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Introduction to Starry Night College

Purpose

- Learn how to use the Starry Night College software by going through the Tutorial.
- Learn about the diurnal motion of stars, planets, Sun and Moon.

Equipment

• Starry Night College

Activity 1

Click on the "Tutorial" on the SKYGUIDE of Starry Night College. Follow the instructions in the Tutorial and finish all the questions there. Please write your answers in the table below.

Question	Letter Answer	Question	Letter Answer
1.		5.	
2.		6.	
3.		7.	
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Activity 2

Go through the materials in SKYGUIDE > Unit A: Earth. Moon and Sun > A-1 Diurnal Motion, and circle the correct answer for the following questions.

Question 1: The Sun, Moon, planets and stars rise	Question 2: What is the rate of the Sun's diurnal motion
in the and set in the	across the sky?
A. East, WestB. West, EastC. East, NorthD. West, South	 A. 360 degrees per hour B. 15 degrees per hour C. 360 degrees per year D. 1 degree per day
Question 3: Why do we observe diurnal motion	Question 4: Consider both of your sunrise observations.
from the surface of the Earth?	What appears to be the relationship between the angle that
A. The stars rotate completely around the	the track of the rising Sun makes with the horizon and the
Earth once every 24 hours.	latitude of the observer?
B. The Earth rotates on its spin axis carrying	A. There is no difference in the angle that the track of
an observer in a complete rotation from	the rising Sun makes with the horizon between
west to east once every 24 hours.	these two latitudes.
C. The Earth rotates on its spin axis carrying	B. The higher the latitude, the greater the angle that
an observer in a complete rotation from	the track of the rising Sun makes with the horizon.
east to west once every 12 hours.	C. The lower the latitude, the greater the angle that
D. The Earth rotates on its spin axis carrying	the track of the rising Sun makes with the horizon.
an observer in a complete rotation from	D. The angle of the rising Sun to the horizon is equal
east to west once every 24 hours.	to the latitude of the viewing location.