

Nicolaus Copernicus Research

Interesting Fact!

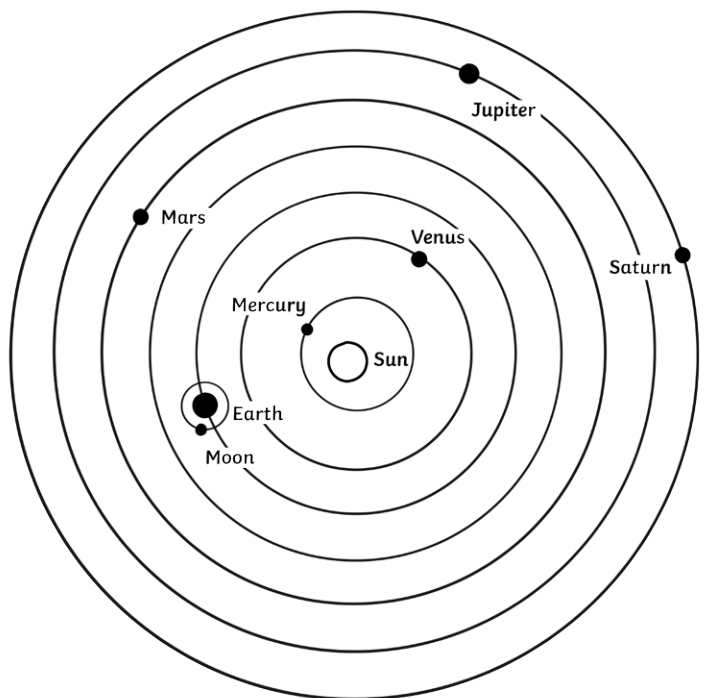
The chemical element Copernicium is named after Copernicus. It has the symbol 'Cn' and atomic number 112.

Challenge

Nicolaus Copernicus is important because he changed the way that people thought about the solar system. He believed that the Sun, rather than the Earth, was at the centre of the universe.

Copernicus' theory was new and not accepted at first. When he lived, many people believed that the Earth was stationary and at the centre of the universe with all the planets, the Moon and the Sun rotating around it.

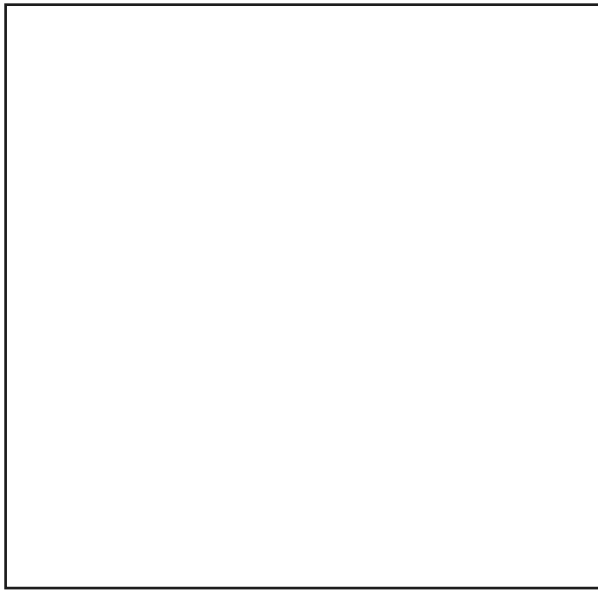
Use the Internet and non-fiction books to find out more about Nicolaus Copernicus. Record your research on the fact file provided.



You could also try to find out more about:

- how Copernicus improved our understanding of the Solar System;
- the heliocentric, or Sun-centered, system;
- the culture he came from.

Nicolaus Copernicus Fact File



Full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Famous for: _____

Who was Nicolaus Copernicus?

Key events during Nicolaus Copernicus' life:

Interesting facts about Nicolaus Copernicus:
