

European History and the Cosmos

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1. Which Polish astronomer published 'De revolutionibus orbium coelestium' in 1543, proposing a heliocentric model of the solar system?

A) Johannes Kepler

B) Nicolaus Copernicus

C) Tycho Brahe

D) Galileo Galilei

2. In 1610, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei used an early telescope to discover four large moons orbiting which planet?

A) Saturn

B) Mars

C) Jupiter

D) Venus

3. German-born British astronomer William Herschel discovered which planet in 1781 using a telescope he constructed himself?

A) Neptune

B) Uranus

C) Pluto

D) Saturn

4. In 1801, Italian astronomer Giuseppe Piazzi discovered Ceres, the first recognized asteroid, from an observatory in which European city?

A) Rome

B) Florence

C) Palermo

D) Naples

5. Which Dutch scientist discovered Saturn's largest moon, Titan, in 1655 and correctly described the nature of Saturn's rings?

A) Christiaan Huygens

B) Johannes Hevelius

C) Ole Rømer

D) Giovanni Cassini