

The background is a deep space scene. On the left, a large, pale blue crescent moon is visible. The center and right are filled with a vibrant nebula, showing swirling clouds of blue and purple gas, with bright white and yellow stars scattered throughout. Some stars have prominent lens flare effects. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, purples, and reds, with bright highlights from the stars and nebula.

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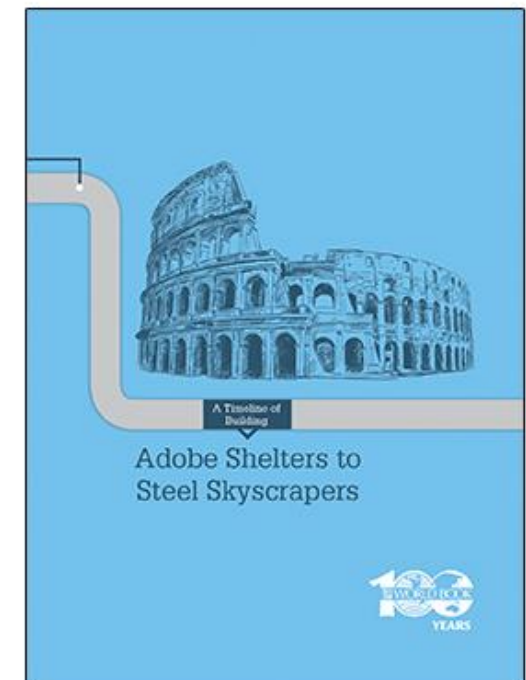
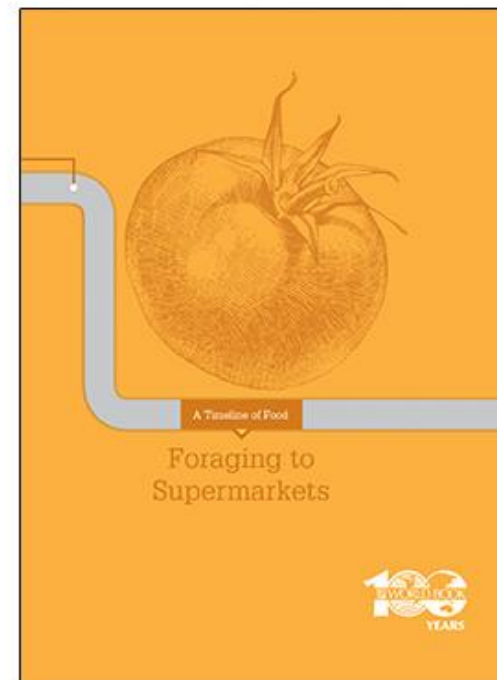
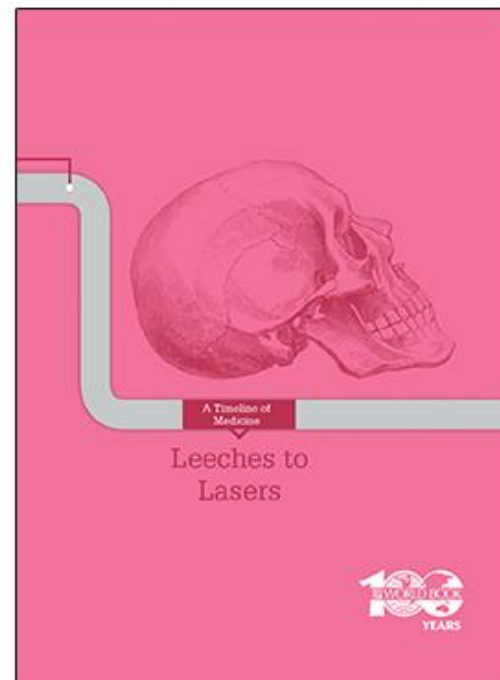
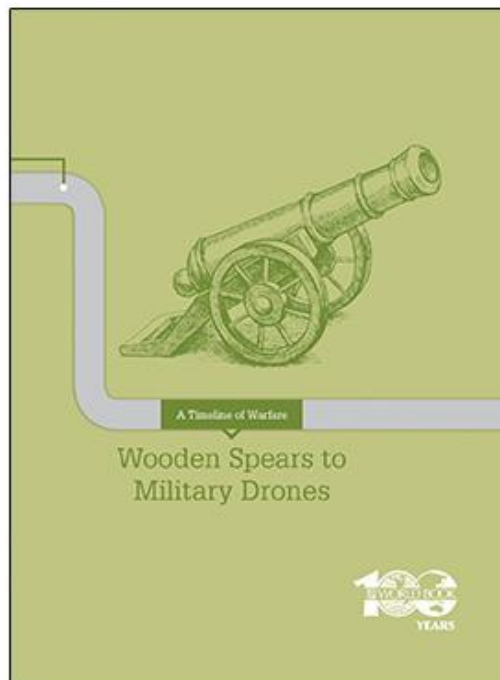
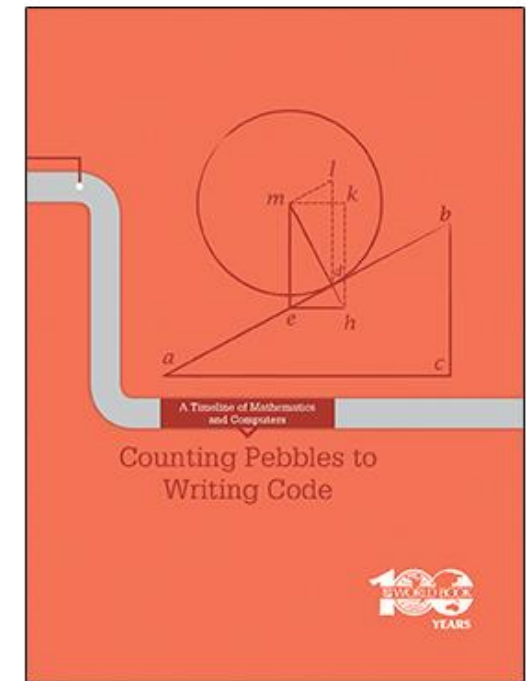
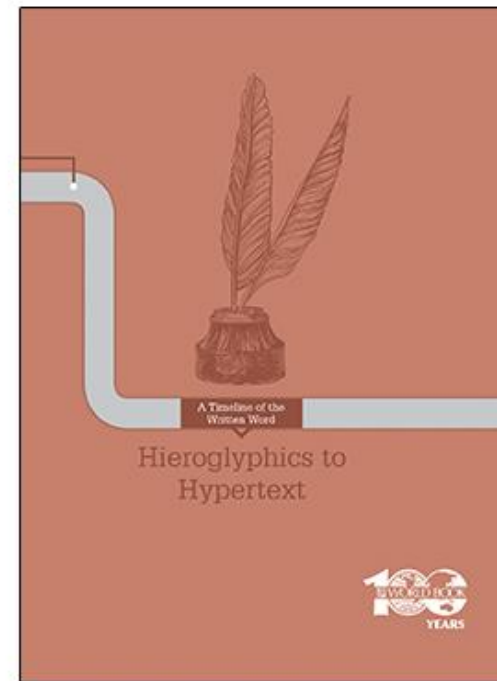
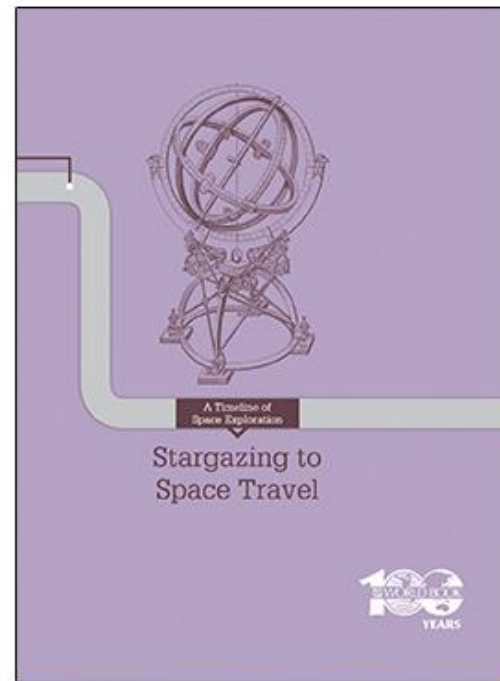
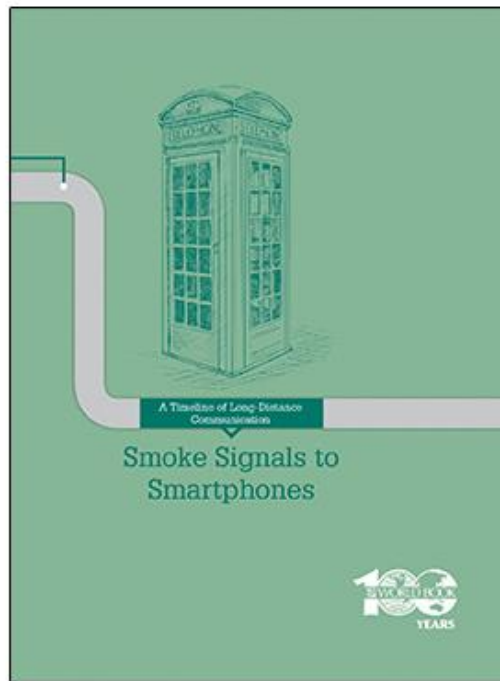
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Ancient World Mathematics

Before 20,000 B.C.—c. 200 B.C.

Across the Mediterranean Sea from Egypt, people in another large civilization became masters of mathematics. Philosophers, or thinkers, of Ancient Greece were fascinated by the shapes in **geometry**. The word “geometry” comes from the Greek words for “Earth” and “to measure.” Philosophers proved many new facts about shapes and numbers. They used **logic**—step-by-step thinking—to show how new facts followed from older ones.

For example, the Ancient Egyptians discovered that a “3-4-5” triangle has one **square angle**. Later, the Babylonians, who also lived in Mesopotamia, studied the

“3-4-5” triangle. They discovered another interesting pattern about this triangle. If the triangle’s sides are turned into squares, then the “3” and “4” squares, added together, have the same area, or surface space, as the “5” square. Using the work of the Egyptians and Babylonians, Greek philosophers used logic to prove that this fact is true for any triangle with a square angle. Their proof became known as the *Pythagorean theorem*. It is named after the philosopher Pythagoras.

The Greeks also used facts about triangles and angles to prove other ideas true. One Greek philosopher, Eratosthenes, used geometry to measure the size of Earth. He did this without leaving his home in northern Africa. He studied the angles of shadows and used logic to learn more about Earth.

Thales, a Greek philosopher, is thought to have been born around 625 B.C. According to tradition, Thales was the first to prove a geometric idea with step-by-step logic.



c. 625 B.C.

c. 580 B.C.

Greek philosopher Pythagoras (580?–? B.C.) is thought to have been born around 580 B.C. He taught geometry and explored numbers.

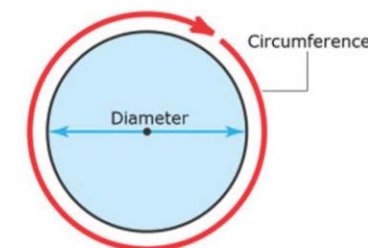


Alexander the Great (356–323 B.C.) founded the Greek city of Alexandria in Egypt. The city became a great center of learning.

331 B.C.

Greek mathematician Euclid is thought to have been born around 330 B.C. Euclid wrote a geometry book called *Elements*. This book gathered all of the Greeks’ knowledge about geometry into one place. Euclid also explored **prime numbers**. A prime number can be divided evenly by 1 and itself. He proved there must be an unlimited amount of prime numbers.

c. 330 B.C.



