

## Messier Objects Activity

Before beginning this activity read the information at:

History of the Messier Catalog, <http://www.seds.org/messier/xtra/history/mcathist.html>

Some helpful websites include:

Listing of Messier Objects,

[http://www.astro.wisc.edu/~dolan/constellations/messier\\_list.html](http://www.astro.wisc.edu/~dolan/constellations/messier_list.html)

Messier Catalog, <http://www.seds.org/messier/>

Messier Object Data, <http://www.seds.org/messier/xtra/supp/datamach.html>

Wikipedia Messier Objects

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Messier\\_objects](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Messier_objects)

Each student in the class will select a different Messier Catalog Object. You will create a **one page, double-spaced, typed** presentation on your Messier Catalog Object which includes:

1. a description of the object, including its right ascension, declination, distance, brightness, dimensions, type, and the constellation in which it is located
2. when and by whom it was discovered
3. a picture of the object from the Internet

You may include pictures and/or information obtained from additional sources, however you **must** include all references used, even those listed by the instructor, and **type** this assignment in order to receive credit!