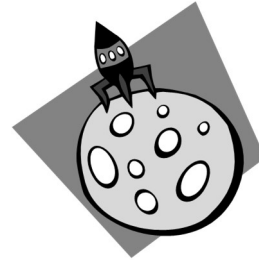


Postcards... from SPACE

Choose one *terrestrial* (Mercury, Venus, or Mars) or *gas giant planet* (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus Neptune). Imagine that you are going on a trip to your planet. Design a postcard from your trip describes what it was like. Be very descriptive and write the postcard in the first person perspective (“I” and “me” etc.)



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Resources:

- Notes from ISN
- Science Textbook
Pages 128-171
- Sciencosaurus
- Reliable web resources (.gov, .org)

Things to include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of your planet. • A colorful picture of the planet on the front of the postcard. • How long it took you to get there from the Sun. • What other planets or objects did you pass along the way? • Size of the planet. • The size and extent of the planetary ring system (if any). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the atmosphere is like: What’s it made of? Is it thick or thin? Are there any visible storms or other weather patterns? • The temperature of the planet: Is it very hot? Is it very cold? Are there extreme temperature changes? • The composition of the planet: What’s it made of? • Number of moons visible from your spacecraft.

	7-10 points	4-6 points	0-3 points	Total	Comments
Presentation	Postcard is neatly written with a colorful picture of planet.	Postcard is somewhat sloppy and the picture lacks color.	Postcard is very sloppy and the picture is missing.		
Voice	Postcard is completely written in the first person and uses highly descriptive language.	Postcard is mostly written in the first person and uses somewhat descriptive language.	Postcard is not written in the first person and does not use descriptive language.		
Planet Facts	Postcard includes at least 7-10 accurate facts.	Postcard includes 4-6 accurate facts.	Postcard includes 0-3 accurate facts.		
Total				/10	