Wiki Assignment: Renown Astronomers

Objective:
- Astronomy students will identify one renown astronomer each, then will describe that astronomer’s contributions and relate how those contributions are relevant today.

Points possible: 10

Due date: April 4 at 11:55 p.m. (Pacific time)

Steps:
1. Using a credible source on the Internet or using your textbook, choose and research a renown astronomer whose contributions were made during either the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th or 20th centuries.
2. In the class wiki labeled Renown Astronomers, click the link on the right to the appropriate century, and write a paragraph answering the following questions:
   a. Which astronomer did you choose?
   b. Where did the astronomer live while making important contributions?
   c. What were those contributions, and why were they considered important?
   d. How are those contributions relevant today?
3. Clearly label your astronomer with his or her name.
4. (Optional) Add any multimedia elements that you think highlight your astronomer and the contributions.
5. If you notice your fellow students did more work in one or more centuries than in others, choose an astronomer from one of the other centuries in order to distribute the contributors evenly.
6. Read your classmates’ posts. Don’t be surprised to see questions regarding the contributions of astronomers on your exam.
7. For the assignment, you will be assessed on the accuracy and completeness of your posting.