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**Research & Ideas** 

- 1. Ancient astronomers could recognize the difference between stars and planet
  - A. Planets move, stars are stationary & do NOT move

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- 2. <u>Geocentric Model –1<sup>st</sup> model of solar system</u>
  - A. Geocentric = <u>Earth</u> is the center of the universe
    - Believed the Sun, planets, and stars orbited a stationary Earth



















Procedure: Eccentricity Mini Lab Instructions	Eccer	ntricity	: Mini	Lab Oı	estion	
out in a circle.	Distance foci	Length of major axis	Equation /	Eccentricity Value	Describe/Draw	
2. Place a sheet of paper on the cardboard.	are apart	in cm -Longest	Calculation	(Calculation	Relative Shape of	
3. Stick 2 pins through the paper close to the center but separated from each		(use 1 decimal)	(Show your work)	answer)	Drawing	
other by 2cm. (The vellow pin represents the Sun)	2cm					
A Loop the string over the pins and use a pencil to trace around them. Keep the	9cm					
4. Loop the string over the phils and use a pench to trace around them. Reep the	( lust use 1					
	pin)					
5. Record the following in the data table below:						
<ol> <li>Measure the major axis and the distance between the pins.</li> </ol>	Analyze and Conclude:					
B. Calculate the eccentricity. (See the example calculation above.)	1. What do the 2 pins represent?					
6. Repeat steps 3-5 with foci 9 cm and 0 cm apart.	2. For plan	nets orbiting in o	ur solar system,	what is always	one of the foci?	
Example: Eccentricity = Distance between the foci	3. How do	es the eccentricit	y number AND	the shape char	ge as:	
2.2cm Distance of major axis	A. The distance between the foci (pins) gets larger?					
Distance Distance of major axis	B. The distance between the foci (pins) gets smaller?					
$F_{canbrid} = \frac{2.2 cm}{4.5 cm} = 0.48$	4. What is How far	the eccentricity apart are the foo	value of a perfection of a circle?	ct circle?		
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1.	Rotation: Spinning of the earth around its axis
	A. Daily motion
	B. Causes day & night, and setting & rising of the sun
	C. Causes the <u>"appearance"</u> of the sun rising in the east & setting in the west
2.	Revolution: Orbital motion around the Sun
	A. Annual Motion
	B. Year = the time to <u>complete</u> 1 revolution
	C. Ecliptic: Plane in which the Earth orbits the Sun

















































1.	Describe an equinox
2.	Describe the two solstices
3.	Does the distance from the Sun cause the Earth's seasons? Why or why not?
4.	How are the seasons in the northern & southern hemisphere related?
5.	Why is the tilt of Earth on its axis important?
6.	When the North Pole experiences 24 hours of daylight, what is happening at the South Pole?



