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# Astronomer Profile

## Introduction

Astronomers throughout history have made some very important discoveries. Your assignment is to choose an astronomer and research interesting and important information about him or her to share with the class. This information is to be presented in a timeline format.

## The Task

By the end of this research project, you should gather all materials and be able to create:

- A timeline that shows eight events in the astronomer's life, and
- A summary of the important discovery and two interesting facts about the astronomer you researched

## Resources

- For this project, restrict your research sources to scholarly web sites only. Use as many web sites as you need, but not fewer than three. Begin your search with Google's new Google Scholar (<http://scholar.google.com>) search engine.

## The Process

1. Choose an astronomer that catches your interest. Some suggestions:
  - Cannon (Annie)
  - Herschel (William, John, or Caroline)
  - Hubble (Edwin)
  - Huggins (William)
  - Russell (Henry)
  - Messier (Charles)
  - Sagan (Carl)
  - Slipher (Vesto)
  - Choose any astronomer listed in chapters 15-28 of our textbook
2. Do the research

3. Get a 5x7 index card:
  - Fold the 5x7 card in half (width-wise)
  - Front: Illustration of the Astronomer
  - Inside-Top: Timeline with eight events in the astronomer's life
  - Inside-Bottom: A summary of the person's accomplishments in astronomy and/or space exploration as well as two interesting facts about the person.
4. Print a picture of the astronomer or one of his/her discoveries, and glue/tape it to the front cover of your index card.
5. Card due on \_\_\_\_\_. Be prepared to give a short (2 min) presentation to the class telling us about the astronomer you chose.