## Space!

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# Let's talk scale

Our solar system

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## THE SOLAR SYSTEM

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40,000 km









Major moon Triton - 2007 km



# Let's talk Distance

Our solar system

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To experience it fully, • check out <u>this</u> site.

And possibly <u>this</u> site, but I like it less.

## WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT IN REAL LIFE?

Check out the Solar System Walk at Veterans Memorial Park in Chandler!



# What about the earth and moon?





## Earth to the Moon distance



## 1 Second

## 8 minutes

## The earth rise



# What about the universe?



To truly experience scale to the full extent, check out <u>the</u> link.

Thanks Henrietta Leavittl

This is how we measure the distance to the nearest stars.

## Bottomline

- X Posters lie to you because they would be WAY too big otherwise.
- X Size of celestial objects are usually not to scale. Keep that in mind for the rest of this unit.
- X Distance of celestial objects are usually not to scale. Keep that in mind as well.
- Space is mostly space. Literally.

## Size and scale



#### Solar system to scale:

https://joshworth.com/dev/pixelspace/pixelspace\_solar system.html

#### Distance in our solar system:

http://www.bbc.com/future/bespoke/20140304-howbig-is-space-interactive/

## Thanks to Henrietta Leavitt for figuring out star distances!

- https://www.space.com/34708-henrietta-swanleavitt-biography.html
- https://www.fords.org/blog/post/solving-the-
- unknown-what-astronomer-henrietta-swanleavitt-accomplished/
- https://www.famousscientists.org/henrietta
  - wan-leavitt/



# THINGS IN THE Solar system

## One light-year

5.8 trillion miles (9.4 trillion kilometers) What are some things that are located in our solar system?

## THINGS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM



Planets

Comets

<sup>•</sup>The Kuiper Belt

Moons

Asteroids

Interplanetary Medium

**Dwarf Planets** 

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Meteors

The Oort Cloud



## **RESEARCH TIME**

Pick a topic to research and own that slide! Find good links and make a study guide worthy slide for others.

## **SLIDES EXPECTATIONS**

1. One slide per person so decide who is doing what

2. Your name goes in the slide title along with the research category

3. Give a definition, examples, and describe the category in your own words

4. Have pictures and find good quality links that everyone can get to

5. Organize it how you want, but make sure it is easily readable

## When Pluto retired in 2006...

COACH

AWKWARDYETI.COM

## More info on the solar system

## **DONE EARLY?**

Fun podcast about space and science

<u>Google's interactives</u> <u>about the solar system</u>

## **RESEARCH TIME**

Finish up your Slide and then check out the other Slides so you know about the different things in the solar system



the Awkward Yeti.com

What was something interesting you learned in research?

## **MORE THINGS TO EXPLORE!**





### <u>Nasa's site</u>

If you didn't find it in your research, it's really good

#### SYSTEM GAME

Interactive solar system game

#### NAT GEO'S SITE

Another good site if you didn't find it yet

Unexplainable: Sonic tour of the solar system

# ORBITS AND Gravity

True or false: All orbits are in a flat plane.



True or false: All orbits are circles. **Orbital Plane** 



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\* Many comets exist outside the orbital plane

## WHAT PLANET IS THE MOSTEST CLOSEST?



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## **VOCAB WORDS**

AU - one Astronomical Unit equals the average distance measured from the center of the sun to the center of Earth

## Orbit - an object's path around the Sun

Gravity - force that attracts all objects toward each other



## **VOCAB WORDS**



Law of Universal Gravitation - from Isaac Newton that states every object in the universe attracts every other object in the universe

### Inertia - tendency of an object to resist a change in motion

Orbital Motion - combination of inertia and gravity



## SITES TO INVESTIGATE

# OI

#### <u>THE SKY</u>

Interactive showing the orbits of the planets and major celestial objects

#### <u>Phet</u>

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Phet interactive showing gravity and orbits

## LAWS OF MOTION

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Explains the three laws of Kepler's Laws of Orbital Motion

#### BONUS!

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Get involved with some space science yourself!

