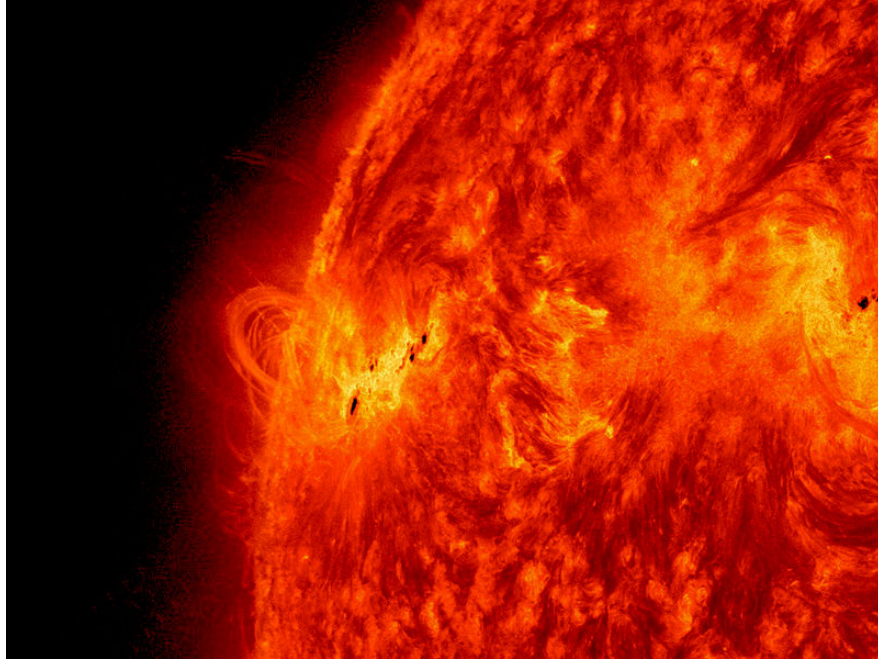


A Big Star



What is big and bright? What gives Earth its light? The sun! The sun is a star that is close to Earth. It is a ball of fire and gas. It gives Earth heat and light. Living things need heat and light. What would Earth be like without the sun?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What gives Earth its light?



the sun



the moon

2. What is the sun?



a star



a light bulb

3. What is the sun made of?



rivers and trees



fire and gas

4. Which planet is the sun close to?



Jupiter

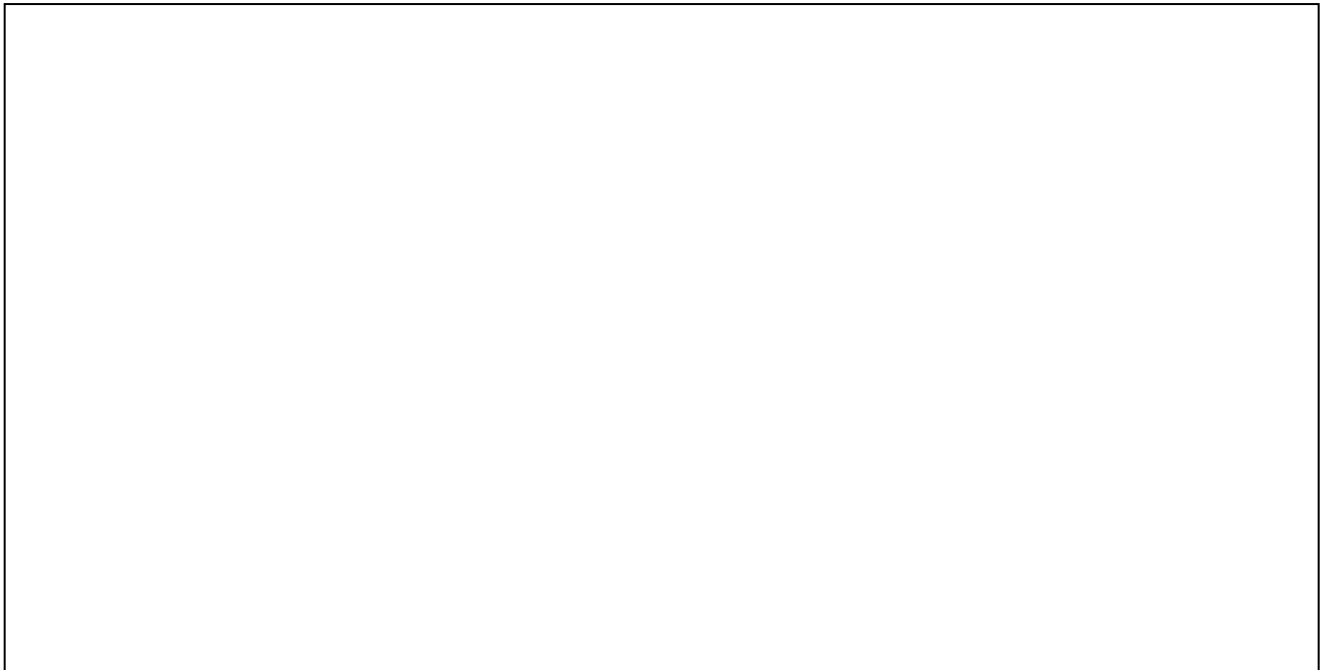


Earth

5. A) What does the sun give to Earth?

B) Draw a picture of the sun.

6. What did you learn from "A Big Star"?



Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy.

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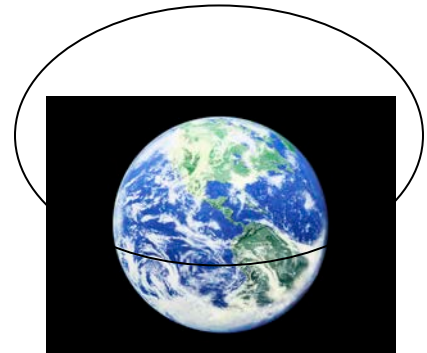


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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

What does the sun give to earth?

Suggested answer: heat and light

B) Draw a picture of the sun.

Suggested answer: Drawings may vary but should depict a big bright sun, preferably with lines (representing heat and light) coming out of it. If the picture includes the Earth, be sure that the sun is separate from the Earth.

6. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

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Suggested answer: Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.