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A thesis presented on the history of astronomy and the solar system, beginning with the birth of the solar system, and covering the geology, atmosphere, and moons of Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus.

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GLOSSARY

Asteroid. A very small planet ranging from 1,000 km to less than one km in diameter. Asteroids are found commonly around other larger planets.

Atmosphere. The gaseous mass that surrounds any planet, including Earth.

Density. The number (as of particles) per unit of measure.

Galaxy. A system of stars independent from all other systems.

Moon. The natural satellite of any planet.

Orbit. The path taken by a satellite around a celestial body.

Planet. A large, nonluminous mass, usually with its own moons, which revolves around a star. Planets are found everywhere in the galaxy.

Solar. Having to do with the sun.

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