Greek mathematician and inventor Archimedes is thought to have been born around 287 B.C. He explored one of the most important numbers in mathematics—**pi**. Pi—sometimes written with the Greek letter π —has to do with circles. A circle’s *circumference* (outer boundary line) divided by its *diameter* (line that crosses through the center) always equals pi. Pi is not exactly equal to any fraction or decimal number.

c. 287 B.C.

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Chapter 8

Computers Everywhere

Mid-1970's—today

In the early 1970's, most computers were used in businesses and government operations. They were too bulky and complicated for people to use at home. In 1975, the first small home computer, the Altair, went on sale to the public. The computer was sold as a kit for people to assemble, or build, at home. Two Americans named Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded a company called Microsoft Corporation. They wrote **programs** for the Altair. They use advanced mathematical concepts to write the computer programs

Americans Steven Jobs and Stephen Wozniak founded Apple Computer, Inc. in 1976. They sold a home computer that needed no assembly. In 1981, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) offered its first personal computer (PC) to the public. Soon, small computers became common in homes, schools, and offices.

By the early 1990's, some computers were connected to the Internet. But the Internet's main users were computer scientists and military staff. In 1991, British scientist Tim Berners-Lee developed the World Wide Web. The Web made it easy to use the Internet from a personal computer. Soon, the amount of information available on the Web greatly increased. Companies developed computer programs called *search engines*. The search engines helped people enter a keyword to more easily find information.



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American inventors Bill Gates (1955-...) and Paul Allen (1953-...) founded Microsoft Corporation.

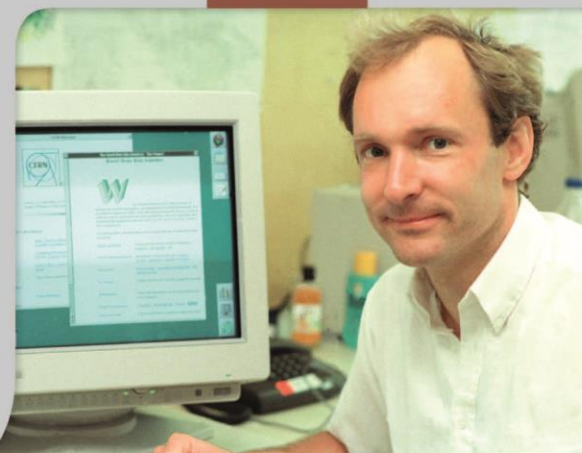
1975

Apple Computer, Inc. (now Apple Inc.) was founded by Americans Steve Jobs (1955-2011) and Steve Wozniak (1950-...). The Apple II personal computer, released the following year, cost less than the big, powerful computers used by businesses. The Apple II computer was sold as an assembled unit, so people did not need to be experts to build or use it.

1976

British scientist Tim Berners-Lee (1955-...) introduced the World Wide Web. Berners-Lee was working at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) near Geneva, Switzerland, when he had the idea for the World Wide Web. He thought the Web would help other scientists link to CERN's computer files. Today, people can use the Web to search for information about almost anything.

1991



Google, Inc. launched its search engine. It helped people find information on the vast World Wide Web. Google's search engine works by counting *links* to websites. If many links lead to a given website, the search engine gives the website a higher rank, or level, in the results.

1998

2002

The BlackBerry was the first popular smartphone, a phone that works like a small computer. A modern smartphone has more computing power than the NASA computers used on the Apollo moon-landing mission in 1969.

Breaks down complicated developments into manageable pieces while graphically showing interdependencies and continuity.

Chapter 1

The Ancient World

c. 3000 B.C.—c. A.D. 200

In ancient Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome, many people believed that good health depended on a person's lifestyle, environment, and the flow of *humors*, or energy, through *channels* that moved through the body. To treat the sick, healers used medicines, traditional cures, simple methods, and prayer. Early healers were not professionally trained. They learned medical practices by following tradition and from their own observations and experiences over time.

Ancient Egyptians thought that illness was the result of evil spirits entering the body and blocking its channels. Magic was used to cure the illness. Early medicines were made from foods, plants, shells, herbs, minerals, and animal parts. The Egyptians put honey on wounds to help them heal. Although the Egyptians did not understand how this process worked, scientists now know that honey kills **bacteria** living on a surface. Other ancient medical treatments, however, probably made the illness worse. Egyptian doctors sometimes put soil into a part of the body as a remedy. Rather than help, this method likely hurt the body's natural healing process. But the Egyptians were skilled at setting broken bones. They carried out such basic surgery as stitching serious skin wounds closed.

Ancient Egyptians developed the first formal system of medicine.

c. 3000 B.C.—1000 B.C.

Ayurvedic medicine started in what is now the nation of India. Ayurvedic medicine is a system of care that focuses on a state of overall well-being and balance between physical, emotional, and spiritual parts of a person's life. The ancient Ayurvedic god of medicine was named Lord Dhanvantari.



c. 2500 B.C.

Evidence shows that acupuncture was widely used in areas of what is now the country of China. Acupuncture is the ancient practice of inserting needles into the body to relieve pain and illness.



c. 1550 B.C.

The Ebers Papyrus, an ancient Egyptian medical text, was written around 1550 B.C. It is one of the oldest medical documents ever discovered. It describes blood vessels in the human body and lists over 700 home remedies and magic formulas to cure sickness.



Ayurvedic doctors in what is now India developed surgical techniques to treat many injuries and conditions. They used about 125 surgical instruments. They invented plastic surgery techniques to replace damaged noses and ears.

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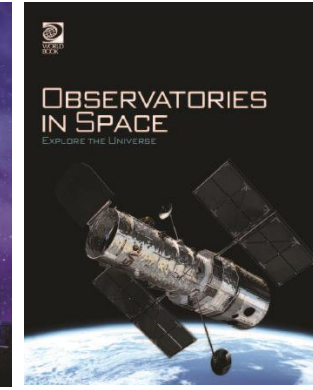
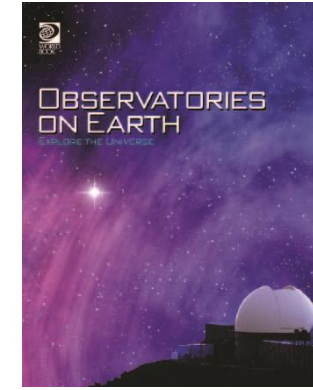
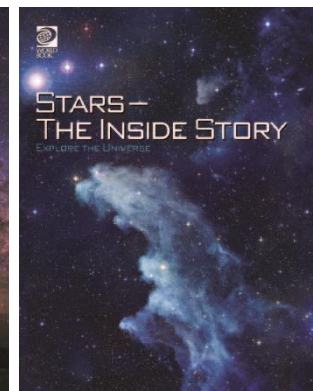
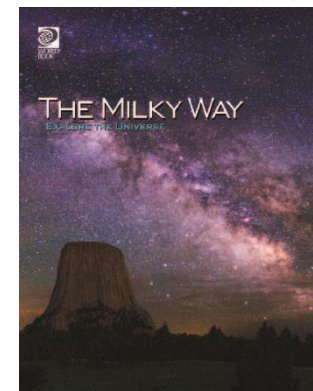
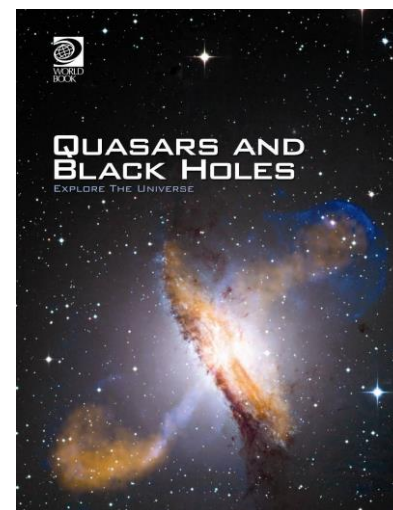
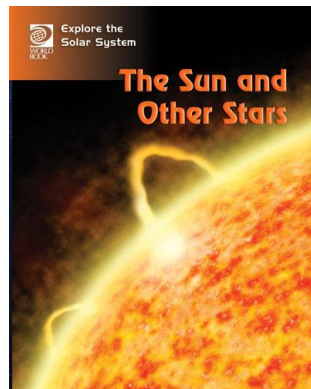
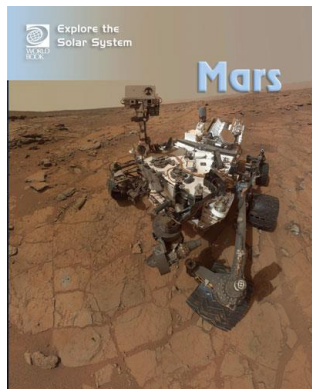
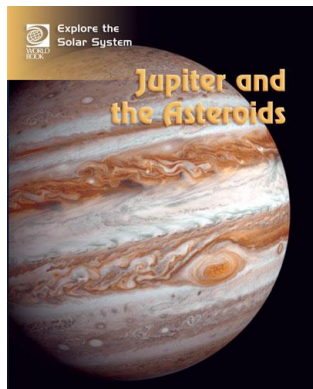
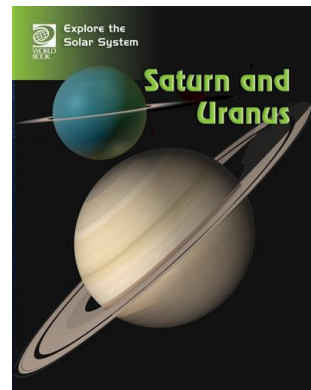
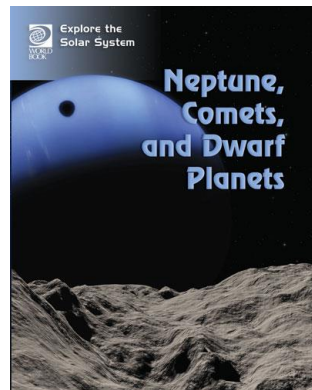
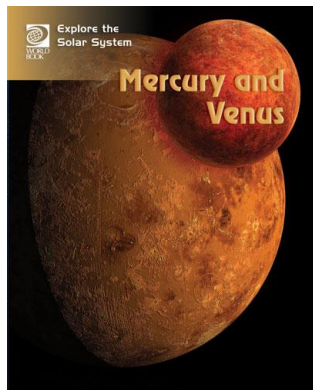
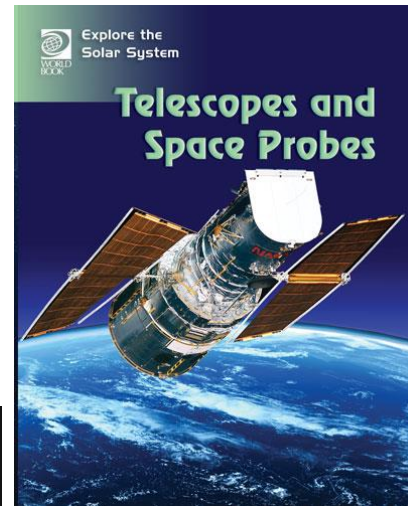
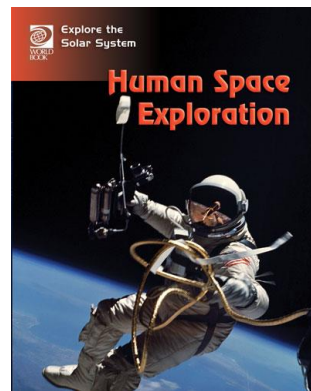
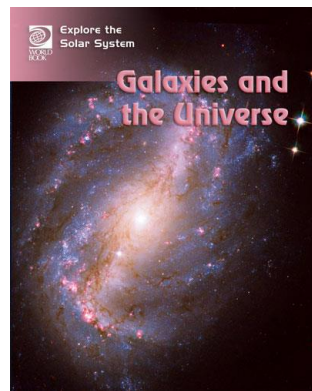
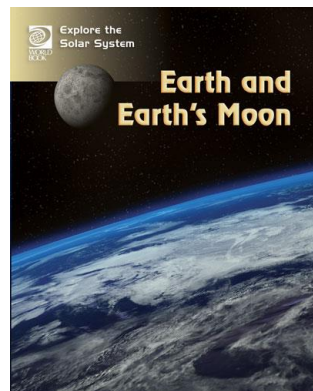
History/Social Studies/Science

- Understand key features of ancient societies (farming, trade, social classes, religion, rule of law)
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EXPLORE THE SOLAR SYSTEM & EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE

COMPANION SETS

Recommended Age Range: 8-14
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Together, the two sets cover astronomy curriculums from early primary through to high school.

