## Bell Ringer

1. Which two outer planets have the most moons in the Solar System?
2. Why are Saturn's rings so bright to us?
3. How many of the outer planets have rings?

## OUR MOON

## Goals for today:

1. Understand the origin of our Moon
2. What is the Moon made of
3. Understand what causes the phases of the Moon

## Nearest Neighbor

- Earth-Moon distance $385,000 \mathrm{~km}$
- 30 Earth diameters


## Exploration of the Moon




## Moon versus Asteroids

- In what way is the Moon like a planet?
- In what ways is it more like an asteroid?
- Two terrain types
- Highlards
- Lowlands-Maria


## Lunar Highlands

- Geochemically different
- Crust is thicker about 100 km thick vs 40 km below near side.
Lots of craters




## Maria

- Dark
- Lowlands
- Nearside
- Thin crust
- Lava plains


## Moon's Topography



## Moon's Internal Structure





## Moon's <br> Origin

## Moon's Origin

 Hypothetical Models- Fission (Just decided to break off one day)
- Co-Accretion (Both formed in same area)
- Capture (A captured asteroid)
- Giant Impact (Blasted off of Earth)


## Observations (Not inferences)



- Moon is Earth's companion
- Moon's composition is similar to Earth's


## No water. No atmosphere. Why?

Moon's bulk chemical composition is not exactly like Earth: Moon poor in volatiles (water, gasses, etc).

## Small Lunar Core: Why?



Moon rich in rocky
material but iron poor.

## Origin of the Moon

## Hypothetical Models

- Fission
- Co-Accretion
- Capture
- Giant Impact

Observations

- Moon's average composition is like Earth's and unlike meteorites
- It is water and volatile poor
- Moon is rich in most rocky elements
- But Moon is iron poor


## Giant Impact

Proposed by Hartmann and Davis, 1975

Cameron and Ward, Thompson and Stevenson

Débated in Kona, 1984 - "most successful meeting in planetary science" - Drake Modeled (Melosh, etc.) and published 1986

A. Approaching planetesimal
B. Initial impact

C. Fragmentation of planetesimal and loss of volatile elements

D. Re-accretion and core modification of Earth

## Giant Impact

A good example of science in action
https://www.youtu
be.com/watch? $\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{c}$ OFCE4HODro

Earth, Sun, and Moon model

## Lunar Eclipses

## Solar Eclpises

Total Solar Eclipse Paths: 2001-2025


Annular Vs. Total

Moon = Only other body in Solar System besides Earth that Humans have been on.

## OTHER MOONS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Selected Moons of the Solar System, with Earth for Scale



## MARS' MOONS

1. Mars has two moons.
2. We think both were asteroids captured by Mars.
3. Very small, very insignificant.
4. Phobos will one day be ripped apart by Mars' gravity, giving Mars a small ring.
5. Deimos will eventually escape Mars' hold on it and fly away.

## Jupiter's Moons



## Ganymede



## Ganymede

## . Biggest Natural Satellite in the Solar System <br> . Cratered





## Europa




## False color

## What do you notice?



