## Section 2: Locating Astronomical Objects in the Night Sky



Section 2 Question: How do the positions of astronomical objects in the night sky appear to change over time?

## What do you See? <br> (Picture)

What do you think? Consider the situation shown below in which the Sun and a group of constellations are shown at sunrise, Figure 4, and then shown again 8 hours later, Figure 5.


Figure 4


Figure 5

## What do you think now?

Focus Question A: What is the most accurate way to locate objects on the surface of Earth?

Predictions:

Observations:

Explanation:

## Focus Question B: How are lines of latitude and longitude determined?

Latitude/Longitude of School:

Draw a circle with a 15 cm diameter

Observations:
(compare and contrast lines of latitude and lines of longitude)

Explanation:

Focus Question C: How can Earth's coordinate system be used to locate celestial objects?
Draw a circle with a 5 cm diameter, an equator, and lines of latitude and longitude:

Celestial Sphere

| Date | Dec 15, 10pm | Mar 15, 10pm | Jun 15, 10pm | Sep 15, 10pm |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Constellation <br> nearest <br> zenith |  |  |  |  |

On the horizon diagram blow, draw the North Star (Polaris) and the approximate locations of any visible constellations from the table above on September $15^{\text {th }}$.



## Claim:

## Evidence:

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## Constellations and the Celestial Sphere

- Many ancient civilizations recognized groups of stars which they named and associated with different stories.
- Today there are 89 recognized constellations.
- The 12 Zodiac constellations lie along the ecliptic.
- The celestial sphere is a MODEL that provides a way to locate astronomical objects in the sky.
Label the diagram below as shown in the video




## CHECKING UP: Page 27, 1 through 3 (2 points each)

1. 
2. 
3. 

Why is it that new constellations gradually enter our field of view from the east and disappear to the west? ( 5 points)

