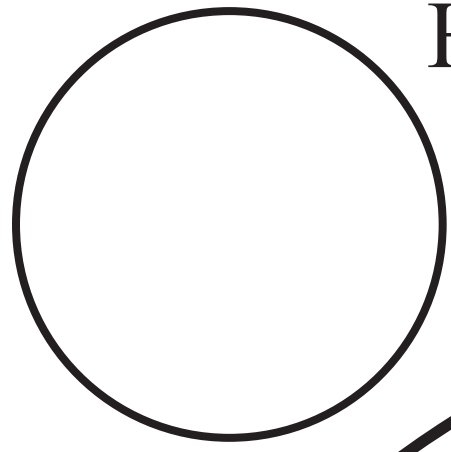


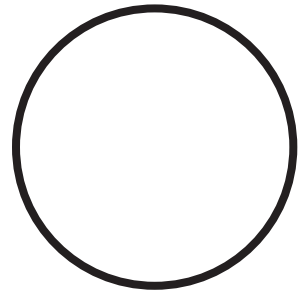


The Solar System

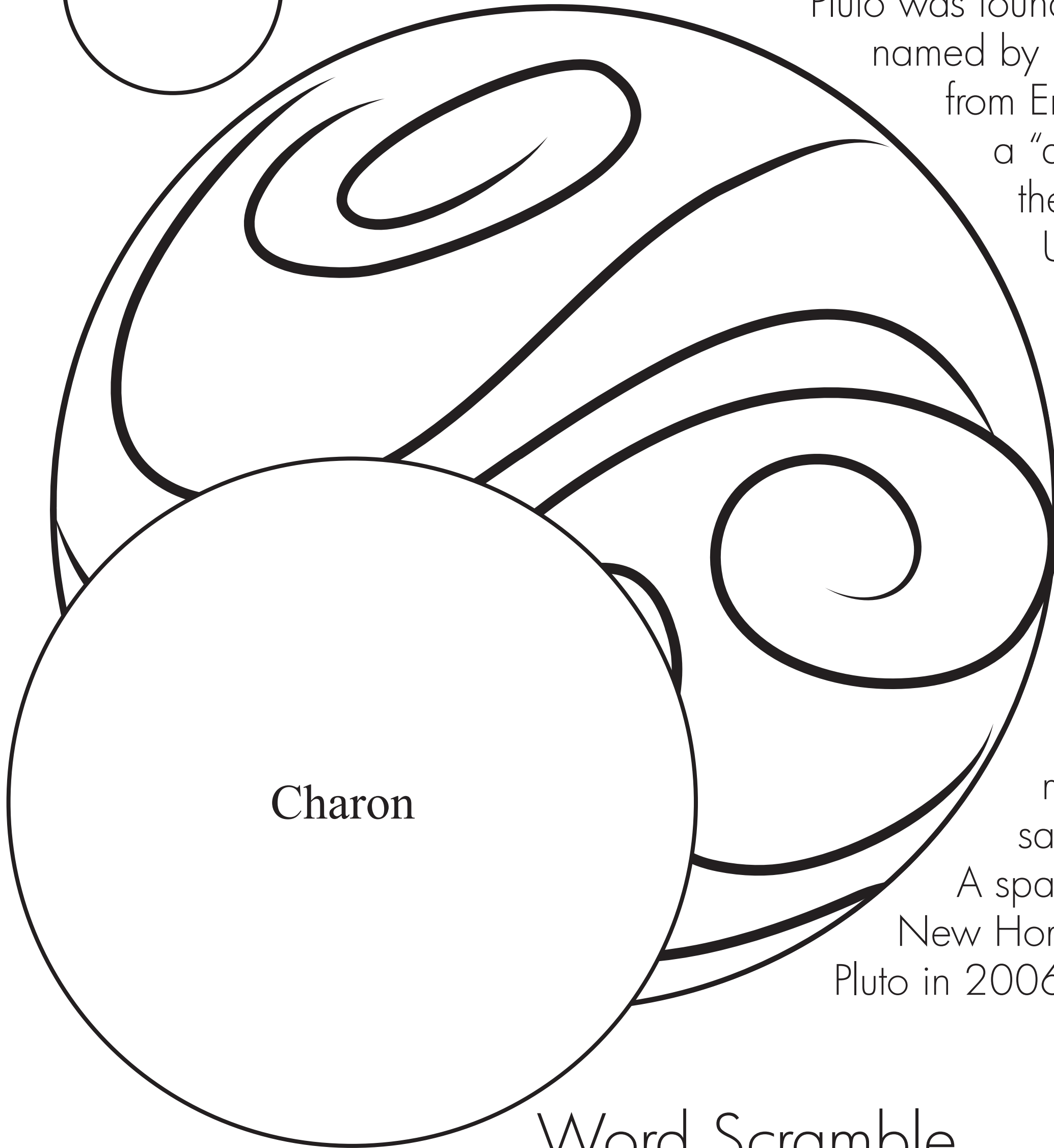
Pluto



Hydra



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Charon

Pluto was found in 1930 and was named by 11-year-old Venetia Burney from England. It was classified as a "dwarf planet" in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union. At 3.6 billion miles away from the sun, it is farther than any of the planets in our solar system, and is also colder, averaging -235 degrees.

Most of the gases in its atmosphere are frozen. Its largest moon, Charon, is "tidal-locked," making it always face the same side of Pluto.

A spacecraft called the New Horizon was launched toward Pluto in 2006. It should arrive by 2015.

Word Scramble

Place these planets (and one dwarf planet) by the dates they were discovered.

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