



The sun's path on the Equinox's have been drawn for you

1. What dates are represented by the sun's path shown? March 21 / Sept. 23
2. What is the latitude of the observer? Polaris = 42°N
3. How did you figure out the latitude? Polaris = Latitude
4. During the summer the Earth is tilted toward the sun at an angle of 23.5° degrees.
5. Draw in the sun's path for June 21<sup>st</sup>. (Be careful here, use your answer to the last question to help you).  
 Draw a large dot representing the sun's location at noon. Label this path summer  
summer = 23.5° higher. Rises NE. Sets NW
6. Draw in the sun's path for December 21<sup>st</sup>. Draw a large dot representing the sun's location at noon. Label this path winter  
Rise SE altitude = 48° (equinox) - 23.5° = 24.5°  
Sets SW
7. Place an X on the winter path representing where the sun would be at 9 a.m.
8. Place an Y on the Summer path to represent the sun at 3 p.m.
9. Place a Z at the zenith. Point Directly Overhead / 90°
10. If you travel south from this location, what happens to the altitude of Polaris?

Latitude ↓ Polaris Decreases ↓