

Celestial Objects

Introduction: The universe is anything that exists in any place.

Problem: What are the components that make up the universe?

Definitions: On a separate piece of paper define the following:

Astronomy; Celestial Object; Universe; Galaxy; Solar System; Star; Planet; Sun; Asteroid; Comet; Moon; Orbit; Ellipse; Rotation; Revolution; and Constellation.

Procedures:

1. On a another piece of paper draw a representation of the relationship between the Universe; the Solar System; the Galaxy; and a Star.
2. Next, draw a model of a spiral galaxy and show where our Solar System would be. Name our Galaxy.
3. Then draw a model of our Solar System. Make sure to place in order the planets, a star (the Sun), asteroids.

Conclusion Questions:

1. List in order the planets from closest from the sun outward.
2. List in order from oldest to youngest: Milky Way Galaxy; Solar System; and Universe.
3. How does a star differ from a planet?

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4. How are the planets in our solar system classified (grouped or divided)?

5. What are comets?

6. What is a light year and how and why is it used?

7. Explain how the Sun gets its energy.

6. Summarize the key concepts in this lab in one paragraph or less.