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Hipparchus of Nicaea
190 - 127 BC

Ancient Greek astronomer who created the framework for astronomy.



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Johannes Kepler
1571 - 1630 AD

German astronomer who discovered the basic rules about the way the planets move.



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Maria Mitchell
1818 - 1889 AD

First American professional woman astronomer. She discovered sunspots are cooler areas on the sun, not clouds.



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Isaac Newton
1642 - 1727 AD

English physicist and mathematician who discovered the force of gravity and the three basic laws of motion.