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Chapter 22 Origin of Modern Astronomy

# Section 22.3 Earth's Moon

## (pages 630–634)

This section describes the moon's structure, surface, and ideas about its origin.

## Reading Strategy (page 630)

**Sequencing** As you read, complete the flowchart showing the stages leading to the formation of the moon. For more information on this Reading Strategy, see the **Reading and Study Skills** in the **Skills and Reference Handbook** at the end of your textbook.



1. The density of the moon is comparable to that of mantle rocks on

\_. Circle the correct answer.

the sun Mars Earth

## The Lunar Surface (page 631)

Match each description with its moon feature.

	Description		Moon Feature	
	2. densely pitted, light-color	ed	a. regolith	
	areas containing mountain	n ranges	b.maria	
	areas made of ancient bed	s of	c. craters	
	basaltic lava		d.rays	
	4. 🗢 splash marks that		e. highlands	
	radiate outward for hund of kilometers	reds	f. rilles	
	<b>5.</b> long channels similar to valleys or trenches			
	<b>6.</b> soil-like layer of igneous rock, glass beads, and fine lunar dust			
7. Tound depressions produced by the impact of rapidly moving debris or meteoroids				
<b>8.</b> The maria on the moon's surface formed when asteroids punctured				
tł	ne lunar surface, letting		"bleed" out.	
	regolith	magma	rays	

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9. Select the appropriate letter in the figure that identifies each of the following moon features.





### Lunar History (page 633)

**10.** Is the following statement true or false? The most widely accepted theory of the moon's origin states that when the solar system was

forming, a body the size of Mars hit Earth.\_\_\_\_\_

- **11.** The greater the density of craters on the moon, the \_\_\_\_\_ the surface must be.
- 12. Number the three phases in which the moon evolved in order from oldest to youngest.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. maria basins
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. rayed craters
  - \_\_\_\_\_ c. original crust (highlands)
- 13. Is the following sentence true or false? Lava flows on the moon sometimes overlap highlands, showing that maria deposits are younger

than highlands.

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# WordWise

*Use the terms and clues below to identify vocabulary terms from Chapter 22. Write the terms, putting one letter in each blank. Use the circled letters to find the hidden word.* 

## Clues

- 1. apparent westward drift of a planet as seen from Earth
- 2. an oval-shaped path
- 3. average distance between Earth and the sun
- 4. spinning of a body on its axis
- 5. motion of a body along a path around some point in space
- 6. point at which Earth is farthest from the sun
- 7. point at which the moon is farthest from Earth
- 8. cycle of changes in the amount of the moon that appears lit
- 9. splash mark radiating outward from a crater

## **Vocabulary Terms**



Hidden Word: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Definition:

ellipse ray rotation phases of the moon retrograde motion astronomical unit aphelion revolution apogee