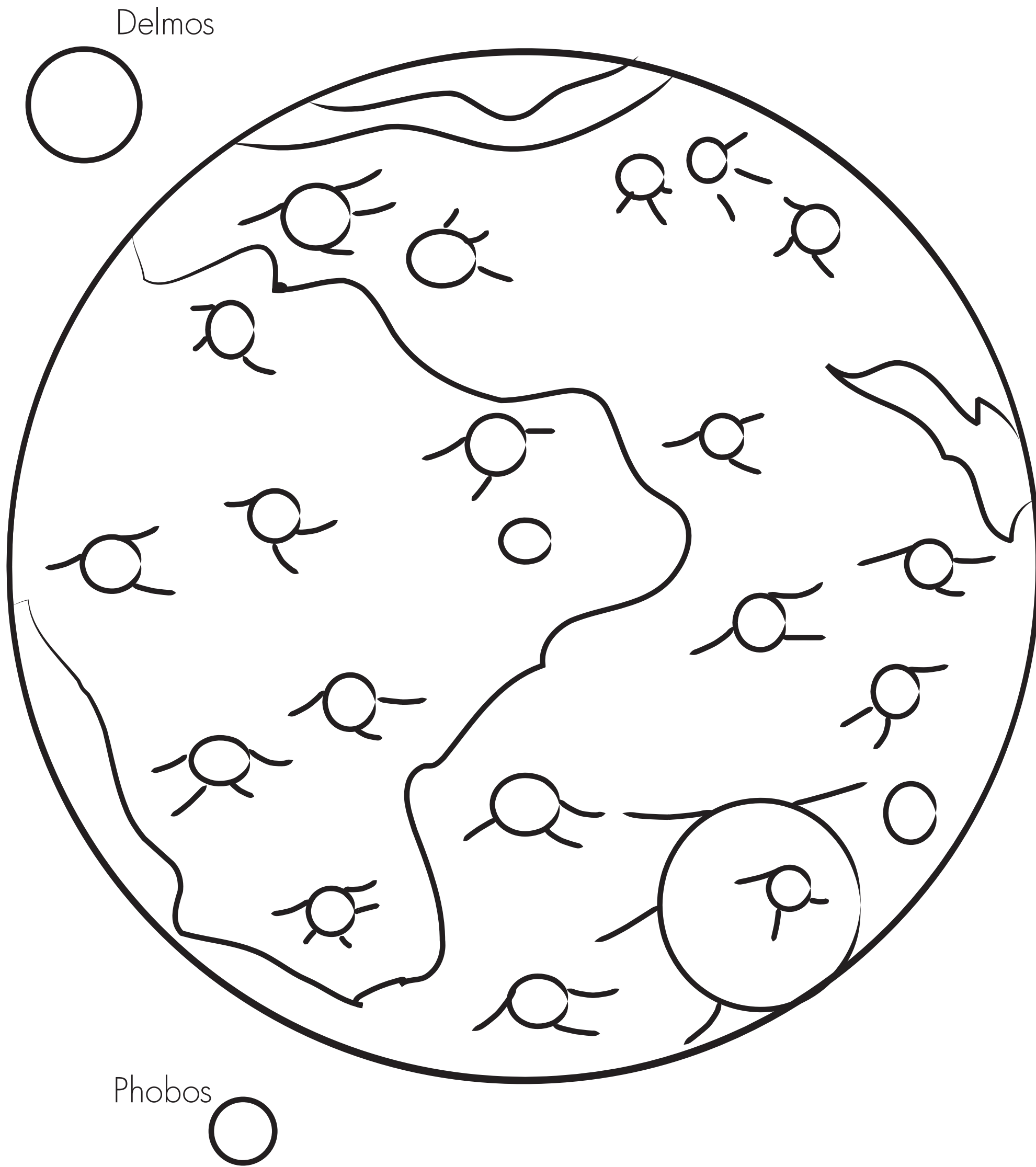




# The Solar System

## Mars



Mars is the fourth planet from the sun and is about one third the size of the Earth. It has been tracked in the night sky since the time of the ancient Egyptians.

The reason Mars looks red to us is because it has clouds made up of iron oxide.

The surface of Mars has been hit by millions of meteorites creating massive craters. Some of these craters are as big as the state of Texas!

In 1877, Asaph Hall discovered that Mars has two moons. We call them Phobos and Deimos.

NASA scientists think there might have been some form of life on the planet, because water has been found in its soil.

### Planet Pop Quiz!

What are the names of the 4 gas giants in our solar system?

Hint: J\_\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_, U\_\_\_\_\_ & N\_\_\_\_\_