What Is Earth Made Of?

Much of Earth is made of solid rock. Earth has three layers: the **crust**, **mantle**, and **core**.

The crust is Earth's thin, cool, outer layer. The crust under the continents is mostly **granite** and similar rock. The crust under the oceans is much thinner. It is mostly **basalt** (*buh SAWLT* or *BAS awlt*), which is a dense and dark volcanic rock. Oxygen is the

most common chemical element in Earth's crust.

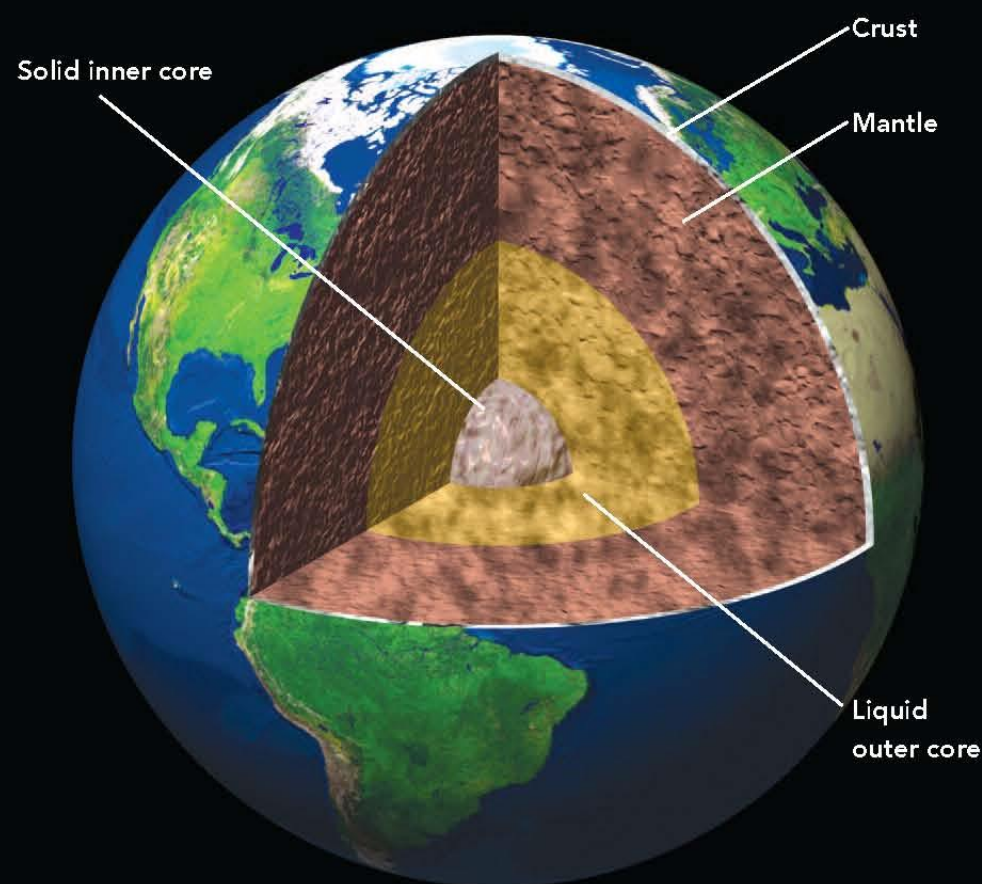
Beneath the crust is the mantle, a thick, hot layer that flows slowly. The crust floats on the mantle like a board on water. Most of the mantle is made up of a group of minerals called **silicates**. They consist of silicon, oxygen, and one or more metallic elements.

The core lies at the center of Earth. The core, which is about the same size as Mars, is made mostly of iron and nickel. Scientists think that the outer part of the core is liquid and that the inner core is solid.

Highlights

- Much of Earth is made of rock, just like the other inner planets.
- Earth's crust under the continents is made mostly of granite. Its crust under the oceans is made mostly of basalt.
- The mantle is made mostly of minerals called silicates, and the core is mostly iron and nickel.

Inside Earth



Easy-to-follow Question & Answer format effectively draws readers into the material.

How Big Is the Milky Way?

The Milky Way is enormous. If you could travel at the **speed of light**, it would take you 100,000 years to get from one end of the **galaxy** to the other! Light travels about 5.88 trillion miles (9.46 trillion kilometers)—in one year.

The central bulge of the Milky Way is about 10,000 **light-years** thick and about 27,000 light-years long. Toward the edges, the Milky Way is about 1,000 light-years thick. Scientists think that the galaxy contains about 200 billion **stars**. The Milky Way is so massive that there are many smaller **galaxies** in **orbit** around it, much like **moons** orbiting a **planet**.

Fun Fact

The Milky Way's central bulge is made up of a thick bar of stars that stretches for about 27,000 light-years. That is why astronomers call the Milky Way a barred spiral galaxy.

Although the Milky Way is vast, other galaxies are even larger. The most massive galaxies can have 100 times as much **mass**—in the form of stars, hot gas, and other **matter**—as the Milky Way.

Highlights

- The Milky Way is so large, it would take someone traveling at the speed of light 100,000 years to travel from one end of the galaxy to the other.
- The Milky Way contains about 200 billion stars.
- Some galaxies are even larger than the Milky Way.

The central bulge of the Milky Way appears in a photo taken from the side by a satellite recording *infrared light* (light in the form of heat).

Information is presented in brief sections to facilitate comprehension of deep-space science themes.



WHERE DID THE UNIVERSE COME FROM?

Most scientists accept the theory that the universe began to expand and evolve with an event that they call the big bang.



Most scientists agree that the big bang marked the beginning of the current universe. However, there is no current way to observe events before this event. Scientists have theorized: (1) that nothing may have existed before the big bang; (2) that there may be many possible universes and that the big bang occurred when two of them touched; (3) that our current universe may be just one in a repeating cycle of expansion, contraction, and big bangs.

TINY FIREBALL

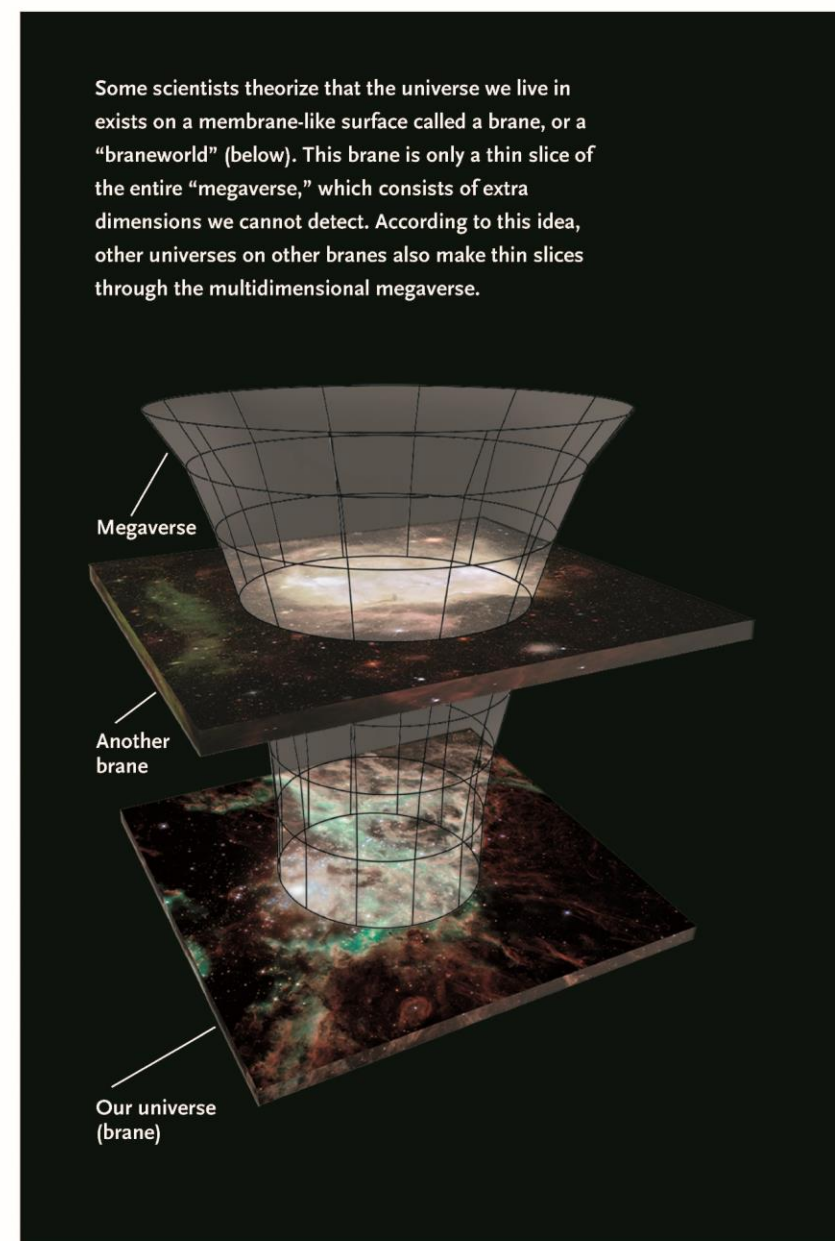
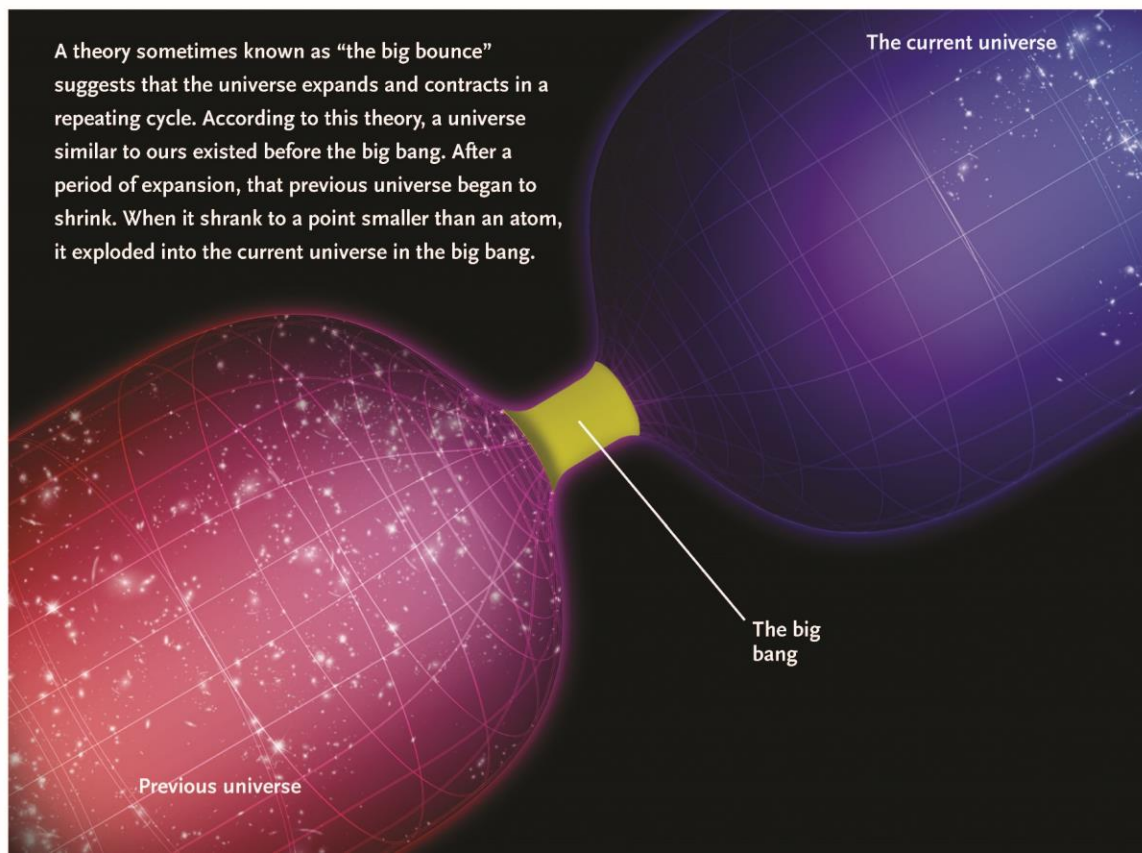
It is hard to imagine what things were like at the moment of the **big bang**. For the tiniest fraction of a second, the entire universe was unimaginably hot and dense. Some scientists describe the universe of this time as a tiny, primordial fireball. It was thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin. Space and time as we think of them did not even exist.

