History of the Planets

How the word “planet” has changed its meaning over time.
The Planets – Ancient Greek for “Wanderers”. Over 2,500 years ago, they noticed some objects in space were moving differently than how the stars appeared to move.
Sun centered view – Earth now considered a planet, Sun and Moon no longer considered planets (1500’s)
Planet count: 7

1781 – Uranus discovered
Planet count: 8

1801 – Ceres discovered
Planet count: 9

1802 – Pallas discovered
1804 – Juno discovered
Planet count: 11

1807 – Vesta discovered
Planet count: 12+

1846 – Neptune discovered
1850s – Asteroids redefined and no longer considered planets
Planet count: 9

1930 – Pluto discovered
Planet count: 10?

2004 – Eris discovered
Planet count: 12

2006 – One proposed new definition for planets
Planet count: 20 or more

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Mercury  Venus  Earth  Mars  Ceres, Pallas & Vesta  Jupiter  Saturn  Uranus  Neptune  Pluto & Charon  Eris

2003 EL61
2005 FY9
Sedna
Orcus
Quaoar
2002 TX300
2002 AW197
Varuna
Ixion
Hygiea
2006 – Planet is redefined to include only objects which are round, orbiting the sun, and have cleared their neighborhood of other objects.