Discussion Questions

1) Briefly summarize the differences between terrestrial and jovian planets.

2) Describing the solar nebula theory.

3) Briefly describe the modern theory of how our Moon formed.

5) Why is Pluto now considered to be a Kuiper-belt object? and what is meant by a "dwarf planets	,''?
6) Explain how the resonance among Io, Europa, and Ganymede makes their orbits slightly elliptic	al.
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Astronomy Homework Activity1	
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Solar System Walk.

For this activity we will reduce the Sun to the size of a grapefruit/softball (6 in) 1:10 billion scale. You will walk the solar system with a group of classmates.		
Group members		
Start in front of the J building at the designated free speech area, bottom of the stairs. Walk directly south towards and through the A building. At the chosen interval state were you are and label on the map. (for example: in the quad or near the bakery). 1 step will be a regular walking step.		
Mercury (.39AU) At 20 steps where are you now?		
Venus (.72 AU) At 35 steps where are you now?		
Earth (1 AU) At 50 steps where are you now?		
Mars (1.52 AU) At 75 steps where are you now?		
Jupiter (5.2 AU) At 250 steps where are you now?		
Saturn (9.52 AU) At 500 steps where are you now?		
Uranus (19 AU) At 1000 steps where are you now?		
Neptune (30 AU) At 1500 steps where are you now?		
Pluto & Kuiper belt (39 AU) At 2000 steps where are you now?		