RAPID INFLATION

A theory called **inflation theory** explains what happened right after the **big bang**. According to inflation theory, the universe expanded very rapidly in the first few seconds. Imagine the early universe as a balloon. Suppose you attach the balloon to a tank of gas and open the nozzle all the way. The balloon will inflate, or blow up, very quickly. According to inflation theory, the universe grew from less than the size of a pinpoint to the size of a **galaxy** in just a fraction of a second. Inflation stopped when the universe cooled down and matter as we know it began to form.

STILL EXPANDING

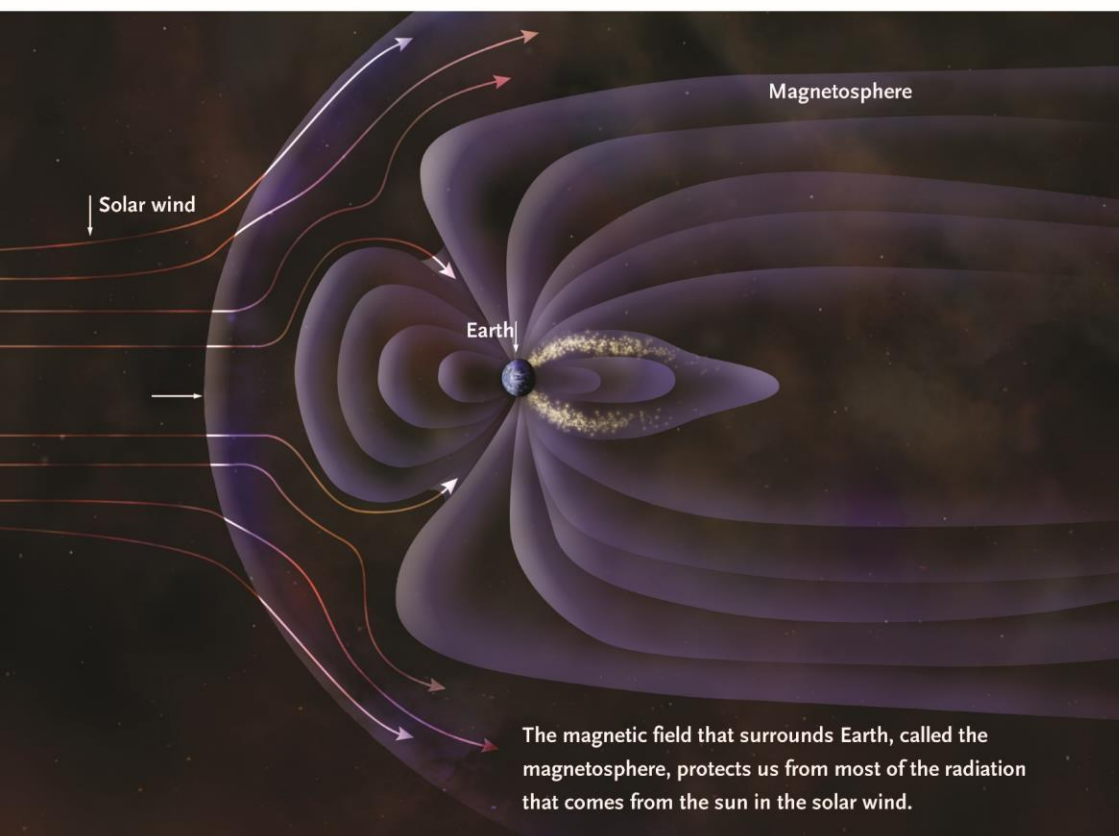
Astronomers have found that the universe is still expanding. They see galaxies moving farther away from Earth as well as from one another. **Cosmologists** say the galaxies appear to be moving because space itself is continuing to expand.



Many spreads include a “Did You Know” feature that offers an interesting and little-known fact about some element of the topic.



WHAT ARE MAGNETIC FIELDS?



SIMPLE MAGNETIC FIELD

Magnetism is related to electricity. Magnetism can be caused by the spinning movement of *electrons* (negatively charged particles) in certain atoms. Not all materials are attracted to magnetic fields. Magnets affect only certain metals, such as iron, nickel, and cobalt, and only these elements can become magnets.

The simplest magnetic field is one around a

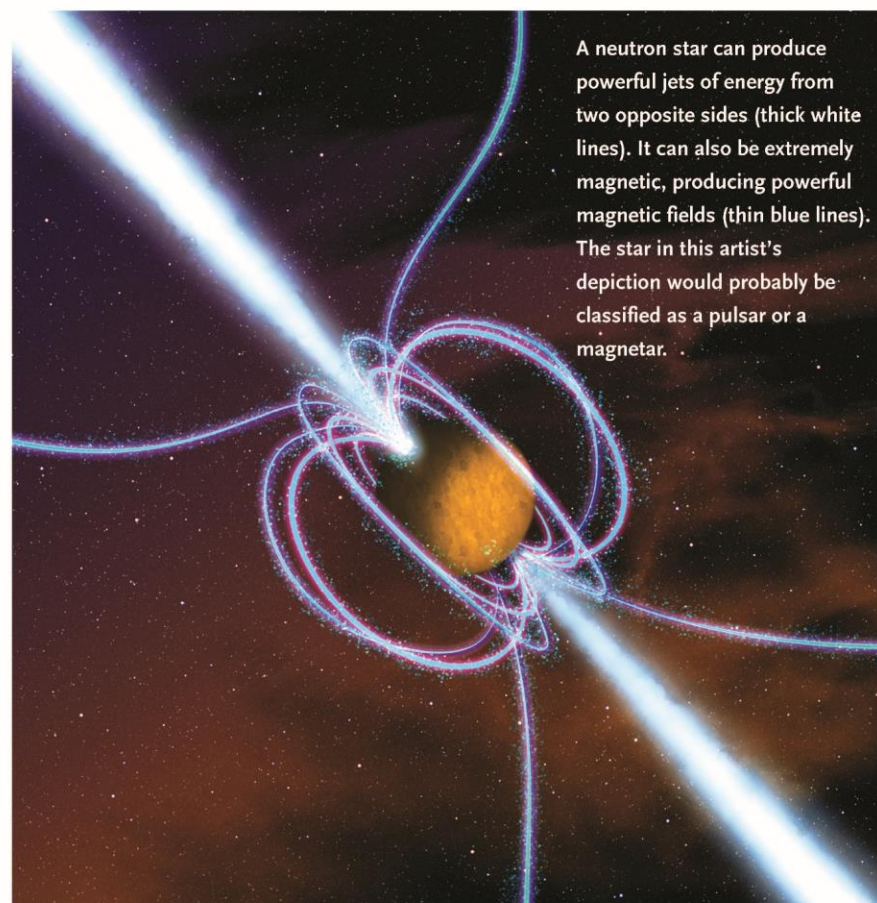
bar magnet. One end of the magnet is the north pole and the other is the south pole. Invisible magnetic field lines loop out of one pole and back to the magnet's other pole.

Magnets can attract or repel one another. The north end of one magnet will attract the south end of another. But the same poles of two magnets will repel each other.

Magnetic fields are lines of magnetic force around a magnet. The sun and other stars, Earth and some other planets, as well as entire galaxies are surrounded by magnetic fields.

DID YOU KNOW?

Like Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are surrounded by a magnetic field. Mercury has an extremely weak magnetic field. Venus and Mars apparently have no magnetic field.



MAGNETIC FIELDS IN SPACE

Earth has a magnetic field. It is produced by the motion of currents in the liquid outer core. Earth's magnetic field protects the **planet** from the **solar wind** of the sun. The solar wind is a stream of electrically charged particles coming from the sun.

The sun is surrounded by a magnetic field. Eruptions of this field cause disturbances on the sun's surface. Huge prominences, loops of fiery gas, sometimes rise up from the sun's surface along a magnetic field. Sunspots—darker, cooler, areas on the surface of the sun—form from looping magnetic fields.

Other stars also have magnetic fields. Some are far more powerful than those of the sun. Collapsed stars called **neutron stars** have magnetic fields a thousand times as powerful as the sun's. Physicists measure magnetism with a unit called a gauss. The sun's magnetic field is 1 or 2 gauss. Some neutron stars have a magnetic field of 10 trillion gauss.

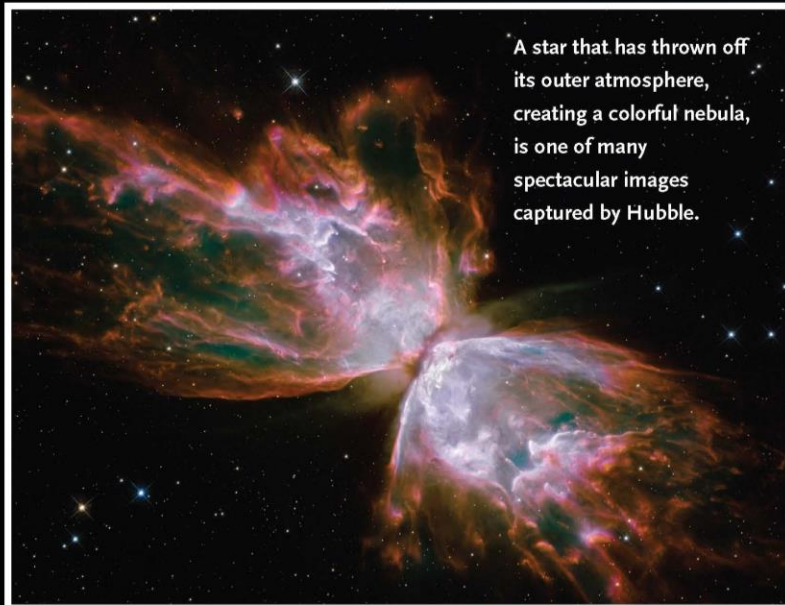
Astronomers have also detected magnetic fields in the Milky Way and other **galaxies**. They think that slowly rotating galaxies could have created these fields. They believe that such magnetic fields could affect the rate at which **stars** form.

Four “Focus On” special features per volume that offer in-depth looks at amazing phenomena, explain scientific processes, and offer side trips to exotic locations.

FOCUS ON

HUBBLE'S VIEW OF THE UNIVERSE

The Hubble Space Telescope has provided unprecedented views of the universe, forever changing our understanding of the planets of the solar system, how stars are born and die, and the overall structure of the universe.



