

Explore Mercury!

Websites

<http://messenger.jhuapl.edu/index.html>

NASA's MESSENGER site shares the 2011 planned spacecraft visit to Mercury and offers information for all age groups about our solar system's innermost planet. Of special interest to kids is the 'just for students' section offering Mercury fast facts, related websites, MESSENGER animations, MESSENGER movies and a frequently asked questions piece.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/planets/mercury/>

Check out Enchanted Learning's exploration of Mercury, look inside the planet, and learn about why it has such long days. Find a coloring page, puzzle, and more!

<http://seds.lpl.arizona.edu/nineplanets/nineplanets/mercury.html>

Older children and adults will enjoy viewing the nine planets website for a comprehensive look at planet Mercury. Along with a thorough information section, the site presents Mariner details, Mercury imagery, the latest studies, links and an open issues section with the latest Mercury topics.

<http://www.astrosociety.org/education/publications/tnl/59/planetdefine.html>

Is the definition of the word "planet" impossible? Parents can check out the arguments here!

<http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/mercury/mercury.html> Learn all about Mercury whether you're a beginning explorer or advanced. Windows to the Universe offers information, games, and resources about the great Red Planet.

http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/solar_system_level1/mercury.html

Nasa's Starchild is great for ages 4 and up. It provides information about Mercury as well as games and other resources.

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Books

Mercury. Goldstein Margaret, Lerner Publications Company, 2003, ISBN: 0822546485.

A first reader book appropriate for ages 5-7. The book provides an introduction to Mercury, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about the planet.

The Solar System: Mercury. Asimov Isaac, Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2002, ISBN: 083683237X.

A book suitable for 7-10 year old readers. Asimov covers the physical characteristics of the planet Mercury, along with such topics as past and future missions to Mercury, its history and telescopic viewing of the planet.

Mercury. Simon, Seymour, Morrow Junior Books, 1992, ISBN: 0688105440. This children's book describes what is known about Mercury from the photographs taken by project Mariner. Diagrams and artist depictions help to make this book an attractive read. Desirable for ages 6-10.

Mercury (The Galaxy). Steven L. Kipp, Capstone Press, 2000, ISBN-10: 0736805184, ISBN-13: 978-0736805186.

This book discusses the orbit, surface features, exploration, and other aspects of the planet Mercury. Great introductory book for ages 4-8.

Mercury. Thomas K. Adamson, Capstone Press, 2003, ISBN-10: 0736821147, ISBN-13: 978-0736821148.

The simple text and photographs describe the planet Mercury and is great for young children.