

# Making a Backyard Star Map

## Check for Understanding

Draw the building where you live in the space below. With the help of an adult, go outside on a dark night with a clear sky. Find the North Star, Little Dipper, and Big Dipper. Draw the location of the constellations in relation to your home.

Based on your drawing, answer the following questions:

1. What part of your home is pointing north?
2. Is the Big Dipper to the right or left of your home?
3. Is the Little Dipper to the right or left of your home?

## Extend Your Thinking

Why do you think that the North Star symbolized freedom for runaway slaves?

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