A star that has thrown off its outer atmosphere, creating a colorful nebula, is one of many spectacular images captured by Hubble.

The Hubble Deep Field (background photograph) is a revolutionary image that stretches to the edge of the visible universe. The Deep Field shows only a tiny part of the sky, equivalent to the size of a tennis ball seen at 330 feet (100 meters). Yet even such a small part of the sky is filled with galaxies, some billions of light-years away. The Hubble Deep Field emphasizes the vast, complex nature of the universe.



Hubble can observe *infrared light* (heat radiation), which passes through great clouds of dust and gas, to reveal newborn stars. Such stars form deep within nebulae, such as the Cone Nebula.



A false-color ultraviolet image of Saturn taken by Hubble reveals the bands of rotating gas that make up the planet's atmosphere.

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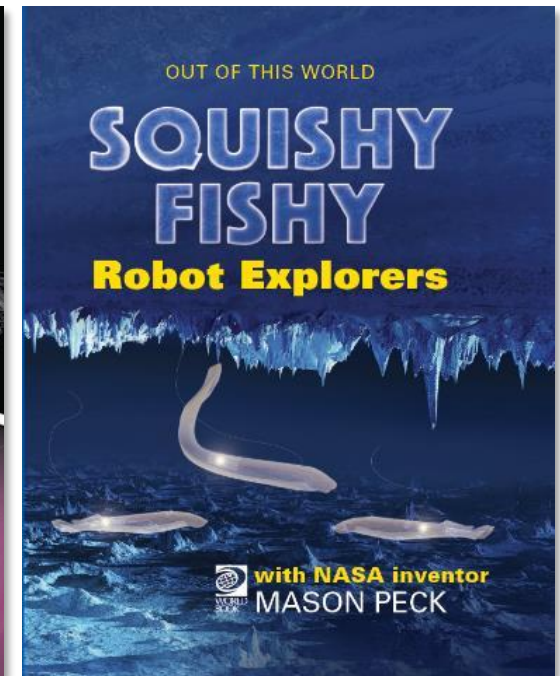
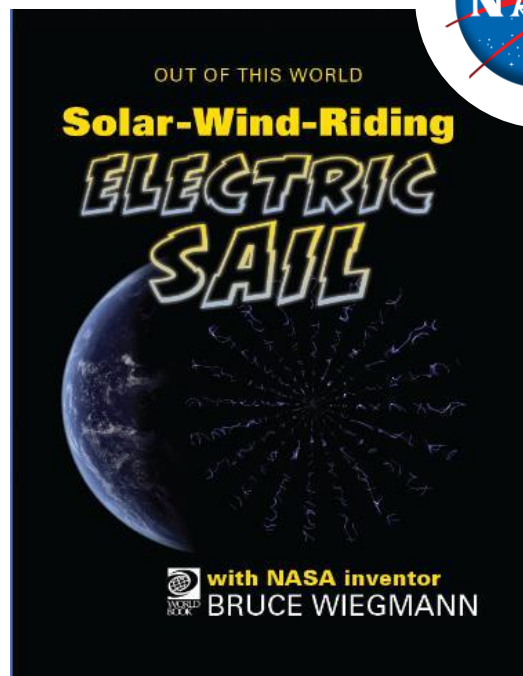
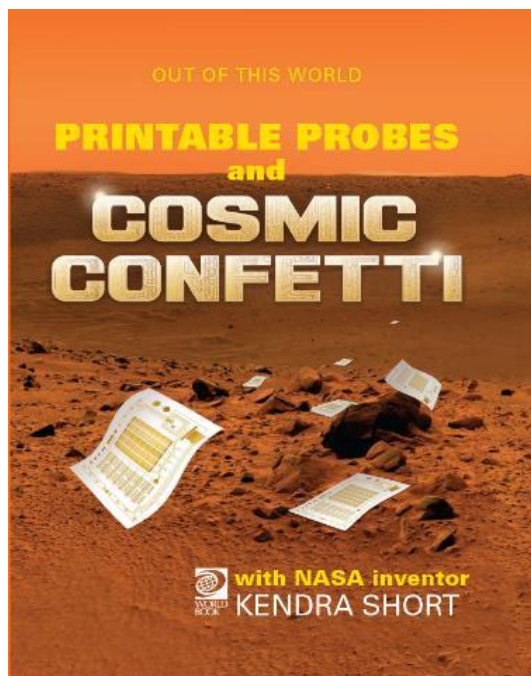
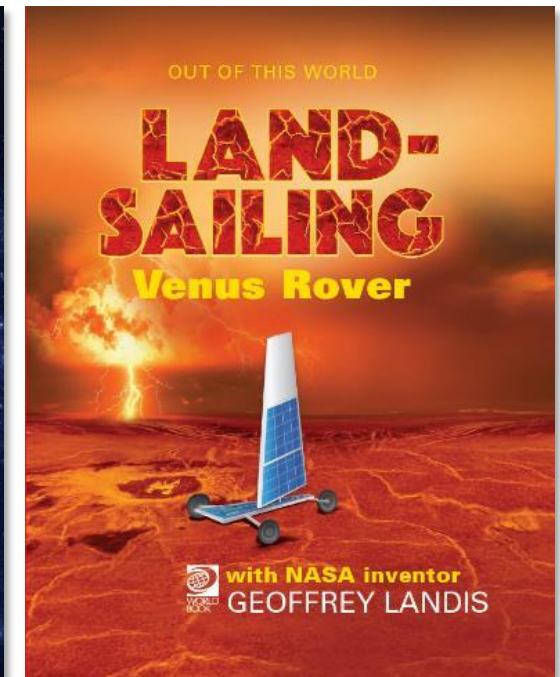
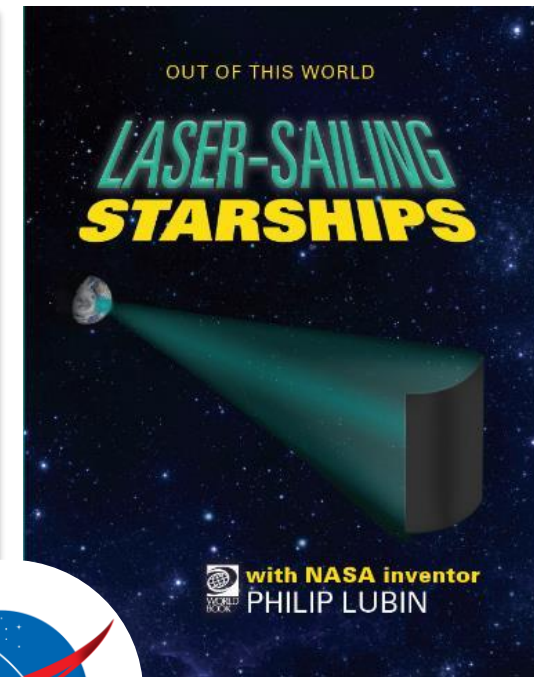
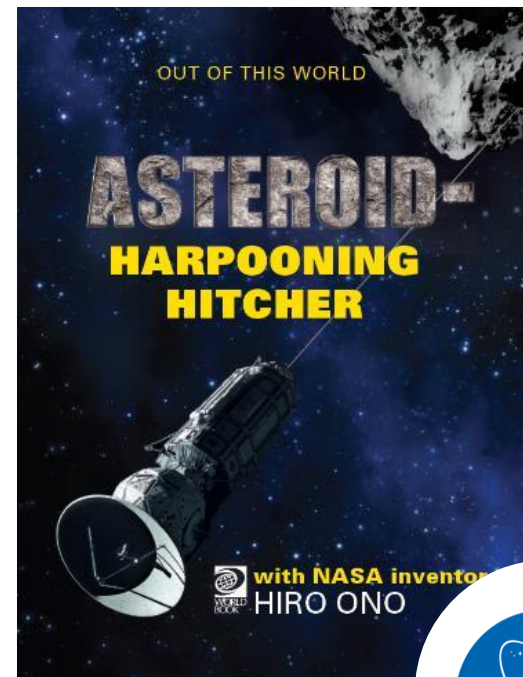
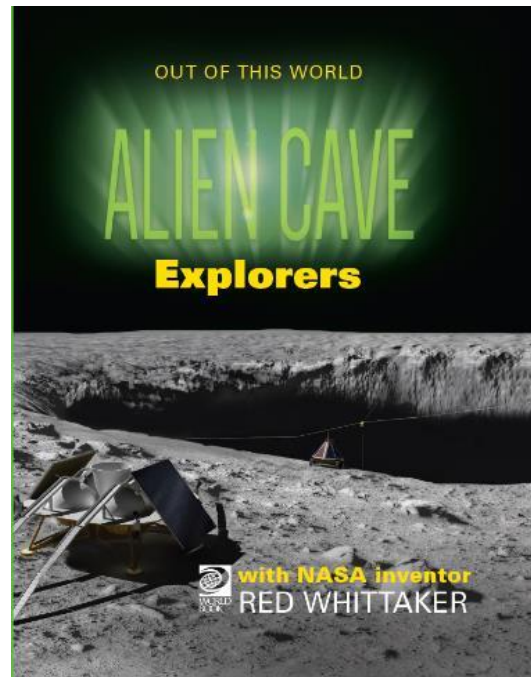
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STEM/NGSS

- Identify planets of the Solar System
- Model the relative size of and distance between Earth, other planets in the solar system, and the sun
- Research how scientists were able to develop ideas about the solar system through the gathering of evidence through space exploration
- Describe how the evolution of the universe, including the formation of galaxies and stars, has continued since the Big Bang

OUT OF THIS WORLD

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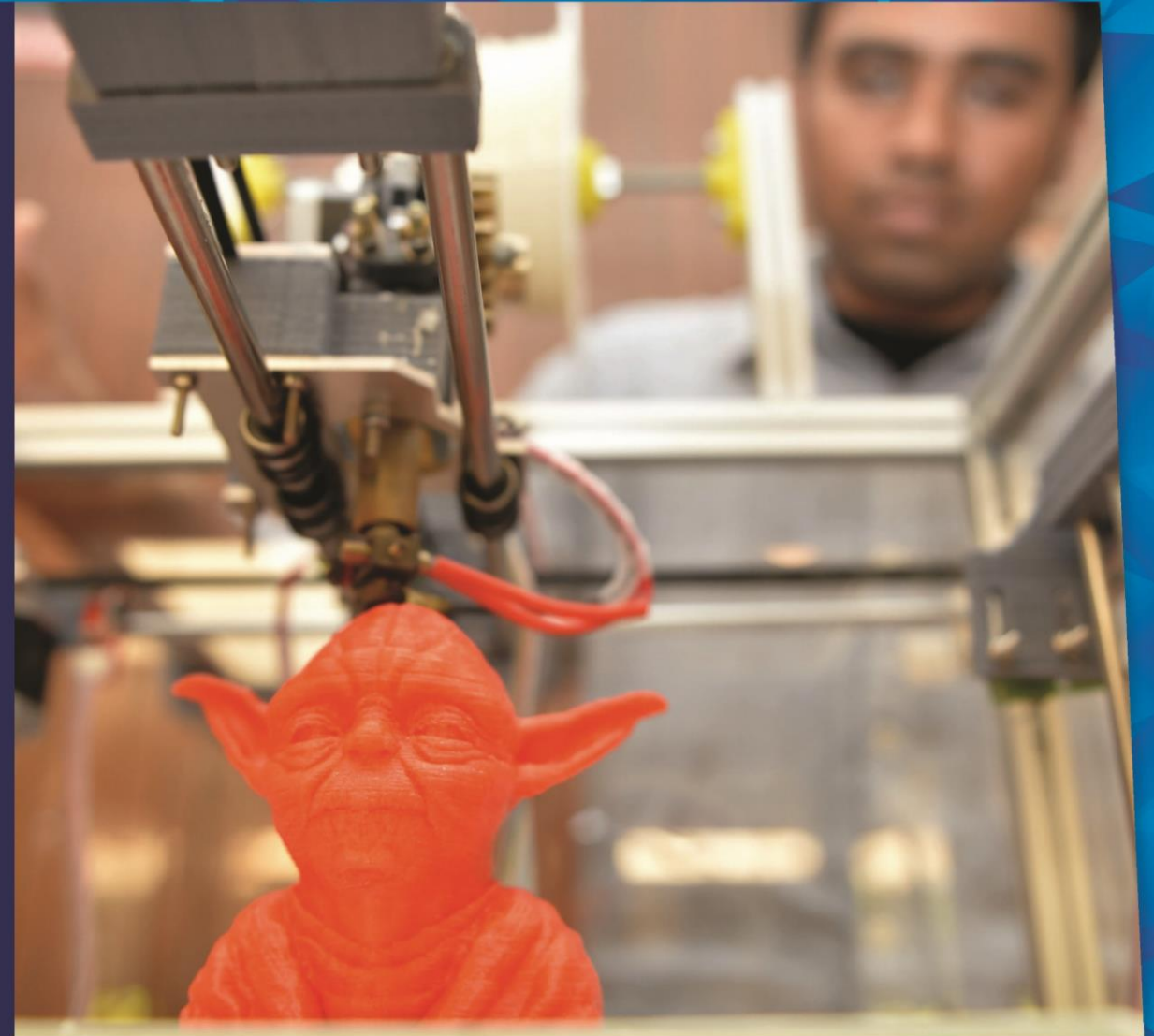
Big idea:

