Earth's Placement

Apparent Motion

Since stars and planets move in a pattern so obviously we are in the center of the solar system, right?!?



Apparent Motion

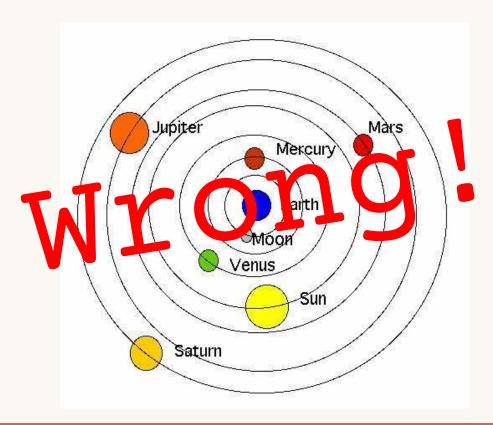
If you look up at the sky during night, you will see the Moon and the stars are moving.

This is called Apparent Motion.

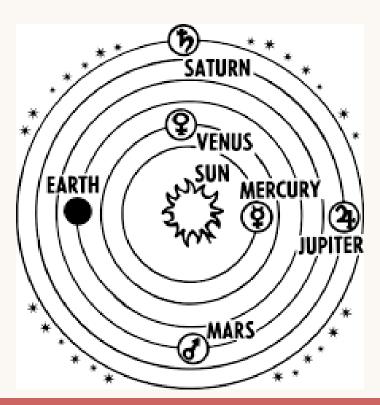
Which lead to the idea that everything is moving around Earth (geocentric).



Geocentric



Heliocentric



What is the difference between geocentric and heliocentric?

Geocentric vs Heliocentric



Geocentric

The Earth is located in the center of the solar system with the Sun and planets revolving around it.



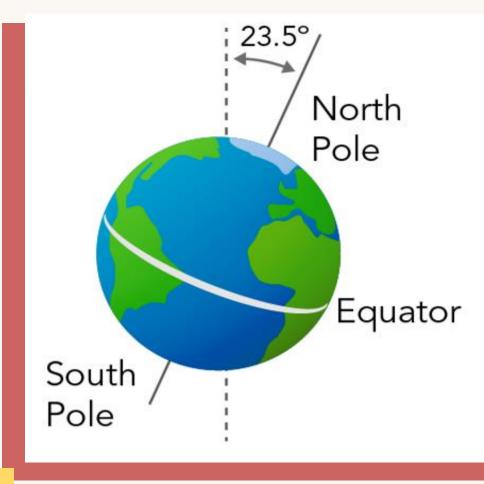
Heliocentric

The Sun is located in the center of the solar system with the planets revolving around it. Geocentric vs Heliocentric: The solar system with the Earth in the center verses with the Sun in the center

What about Earth's tilt?

The Tilt of the Earth

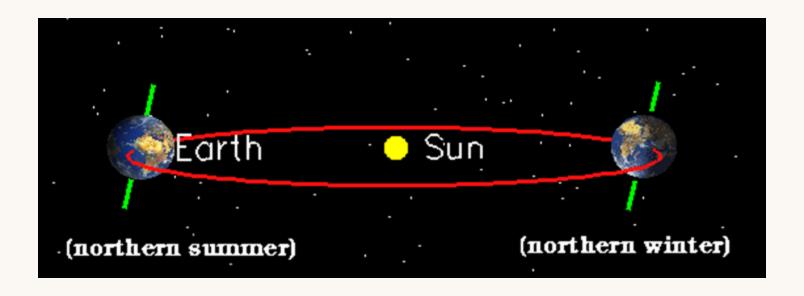
Earth is tilted at 23.5 degrees and that is important for...







Reason for the Seasons: The 23.5° tilt of the Earth creates areas of direct sunlight and indirect sunlight.





What causes the seasons?

Simulation

Look at this and this simulation.

Describe why the tilt of the Earth is so important to having seasons.

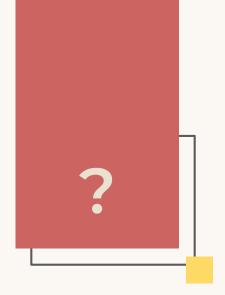
Extra thought: Do other planets have seasons?

Seasons

Play around with these games and simulations to explore more about seasons!

