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TH Article Summary

The article I chose is about the spacecraft that was sent to orbit Mercury. The MESSENGER spacecraft was designed to study both the exosphere and surface of the planet Mercury. MESSENGER was meant to orbit Mercury for one year, but the team prolonged the mission that lasted four years. MESSENGER is an abbreviation for MErcury Surface Space ENvironment GEochemistry and Ranging. It revealed a large amount of data that will keep scientists busy for years. Included in the data were stunning pictures of Mercury in false-color. Before ending its mission last year on April 30th, 2015, MESSENGER sent over a final image.