R* & fp	$n_e = n_p x f_s$	f	f _i	f _c & L	Misc
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50 Points	50 Points	50 Points	50 Points	50 Points	50 Points

This Drake term is probably the most well known value.

What is the star formation rate (R*)?

This early structure of the Solar System explains why the Solar System bodies all orbit the same way in the same plane.

What is a circumstellar disk?

4.2 light years is the distance away.

How far away is the nearest star?

This explains why a star does not collapse or explode.

What is Hydrostatic equilibrium?

This was the surprising result from the first exoplanets detected.

What is Jupiterlike planets found close to their star? The proto-Earth collided with a Mars-sized object and created this.

What is the Moon?

No atmosphere, no oceans, hot, and no life well describes the Earth at this time.

What is the very early Earth?

Although very common today, this element was not in the first permanent atmosphere of Earth.

What is oxygen?

This is the region around a star where water can be in its liquid form.

What is the habitable zone?

We exclude massive stars in our Drake term f_s for this main reason.

What is the lifetime of a massive star?

This is the monomer of proteins.

What are amino acids?

This legitimized the scientific search for the origins of life.

What is the Miller-Urey experiment?

This is what is meant in class by left-handed life.

What is life that uses left-handed amino acids?

This is the most likely transition to life model.

What is the RNA world?

All of the elements heavier than iron are forged in this way?

What is a supernova explosion?

The ability to model the world, including yourself.

What is the definition of intelligence?

This lifeform oxygenated the Earth's atmosphere 2 billion years ago.

What is cyanobacteria?

This is the most successful primate.

What are humans?

Evolutionary, this is why mutant sex is good.

What is the combination of "good" or positive mutations?

This is necessary to estimate the age of fossils over 60,000 yrs old.

What is radioactive dating of the volcanic rocks above and below the fossil?

Extra-somatic storage.

What is information stored outside of the body?

Anatomically modern humans for the last 100,000 yrs, this changed our cultural evolution 10,000 yrs ago.

What is agriculture?

Although energy will always be important, this structure could capture most of the energy of the Sun.

What is a Dyson Sphere?

This will cause the Earth to get hot (probably boil the oceans) in only 2 billion years.

What is the evolution of the Sun?

These are the 3
Copernican
Revolutions.

What are: We are not the center of the Solar System, we are not the center of the Galaxy, and we are not the center of the Universe?

This frequency band contains arguably the best frequencies to search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

What is 1-10 GHz?

This message was only sent once (3 mins long) and was hard to decipher.

What is the Arecibo Message?

These telescopes are the most sensitive, but have the smallest field of view.

What are big radio telescopes?

Gwen, the twin of Ben, travels near the speed of light for a year, then returns, which twin is oldest now?

Who is Ben?

This document is the only serious scientific study of UFOs.

What is the Condon Report?



If N>8000 and we want to find the distance to the nearest ET, then we can assume that the Galactic search volume is this.

What is a sphere?