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**Famous Astronomers  
and Astrophysicists**

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**Classical  
Period**

<a href="#">Nicolaus Copernicus</a>	1473-1543 Polish	developed a simple heliocentric model of the solar system that explained planetary retrograde motion and overturned Greek astronomy
<a href="#">Tycho Brahe</a>	1546-1601 Danish	observed a supernova now known as "Tycho's supernova"; made the most precise observations of stellar and planetary positions then known
<a href="#">Galileo Galilei</a>	1564-1642 Italian	performed fundamental observations, experiments, and mathematical analyses in astronomy and physics; discovered mountains and craters on the moon, the phases of Venus, and the four largest satellites of Jupiter: Io, Europa, Callisto, and Ganymede
<a href="#">Johannes Kepler</a>	1571-1630 German	established the most exact astronomical tables then known; established the three laws of planetary motion
<a href="#">John Baptist Riccioli</a>	1598-1671 Italian	made telescopic lunar studies and published detailed lunar maps in which he introduced much nomenclature for lunar objects; discovered the first double star (Mizar)
<a href="#">Giovanni Cassini</a>	1625-1712 Italian-born French	measured rotational periods of Jupiter and Mars; discovered four satellites of Saturn and the gap in Saturn's rings now known as "Cassini's division"
<a href="#">Christiaan Huygens</a>	1629-1695 Dutch	discovered Saturn's first satellite, Titan, and the true shape of Saturn's rings

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Astronomers –Biography; Astrophysicists-Biography

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Brief History

Subject to research

Scope and  
Coverage

This site covers famous biographies of astronomers and astrophysics. Home page shows the list of biographies. Clicking on a particular one gives a brief description on that notable astronomers or astrophysicist. Clicking on "Go to the full Mac tutor biography"

gives detail more information about that person with reliable sources and links of other websites from where user can get that person's biography. Biographical information is good enough and reliable. Many pictures of that persons and websites from where this person's biographical information is presented.

### ***Kind of Information***

Each entry begins with date of birth, year of birth, publication year, and photo. By clicking on photo represents more different photographs. Birth place location also views by map. Links of main index, biographical index and searching options are shown with each entry. Biographical details, list of references, posters, related materials, cross references etc are also enlisted within the entry. Links of different websites to know more about the persons are also hyperlinked with each page.

**Nicolaus Copernicus**

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**Born: 19 February 1473 in Toruń, Poland**  
**Died: 24 May 1543 in Frauenburg (now Frombork), Poland**



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Nicolaus Copernicus is the Latin version of the famous astronomer's name which he chose later in his life. The original form of his name was Mikołaj Kopernik or Nicolaus Koppernigk but we shall use Copernicus throughout this article. His father, also called Nicolaus Koppernigk, had lived in Kraków before moving to Toruń where he set up a business trading in copper. He was also interested in local politics and became a civic leader in Toruń and a magistrate. Nicolaus Koppernigk married Barbara Watzenrode, who came from a well off family from Toruń, in about 1463. They moved into a house in St Anne's Street in Toruń, but they also had a summer residence with vineyards out of town. Nicolaus and Barbara Koppernigk had four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Nicolaus Copernicus was the youngest.

You can see a picture of the house in which Copernicus was born at [THIS LINK](#).

### ***Special Features***

- ❖ Correction and comment can be sent by email directly. Links are provided below.
- ❖ List of "Famous Physicist", "Female Mathematicians" are also presented.
- ❖ New biographies, extended biographies are also mentioned under heading of "Changes in the archive up to May 2017".
- ❖ Mathematical topics are available here.
- ❖ Printing version is available for direct print.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

Entries are arranged by classical period and Nobel laureates. Biographical indexes are arranged alphabetically under this link- <http://wwwgroups.dcs.stand.ac.uk/~history/BiogIndex.html> or arranged biographies can get directly from each entry's option of biographical index. Chronological indexes are also presented in this site.

**Remarks**

This site contains biographical information on astronomers, astrophysicist, physicist, mathematician alphabetical, chronological order. One can gather information from this with references and quotations. It will be very helpful for students to know more about the person.

**Comparable Tools**

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- Famous mathematician ( <http://famous-mathematicians.org/>)

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