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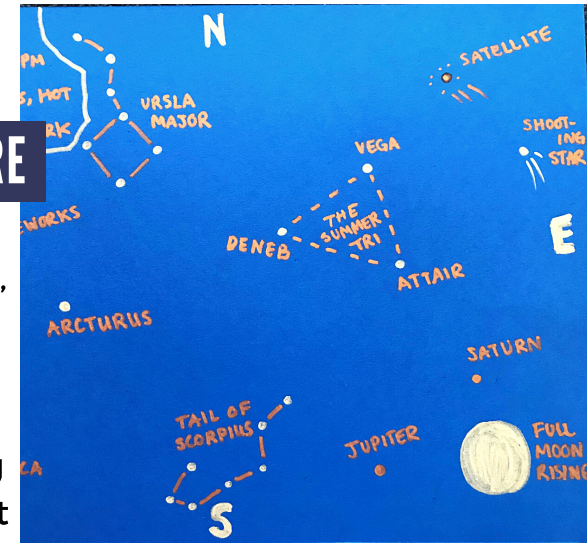
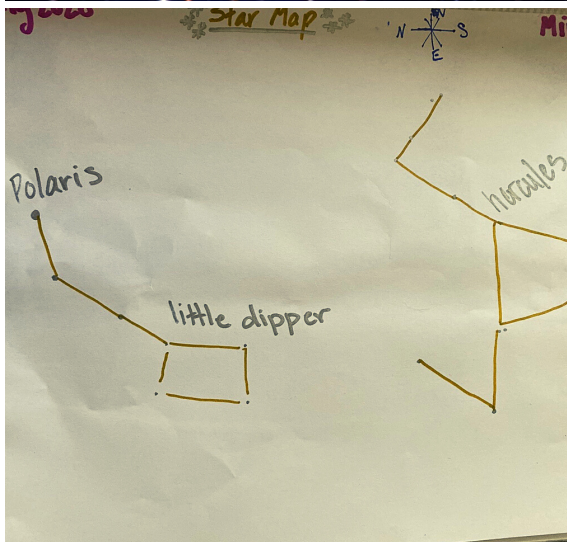
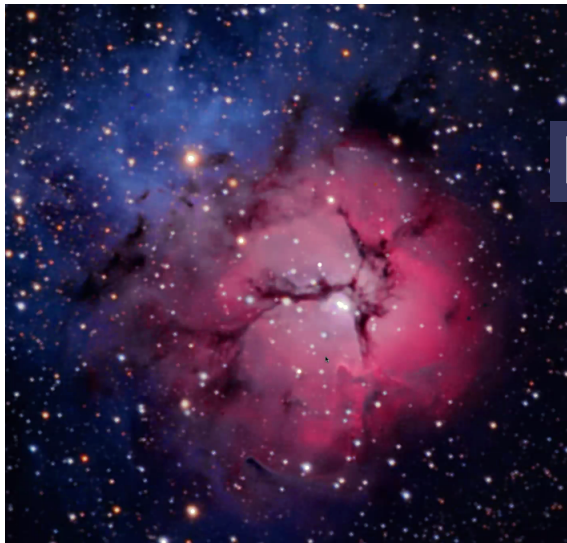
PROJECT: STARS & STORIES

EXPLORING THE TALES OF THE CELESTIAL SPHERE

Stars & Stories challenged participants to explore the depths of the night sky. With binos, a compass, and an evening sky map/sky calendar for the month of July, participants identified and learned facts and stories about stars, constellations, and asterisms, like the Big Dipper! (See Mimi's star map on the bottom left & Lena's on the upper right).

