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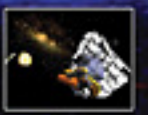
Mars Pathfinder—the first free-ranging rover to explore the surface of Mars, conducting science and technology experiments.



Stardust—will capture and return to Earth interstellar dust particles and comet dust for analysis to provide insight into the nature of the building blocks of our Solar System.



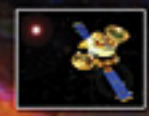
Deep Impact—the first experiment to crash a large object into the surface of a comet, creating a huge crater and revealing never before seen interior material for extensive study.



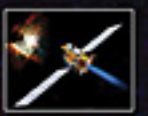
NEAR—the first spacecraft to orbit and land on a near-Earth asteroid, returning 100,000 detailed images of Eros during its year-long orbit.



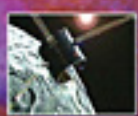
Genesis—a mission to collect particles ejected from the Sun and return them to Earth, to study the birth and evolution of the planets and all the bodies in our Solar System.



Dawn—a journey to the two oldest and largest known asteroids to learn about the conditions at the formation of the Solar System, using ion propulsion for the first time in a science mission.



Lunar Prospector—orbited the Moon for 18 months, looking for water and other natural resources and returning extensive mapping data.



MESSENGER—a focused scientific investigation of Mercury, designed to further understanding of the planet and the forces that have shaped it.



Kepler—an exploration of the structure and diversity of planetary systems, with a special emphasis on finding Earth-sized planets.



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