

7.1: Module Introduction

“How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when clearly it is Ocean...”

Arthur C. Clark, 1917-2008

This module presents the Rocky Planets in our solar system: Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars, and their moons. We will examine characteristics of each Rocky Planet, both similar and dissimilar characteristics.

Objectives

Upon completion of this module, the student will be able to: Upon completion of this module, the student will be able to:

- Identify the characteristics of Rocky Planets
- Define craters and cratering
- Identify the primary characteristics of each rocky planet
- Identify the similar characteristics of each rocky planet
- Describe a circumstellar habitable zone
- Discuss the characteristics of the Moon, Deimos, and Phobos

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