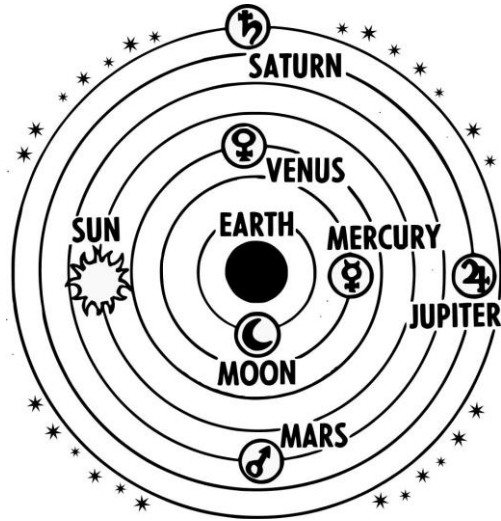


Planets and Beliefs - Student Worksheet


Human Ideas Change over Time

Our understanding of the Solar System changed as new instruments for observing and measuring became available. Our modern ideas on many things are different from those of our ancestors who believed that the Earth was the center of the Universe and planets were gods. Why do you think that was?



Very Early Astronomers' Symbols for the Planets

Using the diagram of the medieval astronomer's Solar System, choose which planet or object is represented by each symbol and explain your choice.

Symbol	Planet	Possible explanation for symbol
		



Name _____

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Common Misconceptions

Recent studies have found that 25% of people in the USA and 32% in the European Union, believe the Sun travels round the Earth.

Number of students in our class

Students	The Sun moves round the Earth	The Earth moves round the Sun	Don't know
Number of students			
Fraction of students			
Percentage of students			