

Historical Astronomy Milestones

Astronomy · Answer Key · 3 Questions

1. Who used the angle of the sun at Alexandria and Syene to first accurately calculate the Earth's circumference around 240 BCE?

- A) Hipparchus
- B) Eratosthenes**
- C) Aristarchus of Samos
- D) Ptolemy

2. Which planet was the first to be discovered using a telescope, identified by William Herschel in 1781?

- A) Neptune
- B) Uranus**
- C) Saturn
- D) Pluto

3. In 1964, Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson discovered what phenomenon that provided crucial evidence for the Big Bang?

- A) The Redshift of Galaxies
- B) Gravitational Waves
- C) Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation**
- D) Quasars