Additive manufacturing

Hoyt's Trusselator is an example of **additive manufacturing**. Additive manufacturing means using a mechanical device to build up a three-dimensional structure piece by piece. Additive manufacturing more typically makes use of a device called a **three-dimensional (3-D) printer**.

“ A number of years ago, we were looking at ways to set up large antennas in space. We tested a number of unconventional ways of folding or packing them. Then about 10 years ago, 3-D printing technology really started to take off. I became intrigued with the idea of printing satellite components in orbit. ” —Robert

A 3-D printer can turn a computer model into a real-life object. A computer begins the process by “slicing” the model into thin cross sections. These cross sections are sent to the 3-D printer as a series of flat images. But instead of printing the images on multiple sheets of paper, the 3-D printer prints each layer on top of the previous layer, building up a three-dimensional form.



A three-dimensional (3-D) printer produces a plastic model of the character Yoda from the *Star Wars* films, building up the form layer by layer.

Easy-to-read text explains complex space science concepts.

A sea full of life?

Could Europa's huge ocean under the ice be filled with life? To find out, we may have to go there. Sending astronauts to such a far distant place is not yet possible. So, we would have to send robots. But usual robots—all metal parts and spinning motors—may be too clumsy, too heavy, and too expensive to do the job.

To search for sea creatures, we may have to design robots that work like sea creatures. A team of inventors led by an American professor named Mason Peck is doing just that. Their dream is to send robot explorers to search for life in Europa's oceans. And the squishy robots they are designing may have more in common with jellyfish or squid than with the clunky machines of yesteryear.

Jellyfish are water animals that have jellylike material supporting their soft bodies. They swim by expanding the body like an opening parachute, then pulling it together again rapidly. This motion squeezes water out from beneath the body, shooting the jellyfish through the water.

The NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts 

program. The titles in the *Out of This World* series feature projects that have won grant money from a group formed by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA. The NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts program (NIAC) provides funding to teams working to develop bold new advances in space technology. You can visit NIAC's website at www.nasa.gov/niac.

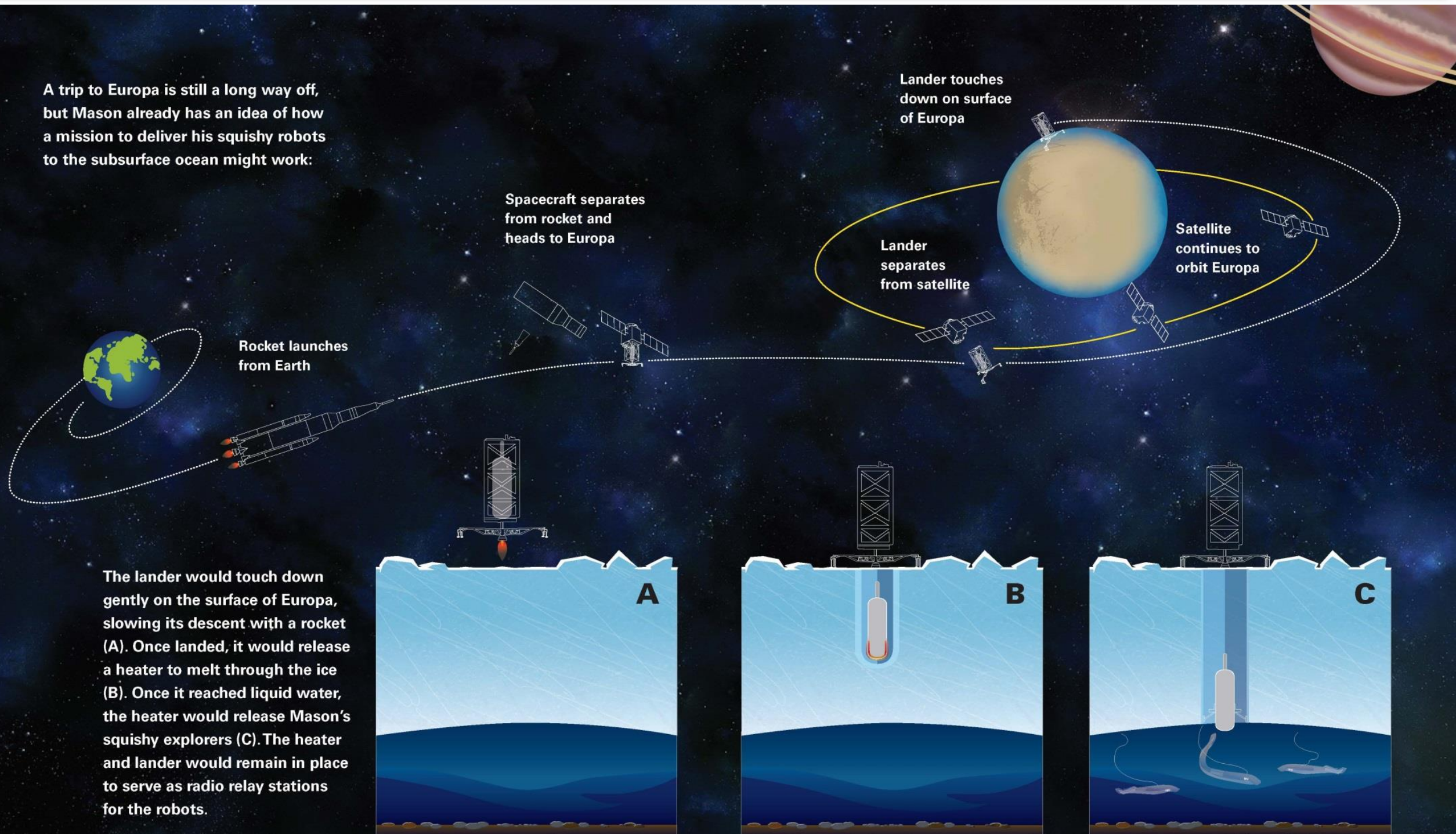
Meet
Mason Peck.

“I’m a professor of engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. From a young age, I wanted to build something that nobody had ever built before. Now I’m leading a team of inventors working to develop squishy robots for a future mission to Europa.”



Stunning imagery and futuristic renderings bring innovations to life.

A trip to Europa is still a long way off, but Mason already has an idea of how a mission to deliver his squishy robots to the subsurface ocean might work:



Focus on Curriculum

English/Language Arts

Reading Informational Text

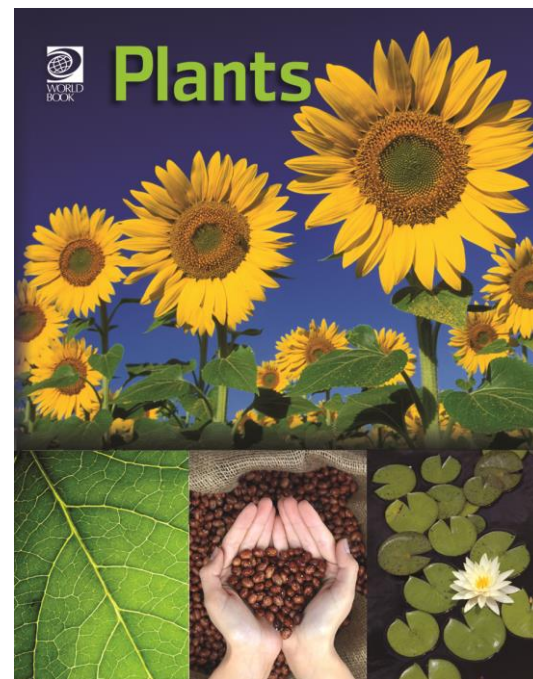
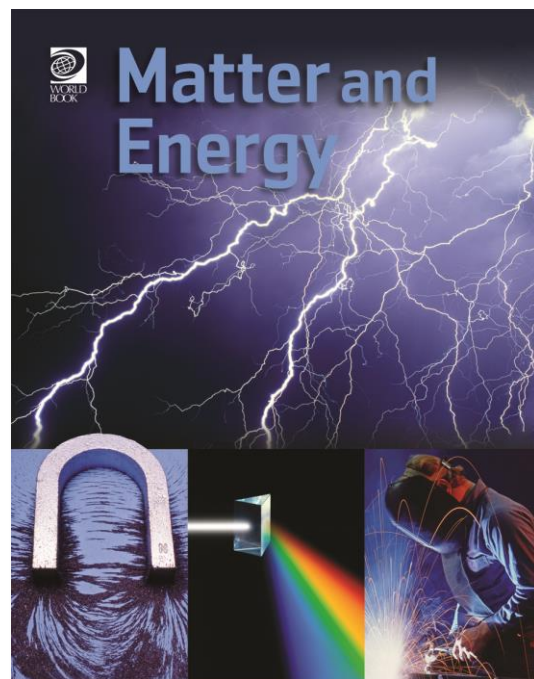
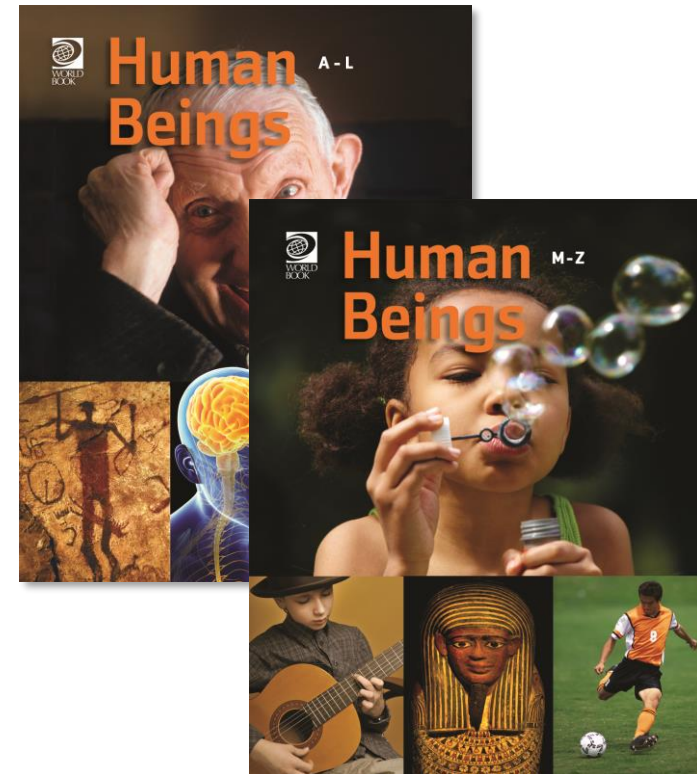
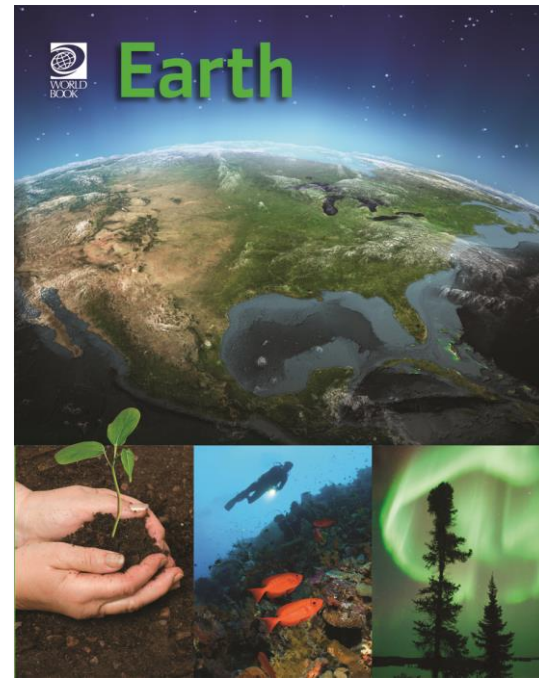
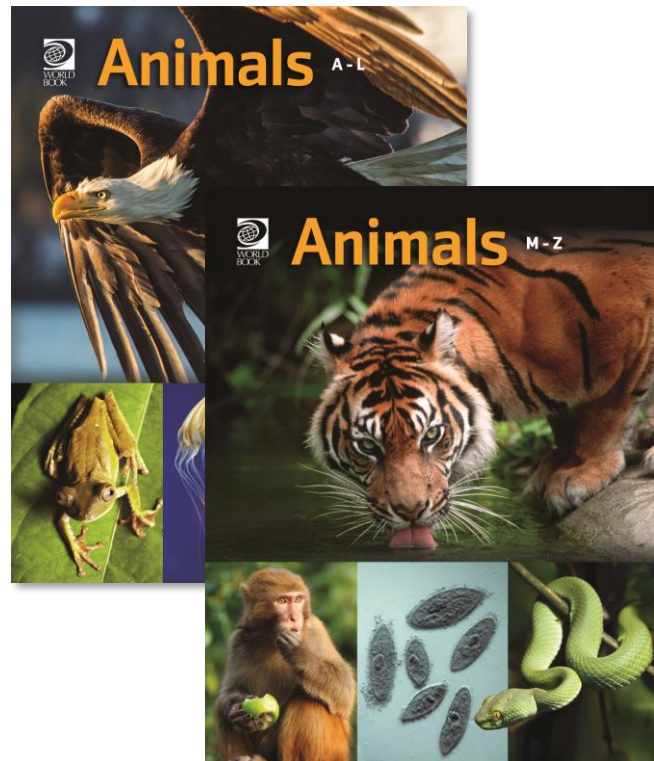
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STEM/NGSS:

