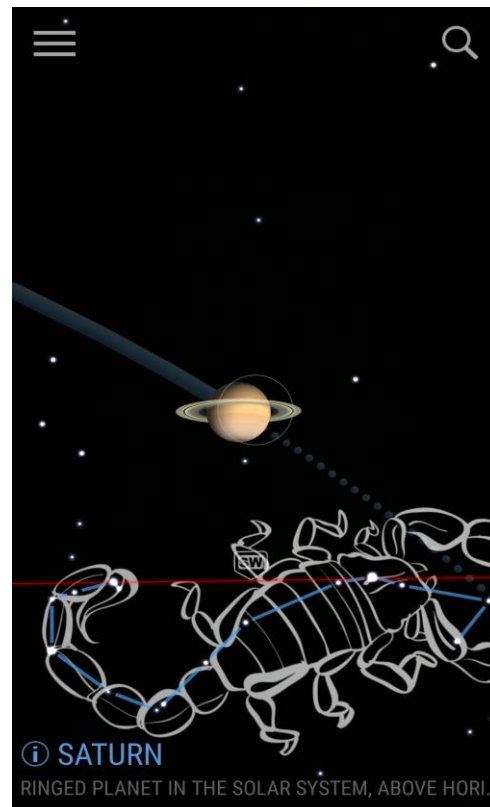
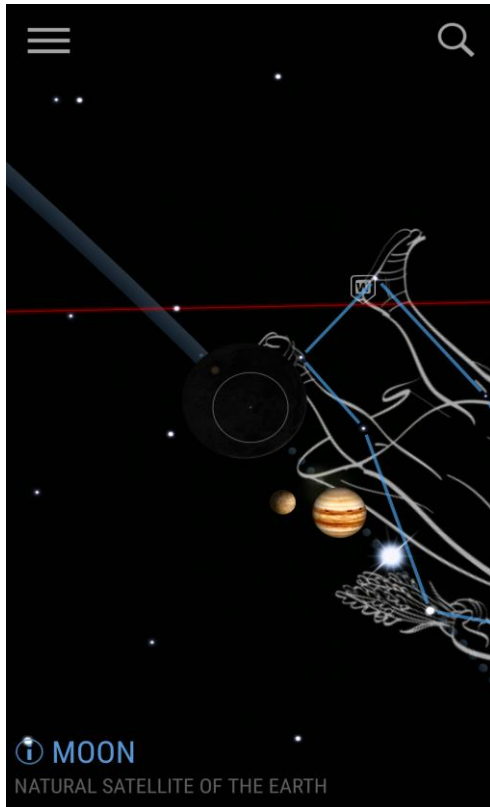


Exploring the Stars

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Ever since humans landed on the moon, we knew there was no limit to what we could accomplish. The sky was no longer the limit with vast solar systems to explore. Unfortunately, we have yet to visit any other planets, but maybe that future isn't far off. After working on this assignment, I realized how little I know about the universe around us. Hopefully moving forward I'll learn more with the help of AR applications.



Above are two images taken from the SkyView app. This app lets the user aim their phone at the sky and see the stars, planets, constellations, the sun, pretty much any entity in the sky that would be visible in certain situation. As it is now, this app and other apps that are similar don't have a purpose other than educating its users about the planets and stars in the sky. However, who said that purpose alone isn't enough. Considering how little we know about what's outside the earth's atmosphere, having informative apps like these is welcomed. If an app like this were built into a pair of AR glasses, it would be as simple as looking up at the sky to see what constellation you're looking at. In this particular app, constellations are automatically outlined and connected. With the AR glasses, some nice functionality might be to draw in the constellations yourself using your finger pointing up at the sky. I believe over time, once AR glasses become more mainstream and common for consumers, having an app like this integrated into those glasses will pave the way for a more educated next generation.