	Date:					
SNC1D	Meet Your Solar System					
Objects in our solar system:						
A planet is defined by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) as						
Revolution:			-			
The period of revolution is called a						
Rotation:						
The period of rotaion is called a	_					
The planets are split into two groups:	and		_			
Retrograde motion:						
diagram:						
Distances between the planets						

Why don't we us kilometres to measure the distance between planets?

astronomical unit (AU):

orbital radius:

<u>The Inner Planets</u> (Use the information on pages 294-295 to complete these tables)

Planet	Orbital Radius (AU)	Radius (km)	Mass (relative to Earth)	Avg. Surface Temp. (°C)	Day Length (rel. to 1 Earth day)	Year Length (rel. to 1 Earth year)	Number of Moons	Special Features
Mercury								
Venus								
Earth								
Mars								

The Outer Planets: also called

Planet	Orbital Radius (AU)	Radius (km)	Mass (relative to Earth)	Avg. Surface Temp. (°C)	Day Length (rel. to 1 Earth day)	Year Length (rel. to 1 Earth year)	Number of Moons	Special Features
Jupiter								
Saturn								
Uranus								
Neptune								

Other Objects in the Solar System

Trans-Neptunian Objects	
Oort Cloud	
Comets	
Comet tails	
Connectants	
Asteroids	
Meteoroids	
Meteors	
Meteorites	