- Appreciate that science is a way of explaining the world and that science knowledge changes over time.
- Identify ways in which scientists work together and provide evidence to support their idea.
- Understand that water, air, rocks and soil, and life forms make up our planet and recognize that these are also earth's resources.
- Describe how natural features are changed and resources affected by natural events and human actions.
- Explain how living things are suited to their particular habitat and how they respond to environmental changes both natural and human-included.

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Daimler, Gottlieb

Gottlieb Daimler (1826-1900) was a German engineer. Daimler invented a type of engine. His engine was light enough to power an automobile. Before, people had experimented with carriages powered by steam engines. Daimler's engine worked by burning gasoline instead. It was a type of engine called an internal combustion engine.

In 1883, Daimler and another German engineer, Wilhelm Maybach, made a motorized bicycle. In 1886, they created a motorized carriage.

Daimler started the Daimler Motor Company in 1890. The company made the first Mercedes car in 1901. The Daimler and Benz companies merged to form Daimler-Benz in 1926. The company's name is now Daimler AG.

Other articles to read include: Automobiles, Benz, Karl, Gasoline engine.

Dam

A dam is a wall placed across a river or stream. It blocks water from flowing. The blocked water forms a lake behind the dam. Such a lake is called a reservoir. Some dams are only piles of rocks. Others are made of concrete walls as tall as skyscrapers. Dams make it easier for people to use water supplies. For example, water from the reservoir can be used for growing crops or for drinking. Such reservoirs of water may be especially important during dry periods. In some dams, water is allowed to flow through special machines called turbines (TUR-bins). The water spins the turbines, producing electric power for homes and businesses. Reservoirs are also used for fishing, boating, and swimming.

Dams can help prevent flooding. The reservoir holds back floodwaters. The extra water can then be released gradually, instead of all at once. Dams change the course and strength of rivers. These changes can help people. But they can also harm fish and other wildlife.

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Dams have been important for thousands of years. Some dams that were built about 2,000 years ago in ancient Rome are still used today.

Other articles to read include: Building construction, Turbine.

A gravity dam relies on its massive weight to stop the force of water.

A buttress dam gets extra strength from sloped supports called buttresses on the side opposite the reservoir.

An arch dam, often built across a narrow canyon, spreads the water's force to the sides.

Database

A database is a collection of information. It is usually stored in a computer. The information is called data.

The data in a database can be used in many different ways. Libraries use databases to keep track of their books, for example. Library patrons can look for data on a book by title, author, or subject. They can also look up the company that printed the book or the date when it was printed.

Many other organizations use databases. Stores use databases to record their customers' purchases. Schools use databases to keep their students' grades and other information. Many companies use databases to keep track of their money and supplies. Much of the information on the Internet is organized into databases.

Other articles to read include: Computers, Internet, Search engines.

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EXPERIMENT

Testing for metal

Do not use a high-power battery for this experiment—it will make the wires very hot.

Look around your home. How many different metals can you find? The most common metals are aluminum and iron. You may also find some copper or gold. Other materials are alloys—that is, mixtures of metals. Alloys include brass, steel, and bronze.

Metals have several properties that make them different from nonmetals. You can sort metal materials from nonmetal materials by testing them. For example, many kinds of metals can bend easily. Metals also typically get hot quickly. And metals are conductors—that is, electricity passes through them. Some nonmetal materials may have one or two of these properties. For example, certain plastics bend easily. But plastics do not get hot easily or carry electricity. Only metals have all three of these properties.

Here is a test that you can do to see how well an electric current passes through different elements.

1. Cut three pieces of wire about 6 inches (15 centimeters) long. Attach the end of one piece to the battery. Fix the other end to the bulb with the tape.
2. Attach another piece of wire to the other side of the battery. Fix the third piece of wire to the other side of the bulb with the tape. Wind the two free ends of the wire around two iron nails.
3. Check that the electric circuit is wired correctly by touching the tips of the nails together. The bulb should light up. Now test your spoons, nails, coins, and charcoal by placing the tips of the nails at each end of the substance.

What you need:

- scissors
- some plastic-coated copper wire
- tape
- a 1.5-volt (D) battery
- a 15-volt light bulb in a light bulb holder
- a steel spoon
- some iron nails
- some nickel coins
- a piece of charcoal

What's going on:

When you have finished testing the items, you should notice that some of the results are the same. All the metals light up the bulb. They are good electrical conductors. One substance is a nonmetal. It will not light up the bulb.

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ACTIVITY

How a fuse works

To make sure wires do not overheat, most electrical circuits have a device that can break the circuit. The two main devices are the *fuse* and the *circuit breaker*. Circuit breakers protect the wiring in homes and other buildings. If too many electrical devices are plugged into an outlet, the circuit breaker will shut off the current by throwing open its switches. Learn how a circuit breaker works by trying this experiment.

Have a teacher or other adult help you with this experiment. Do not play with electricity!

1. Place the bulb in the bulb holder. Connect one piece of wire to one terminal of the battery. Using the screwdriver, remove one screw from the bulb holder. Connect the other end of the wire to one side of the bulb holder. Replace the screw.
2. Use the screwdriver to remove the other screw from the bulb holder. Connect the second piece of wire to the other side of the bulb holder. Replace the screw. Connect the third piece of wire to the other terminal of the battery.
3. Test your apparatus by picking up the two free wires by the plastic coating. Touch the bare ends together, without touching them with your hands, and the bulb should light up. Separate the two ends and the bulb should go out.
4. Disconnect the third wire from the battery while you connect a thin strand of steel wool to the other two free ends of wire. The strand of steel wool is now your fuse. Reconnect the third wire to the battery to complete your circuit. Then place the bare ends of the fourth piece of wire on the two screws of the bulb holder. What happens?

What's going on:

The bulb will go out. The steel wool quickly heats up and melts. This breaks the circuit and the current stops flowing.

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QR codes

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Key to pronunciation

World Book Discovery Science Encyclopedia provides the pronunciations for many unusual or unfamiliar words. In the pronunciation, the words are divided into syllables and respelled according to the way each syllable sounds. The syllables appear in *italic letters*. For example, here are an article title and the respelled pronunciation for it:

Absorption (*ab SAWRP shuhn*)

The syllable or syllables that get the greatest emphasis when the word is spoken are in capital letters (*SAWRP*).

More than 3,000 articles across more than 2,300 pages, and hundreds of photographs, illustrations, maps, and diagrams.



Beneath Ganymede's varied surface are a thick layer of ice, a rocky layer, and a metal core. A thin ocean of salty water may lay about 105 miles (170 kilometers) beneath the surface.

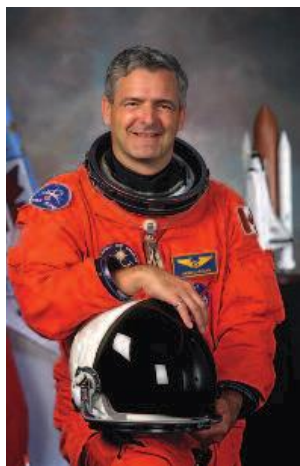
Ganymede

Ganymede (*GAN uh meed*) is the largest moon of the planet Jupiter. It is also the largest moon in the solar system. It is even larger than the planet Mercury. Ganymede orbits Jupiter every 7.15 Earth days at a distance of 664,900 miles (1,070,000 kilometers). Ganymede is one of the four moons of Jupiter discovered by the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei in 1610.

Ganymede's surface is made up of almost equal amounts of dark and bright *terrain* (land). The dark areas are made mostly of ice mixed with pieces of dark rock. These areas have many *impact craters* and large cracks. The craters were made by asteroids and comets crashing into the surface. Forces released by the biggest impacts produced many of the cracks. Other cracks formed when changes in the structure and temperature of the moon caused it to expand.

The bright terrain has many fewer craters. It formed as the surface expanded and cracked. Water, ice, or both flooded low-lying areas and craters. The cracking and stretching of the new terrain created parallel sets of ridges and valleys.

Other articles to read include: **Galileo** (scientist); **Impact crater**; **Jupiter**; **Satellite**.



Marc Garneau

Garneau, Marc

Marc Garneau (*gahr NO*) (1949 -) was the first Canadian to travel in space. He is a captain in the Royal Canadian Navy. Garneau flew with six American astronauts aboard the United States space shuttle Challenger from October 5 to 13, 1984. Garneau also made shuttle flights in 1996 and 2000.

Garneau was born in Quebec City. He earned a doctoral degree in electrical engineering from the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. Garneau joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1965. He became an expert on communications and weapon systems. In 1983, Garneau was chosen to be one of Canada's first six astronauts. He served as president of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) from November 2001 to

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November 2005. Garneau became the *chancellor* (head) of Carleton University in Ottawa in 2003. Garneau was elected to the Canadian Parliament in 2008.

