Worksheet 6: The Planets

1) Which of the following is ***not*** a general difference between a planet and a star?
    a) Planets are smaller than stars.
    b) Planets orbit stars, and stars orbit the center of the galaxy.
    c) Planets are made of rock and stars are made of gas.
    d) Planets are dimmer than stars.
    e) Stars generate their own light and planets don't.

2) List the names of the major planets in the Solar system going outwards from the Sun:

3) How would you best describe the Terrestrial planets?

4) How would you best describe the Jovian planets?

5) How is Pluto different from the major planets?

6) Define the visual appearance and characteristics of Comets and Asteroids.