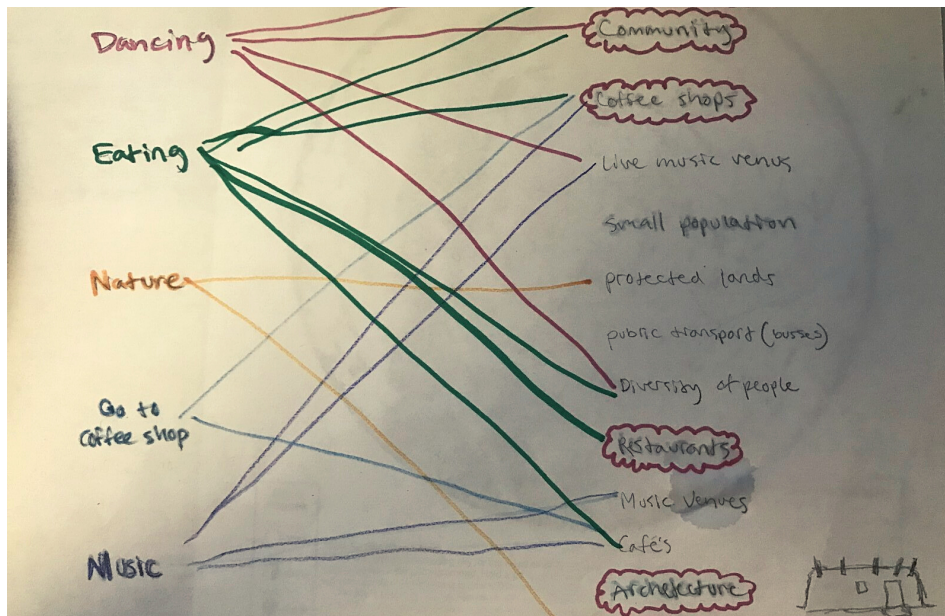
This project also connected youth with **Jim Knoll** from [Tucson's Amateur Astronomy Association](#). Jim Zoomed in and inspired us with awesome visuals of our galaxy (top left and bottom right pictures).

At the final share out, participants met on Zoom to share stories they discovered. Annie recounted the Greek mythology of Corona Borealis, Isolde shared a story she found from [Native American Indian Stars Charts](#), & Malachi shared several star names in Arabic.



PROJECT: BORDERLAND DISPATCHES

INCLUSION IN INTERPRETATION



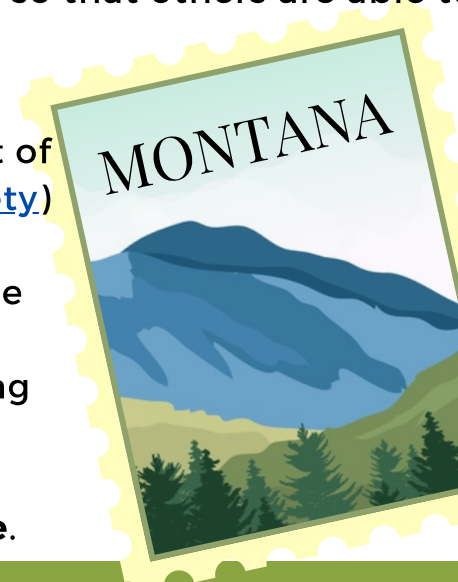
Borderland Dispatches prompted participants to think critically about the stories they hear and share.

This started with thinking about the personal connection storytellers have to place, which makes the topic of the stories more tangible, shows how one person connecting with a story might differ from another person, and can help someone become a better interpreter and storyteller. The picture to the left shows Madeline's map of connecting her interests with assets of her home to show a personal connection to story.

Youth also had the awesome opportunity to meet with **Christopher Bentley & Rebecca Flores** ([Anza Trail](#), National Park Service) to discuss decolonizing colonial stories. Christopher & Rebecca shared their perspectives on reassessing history within interpretation, taking an interdisciplinary approach to storytelling, and sharing personal connections to place so that others are able to develop one as well.

PASSPORT SERIES: WILD AMERICA

Outside of the projects, youth attended a presentation as part of the **Passport Series** ([in partnership with The Wilderness Society](#)) with **Anne Carlson** (Sr. Climate Adaptation Specialist). Anne spoke about **Montana**, the "Crown of the Continent," & how the ecosystem provides important habitat for grizzly bears, elk, & many bird and fish species. She also talked about collaborating with the Blackfeet Nation to address the effects of climate change. Some youth shared about their own experiences in Montana through the past ITE program, **American Experience**.



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