Getting Ready for High School

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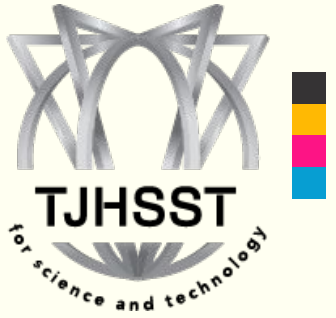

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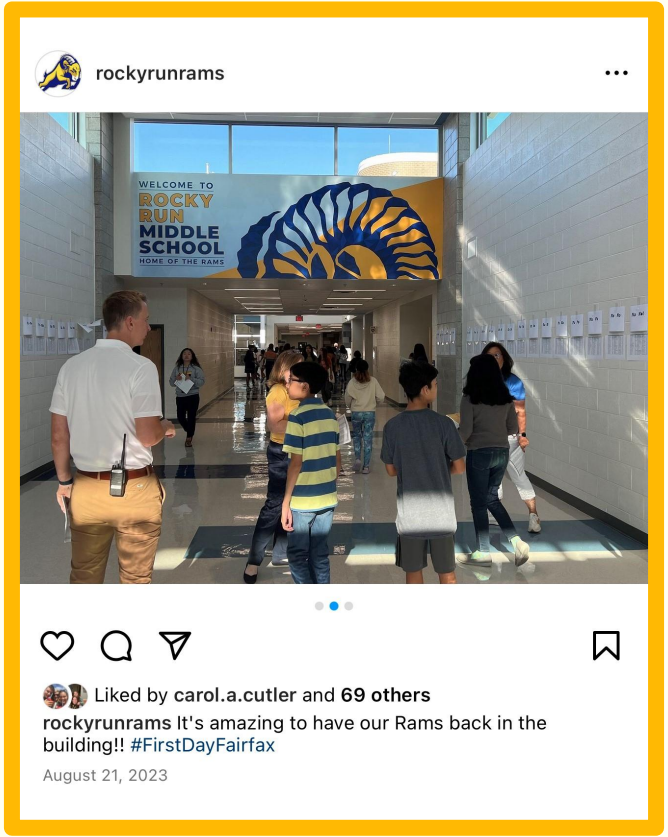
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Feedback from HS Teachers & Counselors

Organization

“An organization system that works for them to help organize due dates, classwork, tests, etc. [...]They need to come in freshman year with a system or app or SOMETHING to manage their deadlines/due dates/workload”

- Paper Agendas
- Google Apps: Calendar, Keep, Tasks
- Phone Apps:
  - Remember the Milk
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  - Studious
  - My Study Life

Student Life

“Get in the habit of staying after with your teachers for the hard classes at the beginning of the year so it’s part of your routine and when things actually get hard you’re used to staying after and it won’t seem like such a huge deal. “

“Initiate conversations about questions/problems/concerns. Students need to be comfortable (or at least willing) to ask for help when they need it and recognize that they should determine their area of need—so for example, instead of just saying “I need help”, they should be able to articulate “I need help organizing my materials” or “I need help understanding XXX that we talked about last class”

“Balancing workload – kids are tempted to pile on honors classes, sports, clubs, etc – and that’s all amazing. But that comes with a heavy lift on their end, and they need to understand that while their teacher may sympathize with their plight – that does not change the workload of our class.”

Academics

- Honors:
  - *“Work is more challenging, and even if they have “always gotten an A” they are not guaranteed an A for just completing work—grades are far more rooted in what you know and can do (and how well you know content and can demonstrate your skills). The benefits of being in an honors class are being challenged and growing your academic experience (and for many a stepping stone to AP and DE), and certainly many students still earn As, but be prepared to work harder than you have in previous courses.”*
- Skill of Writing:
  - *“Students should be able to write coherent sentences and paragraphs. They should understand the basic structure of an essay. In English 9 honors, the expectation is that students can construct a basic 5 paragraph SOL essay. We pick up from there.”*
- Class Participation:
  - *“Be prepared to actively participate daily class discussions.”*
- Using Learning Seminar (Rock Time, Flex, Charger Time, etc) effectively
  - Use this time to connect with teachers! The loose structure of this time can be challenging for more distractible or unorganized students. Make a plan to follow through on

Thoughts? Questions?

Introduction

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the entire Solar System. This planet's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman messenger god. Mercury's surface is filled with craters

Mercury takes a little more than 58 days to complete its rotation, so try to imagine how long days must be there! Since the temperatures are so extreme, albeit not as extreme as on Venus, Mercury has been deemed to be non-habitable for humans

Concepts

Concept 1

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System—it's only a bit larger than the Moon

Concept 2

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's hot and has a poisonous atmosphere

Examples

Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one of them all

Venus

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

Mars

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It’s full of iron oxide dust

Recommendations

Mars

Despite being red, Mars is very cold

Venus

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Neptune

Neptune is the farthest planet

Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

Saturn

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

A picture always reinforces the concept

You can give a brief description of the topic you want to talk about here. For example, if you want to talk about Mercury, you can say that it's the smallest planet in the entire Solar System