Other articles to read include: **Astronaut**; **Canadian Space Agency**; **Space exploration**.

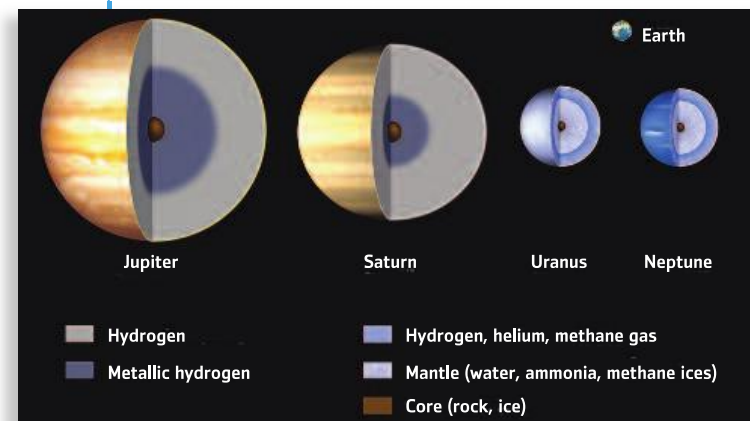
Gas giant

A gas giant is a type of planet made of mostly gases with little or no rock. The solar system has four such planets—Jupiter, Neptune, Saturn, and Uranus. The two most common gases that make up gas giants are hydrogen and helium. These chemical elements are the two most abundant substances in the universe.

Gas giants have also been found outside the solar system. Planets outside the solar system are called *extrasolar planets* or *exoplanets*. These extrasolar gas giants do not get much larger in size than Jupiter, but they can have much more *mass* (amount of matter).

Because of their large size, extrasolar gas giants are easier to spot *orbiting* (traveling around) faraway stars. Many of the exoplanets first discovered were gas giants orbiting very close to their home star. These gas giants are very hot and are sometimes called “hot Jupiters.”

Other articles to read include: **Extrasolar planet**; **Jupiter**; **Neptune**; **Planet**; **Saturn**; **Uranus**.



The four outer planets of the solar system are often called the “gas giants.” However, the two largest planets, Jupiter and Saturn, have a slightly different combination of materials than the two smaller gas giants, Neptune and Uranus do.

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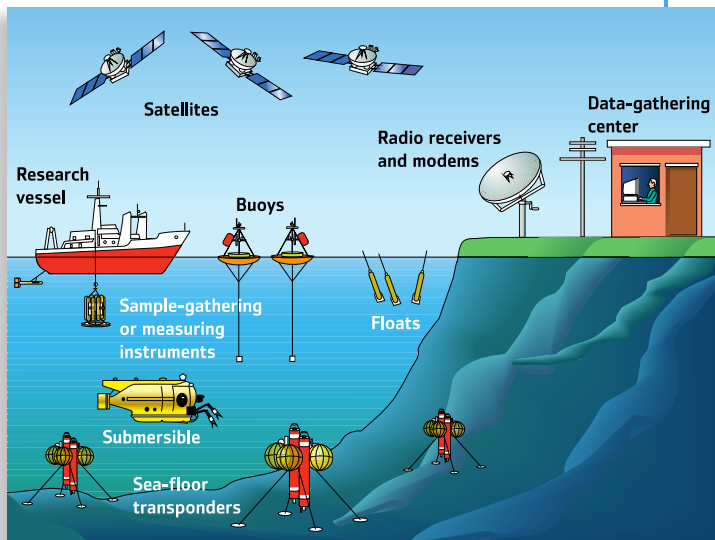
fishing, pollution, and changing habitats. Ocean *acidification* (uh SIHD uh fuh KAY shuhn) is a growing problem. The ocean is becoming more acidic because it is taking in increasing amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide comes chiefly from burning coal and other *fossil fuels*. Acidification can greatly damage coral reefs, shellfish, and other marine life.

Other articles to read include: **Arctic Ocean; Atlantic Ocean; Benthos; Deep sea; Environmental pollution; Indian Ocean; Oceanography; Southern Ocean.**



A scientist explores the waters of the Gulf of Mexico using a small submarine called a submersible.

The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) is a worldwide network of data-collecting instruments. They are carried by satellites, research vessels, submersibles, *buoys* (floating platforms), and *floats* (devices that drift with currents). *Sea-floor transponders*, which receive signals and transmit responses, help scientists determine the precise locations of the instruments. The data gathered by these instruments are transmitted to receivers on shore. Such information helps scientists to study oceanic conditions, including currents, saltness, and temperature.



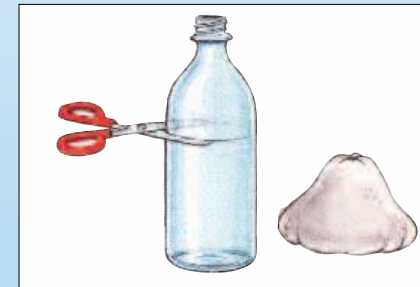
ACTIVITY

Ocean 185

Make your own ocean and hot vent

The mineral wealth of the ocean extends to the deep-sea floor. The deep-sea floor contains vents from which hot water flows. These chimneylike structures, called hot vents or hydrothermal vents, discharge hot, mineral-rich water containing sulfur, copper, iron, and zinc.

Build a mini-oceanarium and hot vent to see what happens in the deep.



What you need:

- a small, plastic bottle or modeling clay
- scissors
- a small baby food jar
- large, clear container (the taller the better)
- a pot or a pitcher
- cold water
- hot water
- cool water
- red food coloring
- aluminum foil
- a long, dull knife



1. Take the cap off the plastic bottle. Have a teacher or other adult help you cut off a piece of the top big enough to fit over the small jar. Or shape a hot vent out of clay.
2. Fill the pot or pitcher with cold water. Set it aside.
3. Fill the small jar with hot water. Add red food coloring.
4. Working quickly, cover the small jar with foil and place it on the bottom of the clear pitcher under your plastic or clay vent

5. Pour cool water into the clear container until it reaches well above the top of the vent. Then use the knife to open the foil completely. Watch what happens.

Is some water redder than the rest? Try the experiment using only cold water. Compare the results.



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What's going on:

Hot fluids will rise in your minioceanarium, the way they do from ocean hot vents.

Highly illustrated, including many clear and instructive diagrams.

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Surgeons use a variety of tools to perform operations. Such tools include *scalpels* (knives) to make cuts and *clamps* to hold body parts.

Surgery

Surgery (*SUHR juhr ee*) is the treatment of diseases and injuries by performing an operation on a person, called a *patient*. The doctor who performs the operation is called a *surgeon*.

In a surgical operation, many medicines, tools, and surgical methods must be used together to make sure that the patient stays safe and comfortable. Each operation also requires a special team of people. This team is usually made up of the chief surgeon, at least one assistant surgeon, a doctor known as an *anesthesiologist* (*AN uhs THEE zee OL uh jihst*), and one or more nurses. The anesthesiologist gives medicine to keep the patient from feeling pain during the operation.

A surgeon uses a wide variety of tools to perform an operation. These tools include scissors, knives known as *scalpels*, and *retractors*, which hold back flaps of skin. Other tools are used to look inside—or remove bits of tissue from—body parts. *Lasers* may be used to make very precise cuts. A laser is a tool that makes light travel in a thin, powerful beam. *Sutures* (*SOO chuhrz*) are threads used to sew up surgical openings after the operation. All the tools a surgeon uses must be cleaned in a special way. Such cleaning keeps germs from entering the patient's body during the operation.

Surgeons sometimes use robots to assist them in an operation. Robots can make very precise moves in small spaces inside a patient's body. In some cases, a surgeon in one city can control a robot doing the operation in another city. This form of surgery is called *remote surgery*.

Other articles to read include: **Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Medicine; Organ donation; Physician; Plastic surgery; Skin grafting; Transplant.**

A surgeon in New York City operates on a patient in France via a remote controlled robot. The screen displays the operation safely taking place over 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) away.



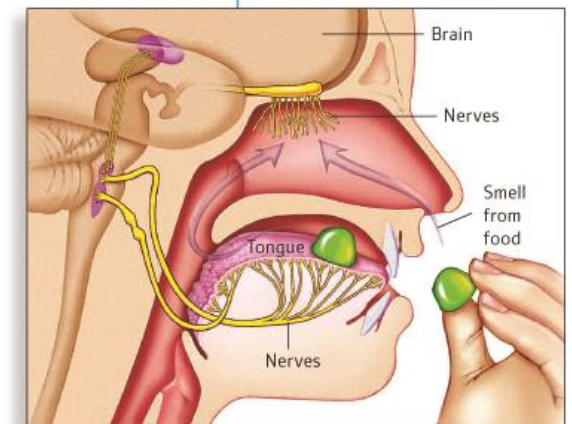
Taste

Taste is an important *sense* in people and many other animals. A sense helps us know what is happening around us. Our sense of taste helps us decide which foods to eat.

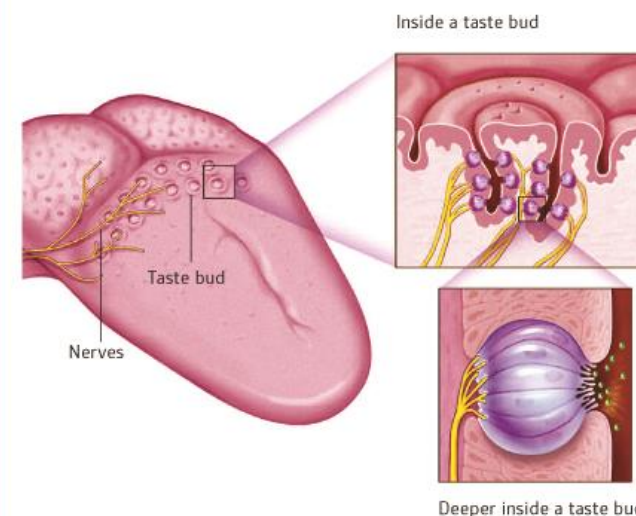
We taste food when it touches groups of cells called *taste buds* on our tongues. Taste buds on different areas of the tongue are sensitive to different tastes, such as sweet or sour. Some of the tastes in food are most easily picked up by taste buds on the front of the tongue. Other tastes are picked up more easily by taste buds on the back or sides of the tongue.

When food touches the taste buds, they send information about the food to cells called *nerves*. The nerves send this information to the brain. We then notice the taste of the food.

Other articles to read include: **Food; Nervous system; Senses; Smell; Tongue.**



The tastes in food are picked up by *taste buds* on the tongue. Information about the taste then travels through nerves to the brain. This information is combined with information about the smell of the food.



The tongue has many taste buds on its surface. Inside each taste bud are clusters of special skin cells. These cells touch tiny bits of food and then send information about the taste to nerves.

Focus on Curriculum

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STEM/NGSS

- Each atom has a charged substructure consisting of a nucleus, which is made of protons and neutrons, surrounded by electrons.
- Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the relationships between systems or between components of a system
- Plan and conduct an investigation individually and collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, and in the design: decide on types, how much, and accuracy of data needed to produce reliable measurements and consider limitations on the precision of the data.

Additional Reading...

Earth's Changing Climate

Explains how climate change affects the weather, wildlife, our oceans, and the habitats of living things around the world.

Building Blocks of Life Science

Creatively pair humor, action, and real-life examples with scientifically accurate illustrations.

Building Blocks of Physical Science

Introduces elementary and middle school physical science topics including sound, gravity, electricity, and more.

Living Green

Examine important contemporary environmental issues, green-living practices, and fun “green” facts.

Endangered Animals of the World

Studies the physical characteristics, behaviors, threat levels, and reasons for endangerment of selected animals on each continent.