26: Blue stars are the hottest stars.
page 27: Red stars are the coldest stars and yellow stars are in between.
- 5 Answers will vary.
- 6 Answers will vary. Example answer:
legend: a traditional story that is thought to be historical
mythology: a collection of stories that all belong to one person,
tradition or belief
navigation: the way we accurately understand our position and
how to plan a route
- 7 Answers will vary.
- 8 Answers will vary.
- 9 Answers will vary.
- 10 Answers will vary. Example answer: Constellations help predict weather and seasons; They have helped with farming, navigation, understanding the solar system and beyond our galaxy; Understanding the stars has helped the development of measuring distance and time in space.