## Earth, Sun, and Moon Study Guide

- A cycle is a series of events that happen over and over again in the same order.
- The cycle of day and night occurs because the Earth is rotating on its axis.
- Be able to name another cycle from nature. (life cycles, seasons, etcetera)
- The Earth completes one rotation (spin) in one day (or 24 hours).
- An imaginary line that runs through the middle of the planet from the North Pole to the South Pole is the Earth's axis.
- The imaginary line that circles the Earth halfway between the two poles is the equator.
- The Earth revolves (orbit) around the sun.
- It takes the Earth one year (365 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> days) to make a complete
   revolution around the sun.
- We have seasons because the Earth is tilted and it revolves around the sun.
  - \*Toward the sun: summer. \*Away from the sun: winter.

Remember! 24 hours = 1 day 365 ¼ days = 1 year

- The changing shapes of the moon we see are called **phases**.
- The phases of the moon occur because the Moon revolves around the Earth.
- The gravity of the moon makes

the oceans rise and fall in **daily** 

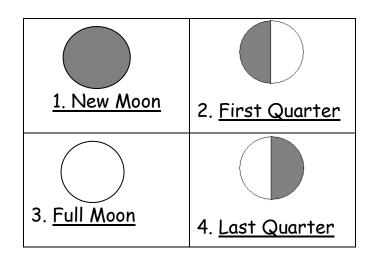
tides.

- Tides are the rise and fall of the ocean's water level.
  - \*This happens every day twice a day (high tide and low tide).
- Be able to describe how the Moon and Earth are different.
   The moon is smaller than the

Earth.

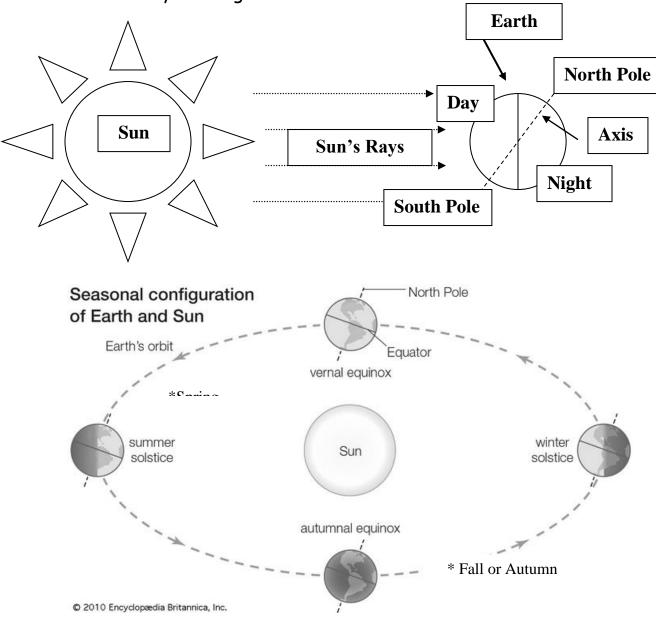
- ${}^{<\!\!\!<}$  The moon has less gravity.
- ${\displaystyle \lll}$  The moon has no liquid water.
- ${\ensuremath{\mathbb C}}$  The moon has many craters.
- ≪The moon cannot support life.

Be able to draw and label
 these 4 phases of the Moon.



Label the following diagram: Sun, Sun's rays, Earth, the equator, Earth's axis, the North Pole, South Pole.

Be able to shade Day and Night.



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- The phases of the moon occur because the Moon \_\_\_\_\_\_ around the Earth.
- Describe three ways how the Moon and Earth are different.

• Know and be able to sketch these moon phases.

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

- The gravity of the moon makes the oceans rise and fall in daily \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tides are the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean's water level.
  \*This happens every day.

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