Constellation Assignment

Today you will be creating your very own constellation based on your own made-up myth. A myth is a traditional story that usually has gods as characters. Your story does not have to have gods in it, but it should be a story you have made up.

Below there are a bunch of dots. These are the 'stars' that you will be working with. Your job is to come up with an image out of those dots. You must use at least ten 'stars' to make up your image. You may use more than ten 'stars' if you wish. Double click on the image and then use the line tool (looks like this: \(\simeq \)) to connect the dots and create your image.

After you have your image, you need to create your myth. Remember, myths typically have the Greek gods and/or goddesses involved somehow, but yours doesn't have to. I have included a list of common Greek gods and goddesses if you wish for some examples. Your myth must be at least one page long and tell a logical story that connects to your image. Your myth should also have at least three characters (animals are considered characters).

Your star map

My Constellation Myth

English name	Description of god or goddess
Aphrodite	Goddess of love, beauty, wife of <u>Hephaestus</u> . Having an affair with <u>Ares</u> . Eros is her son. Known as the most beautiful of the Greek goddesses. Her symbols are the scepter, myrtle, and dove.
Apollo	God of music, medicine, health, prophecies, poetry, and archery. Also said to be the god of light and truth. Is associated with the sun. Also referred to as the most handsome of the gods. He is Artemis's twin brother, and son of Zeus. His symbols are the bow, lyre, and laurel.
Ares	God of war, murder and bloodshed. Brother to <u>Athena</u> , and is the son of <u>Zeus</u> . Has an affair with Aphrodite. His symbols are vultures, dogs, boars, and a spear.
Artemis	Goddess of the hunt, wild things, and the moon. Protector of the young. She became associated with the moon. Apollo is her twin brother. Her symbols are the bow, dogs, and deer.
<u>Athena</u>	Goddess of wisdom, warfare, strategy, handicrafts and reason. Sister of <u>Ares</u> , and is the daughter of <u>Zeus</u> . Sprung from Zeus's head in full body armor. Her symbols are the owl and olive tree.
<u>Demeter</u>	Goddess of fertility, agriculture, grain and harvest. Demeter is a daughter of Cronus and Rhea and sister of Zeus. Her symbols are the scepter, torch, and corn.
Hades	God of the underworld and wealth. Brother of <u>Poseidon</u> , <u>Zeus</u> and <u>Hera</u> . His symbols are the Helm of Darkness and the three-headed dog, <u>Cerberus</u> .
<u>Hephaestus</u>	God of fire and the forge (god of fire and smiths). He makes armor for the gods and other heroes like <u>Achilles</u> . Son of <u>Hera</u> and <u>Zeus</u> is his father in some accounts. Married to Aphrodite. He had a daughter named <u>Pandora</u> . His symbols are an axe, a hammer and a flame.
<u>Hera</u>	Goddess of marriage, women, and childbirth. Zeus' wife and sister. Appears with peacock feathers often. Her symbols are the scepter, diadem, and peacock.
Hermes	God of flight, thieves, mischief, commerce, and travelers. Messenger of the gods. Likes to trick people and is very inventive. His symbols are the caduceus and winged boots.
<u>Poseidon</u>	God of the sea. He created horses from sea foam. God of earthquakes as well. Also called 'Earth Shaker' and 'Storm Bringer'. His symbols are horses, sea foam, dolphins, and a trident.
<u>Zeus</u>	The king of the gods, the ruler of Mount Olympus and the god of the sky and thunder. His symbols are the thunderbolt, eagle, bull, and oak.