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Lesson 1

Galileo

1. How did Galileo contribute to what we know about our solar system?

2. How did people react to his discoveries?

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Telescopes

1. What is the difference between refracting and reflecting telescopes?
2. Why were radio telescopes created?
3. How will the Hubble space telescope change astronomy?

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The Heavenly Zoo

1. How did some Constellations get their names?
2. What do these myths tell about the values and beliefs of the people who created them?

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Circles, Squares, and Daggers

1. How and why did Native Americans study the skies?

2. What do Native American observatories tell us about how these people lived and adjusted to their natural environment?

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The Mystery of Mars

1. What information about Mars has been retrieved by the Viking 1, Viking 2, and Pathfinder landers?
2. How is Mars alike and unlike Earth?
3. Is it possible that there ever was or will be life on Mars?

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Stars

1. How are stars created?

2. What are some of the different types of stars?

3. Are there other galaxies like ours in the universe?

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The Book That Saved The Earth

1. What about humans might beings from other planets find strange?
2. How might they react to objects that are ordinary to humans?

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