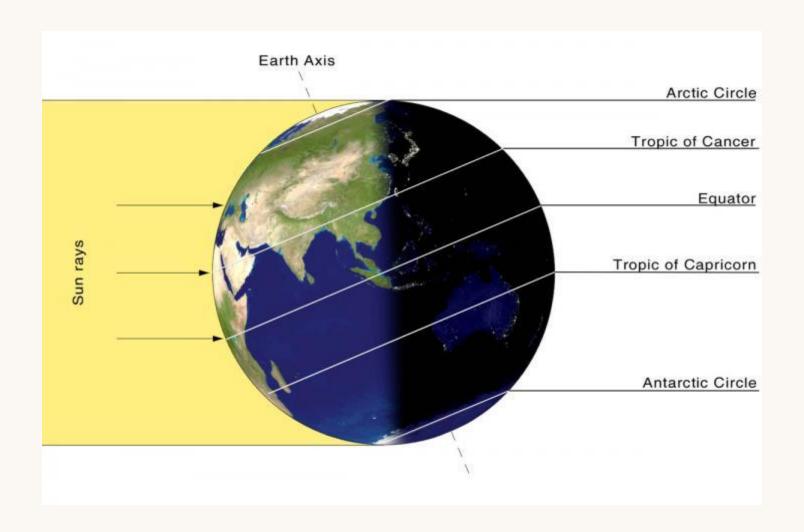
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- http://astro.unl.edu/naap/motion1/animations/seasons_ecliptic.html
- https://d3tt741pwxqwm0.cloudfront.net/WGBH/npls13/npls13_int_seasons/index.html
- https://www.earthspacelab.com/app/seasons/

Done early? Check out an extra lesson here https://app.thepocketlab.com/lab-report/pCnKv_U10001qsCB?ro=1&ref=%2Fresources or research into if other planet have seasons as well! (For example: https://pbslm-contrib.s3.amazonaws.com/WGBH/buac18/buac18-int-seasonsearthmars/index.html and https://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/postsecondary/features/F_Planet_Seasons.html)



Why does Earth have seasons?

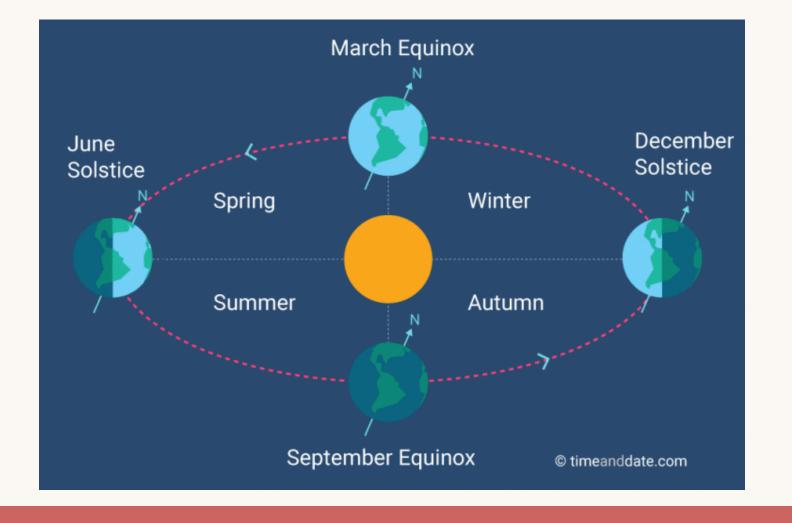
Answer the Google Classroom question using the simulations and interactives as resources.

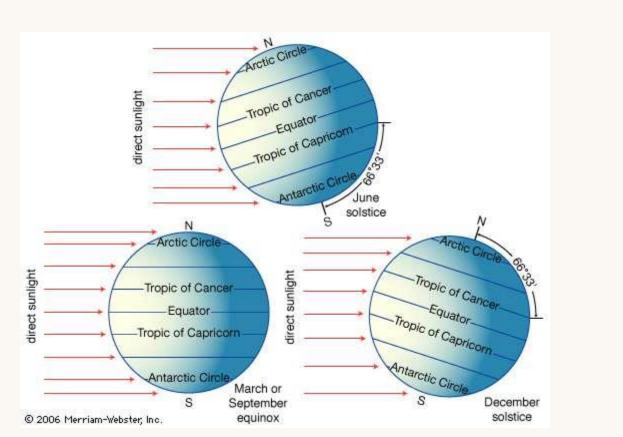


How else does the tilt affect life on Earth?

Have you noticed that you have more sunlight when you get up in the morning than you had at the beginning of the year?







Seasons Info and Vocab

Reason for Seasons

The 23.5° tilt of the Earth leads to different regions having direct or indirect sunlight.

Solstice

When the Earth receives the maximum or minimum amount of sunlight leading to the year's longest or shortest day.

Equinox

The Earth experiences equal amounts of daytime and nighttime.

Celebrations!

Out of all the celebrations you read about, which celebration did you like the most?
Why?



Explore More!

Links

- Information: https://www.weather.gov/cle/seasons
- Culture of the solstice: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/solstice/
- Culture of the equinox: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/equinox/
- Video on the difference: https://www.britannica.com/video/217727/Demystified-what-is-the-difference-between-solstice-and-equinox
- Top down view: https://www.skymarvels.com/infopages/vids/EquinoxesSolstices.htm
- Make a model: http://solar-center.stanford.edu/AO/Sun-Track-Model.pdf
- Path of the Sun seen on Earth:
 http://astro.unl.edu/classaction/animations/coordsmotion/sunpaths.html
- Future dates and times: https://www.weather.gov/dvn/Climate_Astronomical_Seasons
- Seasons review: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/season/

What is the difference between the equinox and the solstice?