Awesome words

A picture is worth a thousand words

Line and contour exercise

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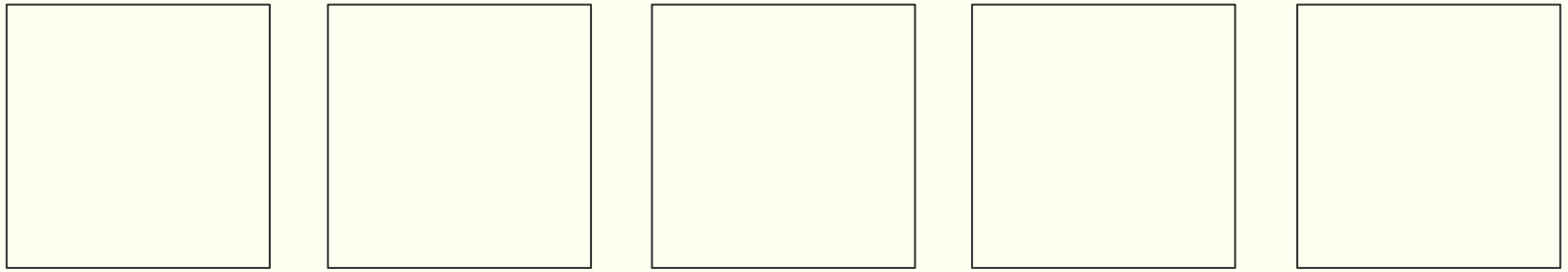

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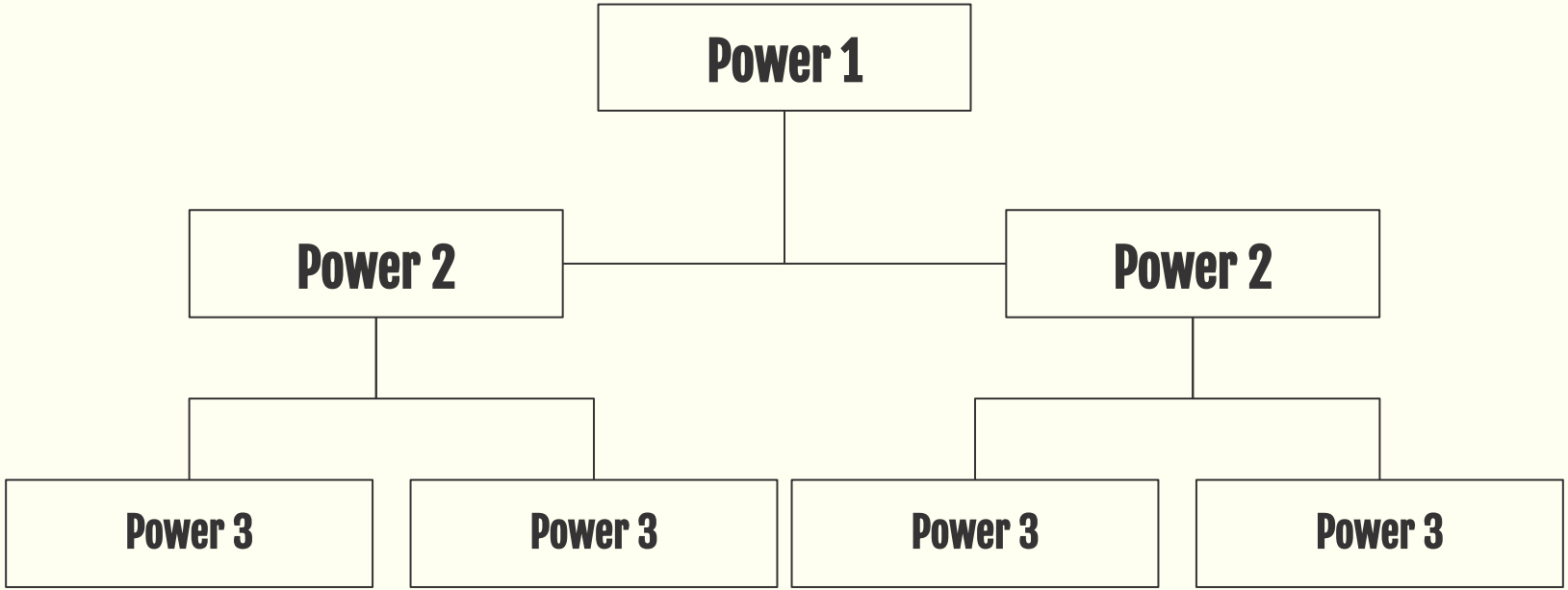


Sequence

First

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

Next

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Next

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place

Next

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Next

Saturn is composed of hydrogen and helium

Last

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun

Classification

Mars	Venus	Mercury	Jupiter
• Small • Red • Cold • Rocky	• Small • Hot • Dry • Volcanic	• Small • Hot • Rocky • Cratered	• Large • Cold • Gassy • Striped
Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place	Venus is hot, even hotter than Mercury	Mercury is the smallest planet of them all	Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Cause and effect

