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Comet Fact Sheet



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Why are comets important? _____

What are comets? _____

Do all comets have tails? _____

How frequently do "spectacular" comets become visible? _____

How does a comet get its name? _____

Where do long period comets come from? _____

Where do short period comets come from? _____

How long is the approximate duration of the orbit of a **short** period comet?

How long is the approximate duration of the orbit of a **long** period comet?

You have discovered a New Comet!!!!

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Naming Your Comet

Using the information from the web page, you are going to name your comet and draw a picture of it using Media blender.

- 1) Decide if the comet is a short or long period comet.
If it is a long period comet, you will give it the letter "C"
If it is a short period comet, you will give it the letter "P"

Is your comet a long period or short period? What is the letter?

Remember the following information:

C- indicates a long period comet

P- indicates a short period comet.

2) Name the Year _____

3) Which half of the month is it discovered? _____

4) Give the full name of your comet-
