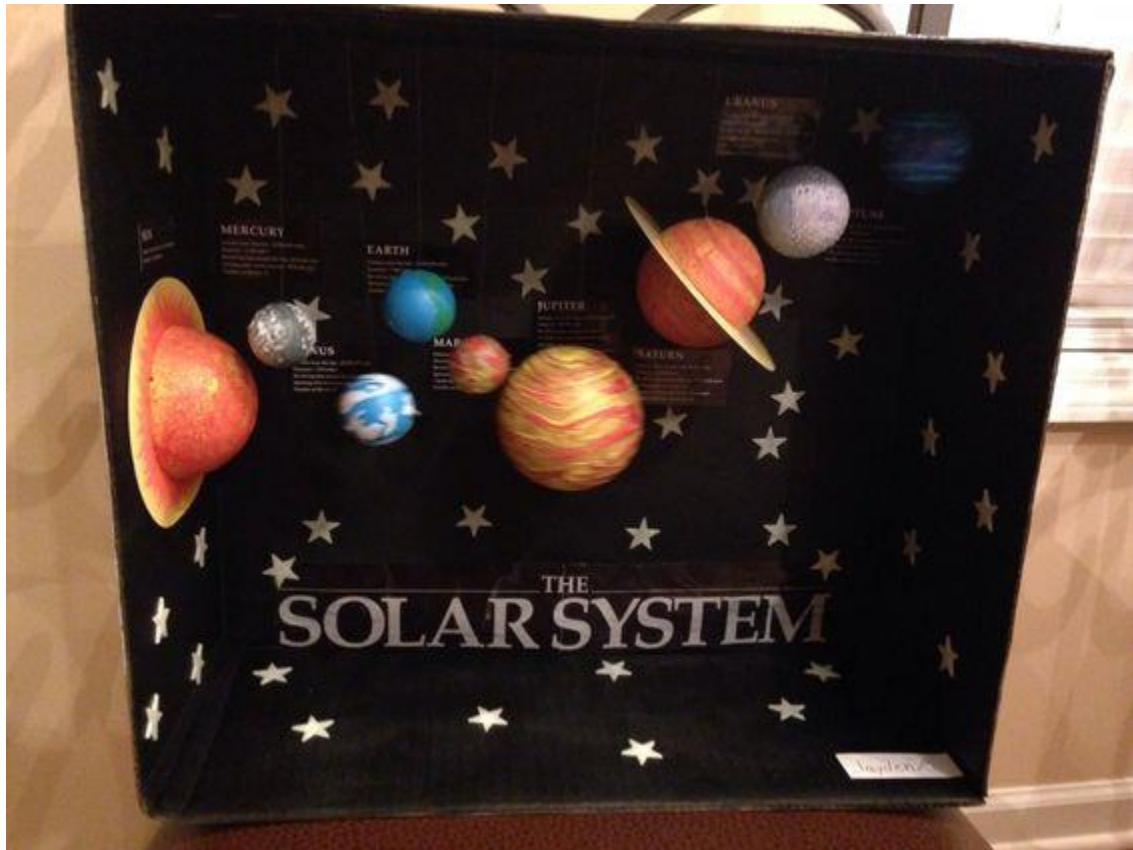




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MERCURY

EARTH

JUPITER

SATURN

VENUS

MARS

URANUS

NEPTUNE

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Version 1.0

Solar System Model

PLANET	DIAMETER (COMPARED TO EARTH)
Mercury	0.38
Venus	0.95
Earth	1.0
Mars	0.53
Jupiter	11.2
Saturn	9.5
Uranus	4.0
Neptune	4.0



THE SUN
 Our Sun is the largest body in the solar system.



MERCURY
 This small rocky planet is close to the sun, so it's very hot. It has no atmosphere.



VENUS
 A thick layer of hot clouds covers the planet. It's the hottest planet.



EARTH
 The third planet from the Sun. It has a blue and white surface. Water and air cover most of the surface. It has a thick layer of atmosphere.



MARS
 This rocky planet is the only one in the solar system with a thin atmosphere. It's nicknamed the "Red Planet".



JUPITER
 The "gas giant" is the largest planet.



SATURN
 All the gas giants have rings of rock, dust, and ice. The rings of Saturn are made of ice and rock. They are held in place by the planet's gravity.



URANUS
 Multiple gas giants that are greenish-blue.



NEPTUNE
 Along with Uranus and Saturn, this deep blue gas giant has all these things. It's the second farthest from the Sun.

