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| <u>Choose topic by:</u> | Wednesday 28 November | (1 week to choose) |
| <u>Report DUE:</u> | Wednesday 12 December | (2 weeks to research) |
| <u>Presentations:</u> | Monday 17 December | (1 week to prepare) |

Report (at least 2 pages)

- Typed, double-spaced, 12pt font
- Must use at least three sources (include URL for web pages)

Presentation (5-10 minutes)

- Summarize report
- Large poster board or digital slideshow

Astronomers — Describe the life and work of an astronomer, and why you chose them. Must include place of birth, dates living, major contributions with dates, impacts on his/her time, effects on our understanding of astronomy. Here's a (very) few astronomers...

- Aryabhata
- William Herschel
- Karl Schwarzschild
- Nicolas Copernicus
- Edwin Hubble
- Carolyn S. Shoemaker
- John Dobson
- Johannes Kepler
- Jill Tarter
- Frank Drake
- Charles Messier
- Clyde Tombaugh
- Galileo Galilei
- Vera Rubin
- Neil deGrasse Tyson
- Stephen Hawking
- Carl Sagan
- Ibn al-Shatir

Astronomical Object or Topic — Describe an astronomical object or topic in detail, and why you chose it. For objects, must describe where the object can be found, how it can be observed, who/when/how it was discovered, its composition, its energy state, effects on other things, and its lifecycle. For other topics; who/what/when/where/how, and impact.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ancient Observatories or Instruments</i> — Antikythera Mechanism, Armillary, Astrolabe, Orrery • <i>Dark Skies</i> • <i>Extra-terrestrial Life</i> — Astrobiology, SETI, UFOs • <i>Galaxies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Black Holes</i> — Blazars, Fiction, Misconceptions • <i>Multiples</i> — Binaries, Clusters • <i>Nebulae</i> • <i>Gravity, Dark Matter or Dark Energy</i> • <i>Messier Objects</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Solar System</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Asteroids</i> — Main Belt, Near-Earth Objects, Centaurs, Trojans • <i>Comets</i> — Oort Cloud • <i>Moons</i> — Planetary satellites, Irregular • <i>Planets</i> — Exoplanets, Dwarf Planets • <i>Trans-Neptunian Objects</i> • <i>Space Colonization</i> • <i>Stars</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Magnetars</i> • <i>Supernovae</i> • <i>Variable Stars</i> — Pulsars, Quasars |
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You may choose another topic if approved before topic date. See me at any time during research and preparation for questions or help. We may have one class period before report or presentation date to work on projects. Good luck!