A close-up of a planet

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The Red Planet

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Distance from the sun is 141,700,000 miles

Mars has 2 small moons named Phobos (Fear) and Deimos (Panic) coming from the horses that pulled the chariot of the Greek God Ares.

Scientists think that mars may have had a thicker atmosphere early in its history.

Mars has been documented for at least 4,000 years, and the first person to observe Mars with a telescope was Galileo Galilei in 1610.

Mars is named after the Roman god of war due to its red appearance.

Mars formed when gravity pulled swirling gas and dust in to become the fourth planet from the Sun about 4.5 billion years ago.

Mars is about half the size of Earth, and like its fellow terrestrial planets, it has a central core, a rocky mantle, and a solid crust.

Mars has been known since ancient times because it can be seen without advanced telescopes.