



Adult Learning Within Reach

Member Lecture – 2 December 2021

The planet Mars
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Questions answered post-lecture

Q1 How do we know that the Sumerians and Babylonians knew about Mars?

Mars is visible with the naked eye and its red colour makes it particularly noticeable. These civilisations recorded observations of Mars on tablets. See the links below:-

[Mars](#) – Wikipedia

[History of Mars observation](#) - Wikipedia

[Astronomy the Babylonian Way](#) – J Anderson, Harvard

Useful links and further reading

[Mars facts](#) – The Nine Planets

[Current Mars exploration](#) - NASA

[Perseverance Rover](#) – NASA

[Curiosity Rover](#) - NASA

[Canals of Mars](#) – Society for the History of Astronomy

[Send your name to Mars](#) - NASA

Forthcoming courses by Ann Bonell

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