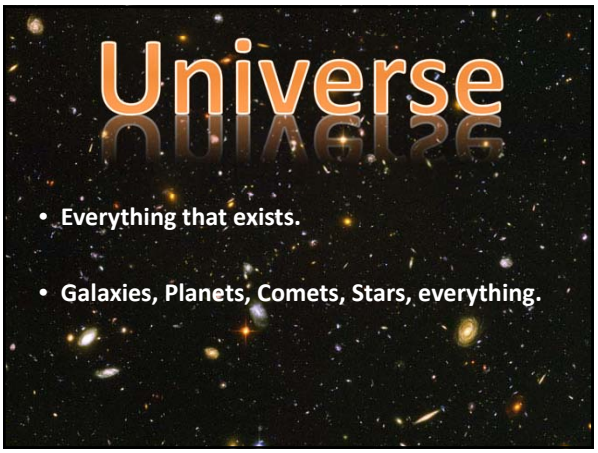
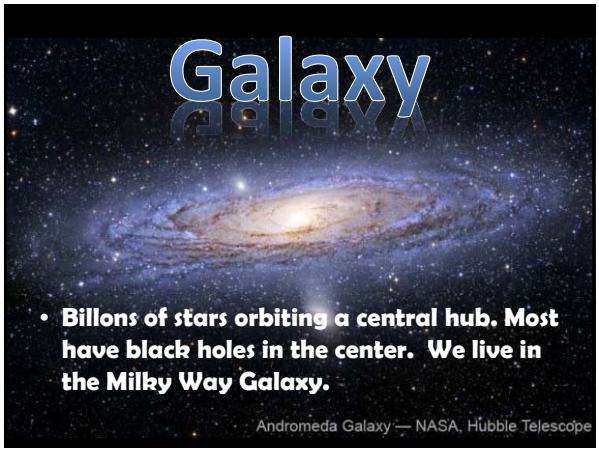
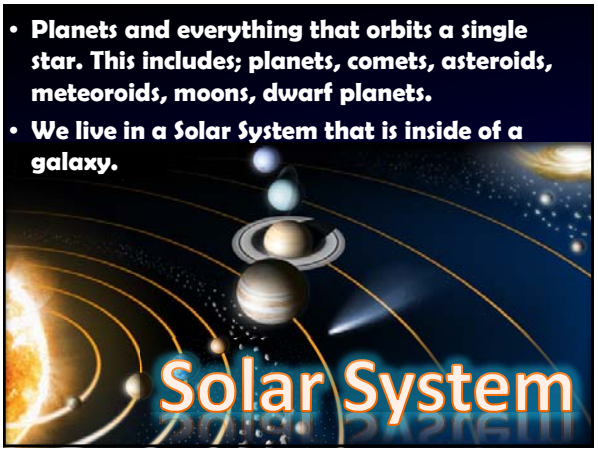
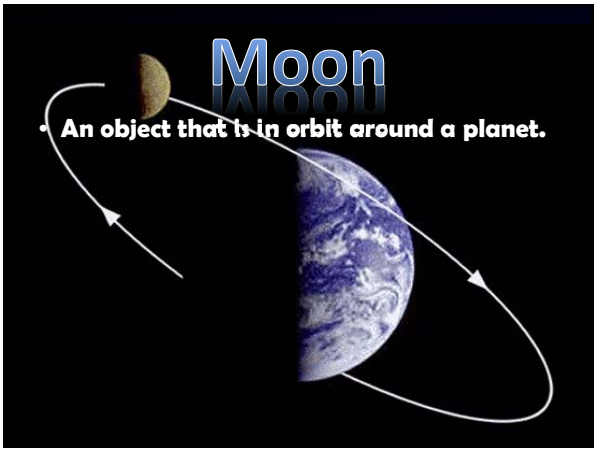
Essential Items for Understanding Astronomy


Universe
• Everything that exists.
• Galaxies, Planets, Comets, Stars, everything.


Galaxy
• Billons of stars orbiting a central hub. Most have black holes in the center. We live in the Milky Way Galaxy.
Andromeda Galaxy — NASA, Hubble Telescope


• Planets and everything that orbits a single star. This includes; planets, comets, asteroids, meteoroids, moons, dwarf planets.
• We live in a Solar System that is inside of a galaxy.
Solar System

Planet
• A large round object that orbits the Sun and is large enough to clear out its orbital path.


Moon
• An object that is in orbit around a planet.