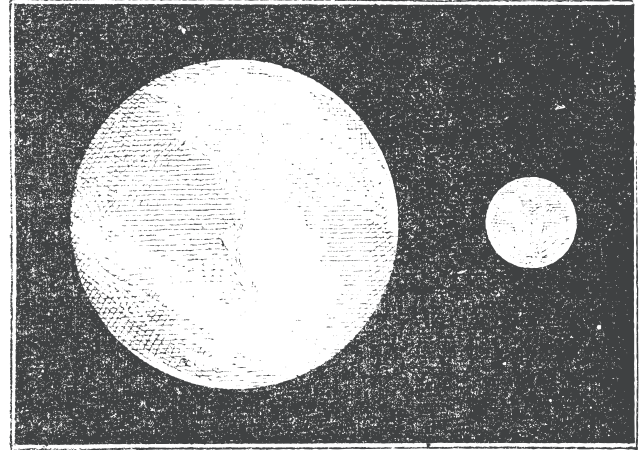


Find the Main Idea:

The Moon

Find the main idea in the paragraph below. Write the main idea and a supporting detail in your own words in the space provided. Then, write a concluding sentence for this paragraph.



The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite, and we can look outside on a clear night to see it. Our moon is not the only moon in the Solar System, though. There are over 300 other moons! Even though we can clearly see the Moon at night, it is about 238,857 miles away from the Earth. However, the Moon seems very close by when you consider that the Sun is about 92,955,817 miles away. The Moon goes through phases over a month's time. The Moon phases include: new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full moon, waning gibbous, third quarter, waning crescent.

Main Idea: The moon we see in the night sky orbits Earth.

Supporting Detail: Sample answer: The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite.

Concluding Sentence: Sample answer: Through the distance, we can see the Moon at different stages when we look up to the sky at night.

What is a question you have about the Moon? Student answers will vary.

