Dear friend,

I would like to share with you knowledge that I have found using a few resources online under the instruction of my ToK teacher. We were instructed to choose a famous mathematician and research about him. The mathematician that I chose was Galileo Galilei since I have always had an interest in him due to the parody of a song that he was mentioned in. We were instructed to so this in order to be familiar with one of the many areas of knowing recognized by the International Baccalaureate Organization. I was able to find most of my information through a “Google” search which provided me with resources like “Wikipedia”, “LucidCafe” and “Crystalinks” which you would find links for in the bottom of this message. I have found out that Galileo was a an Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher who was born in 1564 and died in 1542. He was the first to use a telescope in which he made great astronomical discoveries with. His astronomical observations made him a supporter of the heliocentric view, which was the discovery that the Earth revolved around the sun that caused him trouble with the Catholic Church. Galileo went blind at age 72, which was rumored that it was due to his frequent observations of the Sun. I hope that you have benefited and enjoyed this quick overview of Galileo.

Resources:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galileo_Galilei>

<http://www.lucidcafe.com/library/96feb/galileo.html>

<http://www.crystalinks.com/galileo.html>

Sincerely,

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