In early Autumn, Saturn can be seen low in the southwest after sunset. All other visible planets begin the season rising ahead of the Sun in the early morning hours.

In early December, Mercury will emerge low in the west after sunset. It will be higher and easier to see later in the month as the year draws to a close.

This is how the sky will appear at these approximate times:

- October 12th-14th: Geminid meteors
- December 21st: Winter Solstice
- November 1st: Daylight Saving Time ends
- October 15th: Leonid meteors
- September 15th: Geminid meteors
- November 17th: Leonid meteors
- December 15th: Leonid meteors

Look for these with binoculars:
- M-13 cluster in Hercules
- Pleiades cluster in Taurus
- Double Cluster in Perseus
- Andromeda Galaxy in Andromeda

To use this chart, hold it face-down, above your head, so that the directions match with your surroundings.

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