



## Aristotle

- 384 BC - 322 BC
- Elements move toward their natural place





## Isaac Newton

- 1642 -1727
- Gravity is a force that acts over a distance



## Mass

## Concept of Mass

On Earth, let's say you weigh 150 lbs.
On the Moon, you'd weigh 25 lbs .
On Jupiter, you'd weigh 350 lbs.
On the Sun, you'd weigh 4,000 lbs.




## Albert Einstein

- 1879-1955
- Gravity is a distortion of space and time



# Observations confirming the predictions of general relativity 

- gravitational lensing (bending of light by gravity) confirmed during a solar eclipse in 1919



## Gravitational Lensing

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## Shooting Monkeys

## Aiming a Rifle




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## The Moon in Orbit



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- If I throw a rock or shoot a bullet at the Moon will it hit it?


## Escape Velocity

- How fast would a bullet need to go to leave Earth?



## Escape Velocity

| Body | Escape Velocity in <br> Miles/Hour |
| :--- | ---: |
| Ceres | $1,430 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| The Moon | $5,320 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| Earth | $25,038 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| Jupiter | $133,018 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| Sun | $1,381,600 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| Sirius B (a white dwarf <br> star) | $11,625,120 \mathrm{mph}$ |

HOW FAST A ROCKET WOULD HAVE TO GO TO LEAVE EVERY PLANET



## What is a Black Hole?



An unimaginably dense region of space where space is curved so completely that nothing, not even light, can escape.

## How Much Would You Weigh"?

On Earth, let's say you weigh 150 lbs.
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Near a Black Hole,
you'd weigh over 20 TRILLON POUNDS !!!



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There are 200 billion stars in our galaxy, the Milly Way

There are also millions of black holes

Including one giant black hole at the very center.


## Where do Black Holes come from?

## Exploding Massive Star

## SUPERNOVA!

## If You Can't See a Black Hole, how do We Know it’s there?

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Years 1992


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What would happen if the Sun was...


Not to Scale

## ... changed into a Black Hole?



Not to Scale


