

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