Astr 150 Assignment 13: Medieval and renaissance books on astronomy
due Thurs Apr 30, 2009

Word limit: none

Re-type and fill in the chart on Page 140 of the Lecture-Tutorial book, entitled “Medieval and renaissance books in the history of astronomy”. The first one is done for you:

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Little Commentary

On the revolutions

First Narrative

Star Messenger

Dialogue on the two chief world systems

On the new star

Cosmographic secret

The new astronomy

Harmony of the worlds

Rudolphine tables

Mathematical principles of natural philosophy

Requirements for a good assignment

- The assignment must be completely original work. The assignment will be graded strictly, as expected for a university-level course. Points will be removed for poor grammar or spelling. The assignment is graded out of 30 points.
- At the top of your paper: have your name, SID, an assignment number or title, and a word count. Unless otherwise stated, use question-and-answer format when writing your assignment, do NOT hand in a run-on paragraph.
- Be typed, double-spaced, and two-sided. Assignments longer than the word limit will receive zero credit. If a diagram is required, it must be neatly drawn (use rulers, compasses) and completely labelled.
- Use quotations only to illustrate your point, not to make it. If you are unclear about this requirement, then speak with the instructor.
- Show completeness of information, conciseness of expression, have a logical development of ideas, and evidence of thought regarding the content.
- Be professional of presentation, e.g., no ragged ends, creases, or ink blobs on the paper.
- If you reference any written sources at all, then you must give a bibliographic entry.
- In all ways, the author should show pride in his/her work.