



## ABOUT OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

### Pick a planet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following questions to guide your research about a planet in our solar system. There are some suggested websites to visit, but you can also research more broadly. Make sure you check, record and reference your sources.

### Useful websites:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

Canberra Deep Space Communication Network - [www.cdscn.nasa.gov](http://www.cdscn.nasa.gov)

CSIRO - [www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au)

European Space Agency - [www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)

National Geographic - [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

### Research questions:

- Where is the planet located in our solar system?
- What is the composition of the planet (gas, rocks, ice etc.)?
- What does the planet look like?
- What are the planets statistics (mass, diameter, distance from the sun, orbit time, rotation time, temperature range etc.)?
- When was the planet discovered, how and by whom?
- How long would it take to travel from Earth to this planet?
- Does your planet have moons? How many? What are they called? When were they discovered?
- What is special, or particularly interesting, about your planet?