Problem or goal

Environment

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

People

Mars is actually a very cold place

Measurement

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun

Materials

Methods

Machines

Question and answer

Question

Is Mercury the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System? Note that it’s a bit larger than the Moon

Answer

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It’s hot and has a poisonous atmosphere

Timeline

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Venus

Despite being red, Mars is a very cold place

Mars

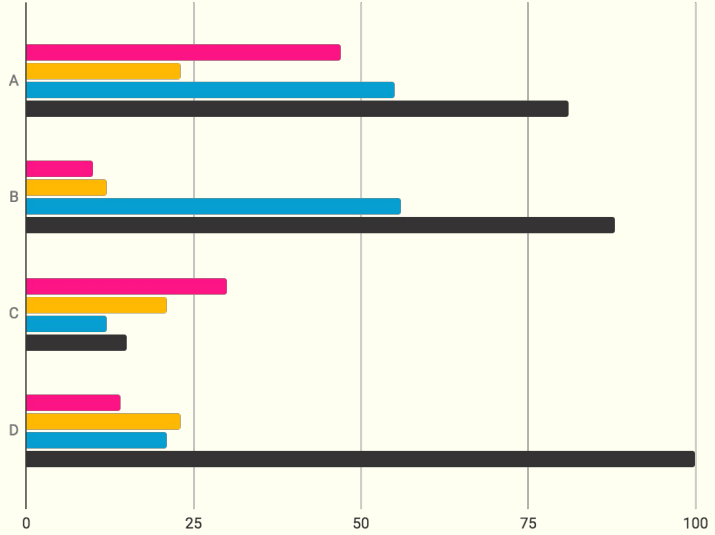
Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

You can use this graph



Mercury

Mercury is a very small planet

Venus

Venus has very high temperatures

Jupiter

Jupiter is a huge gas giant

Saturn

Saturn is a gas giant with rings

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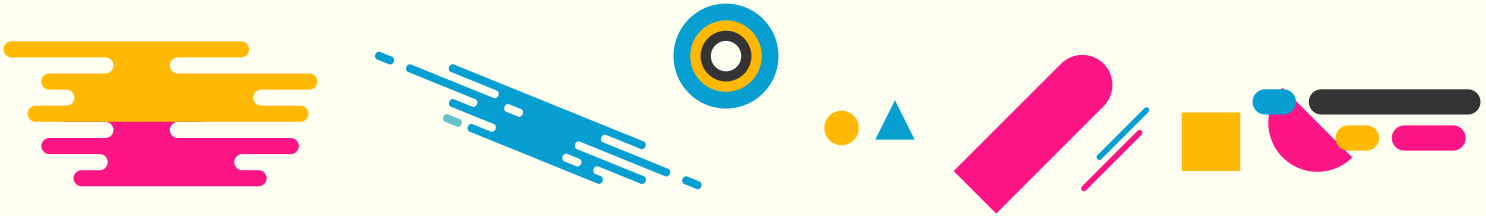

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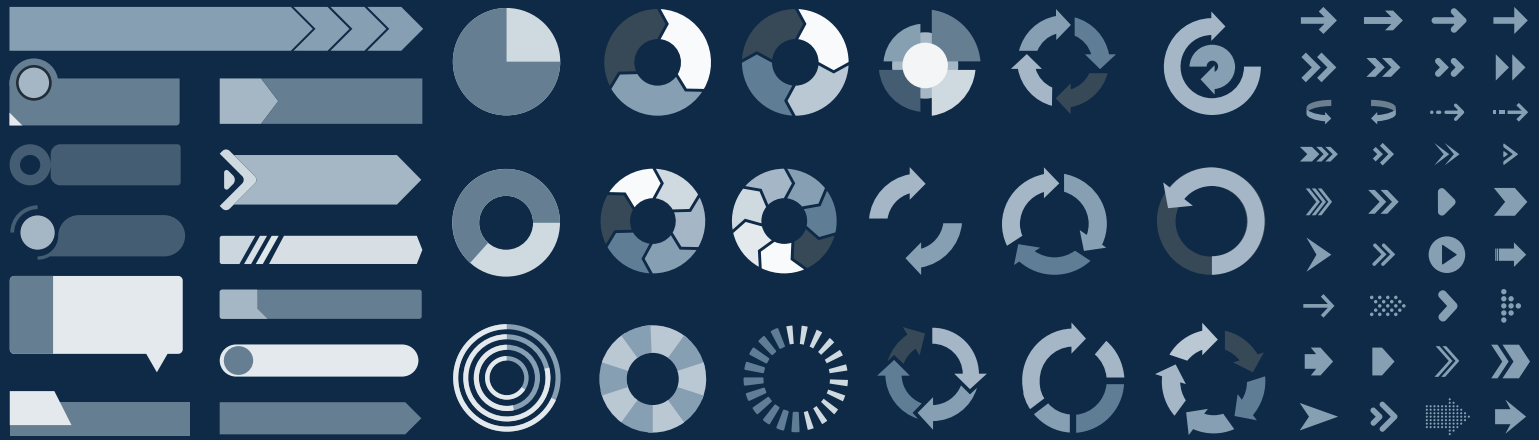

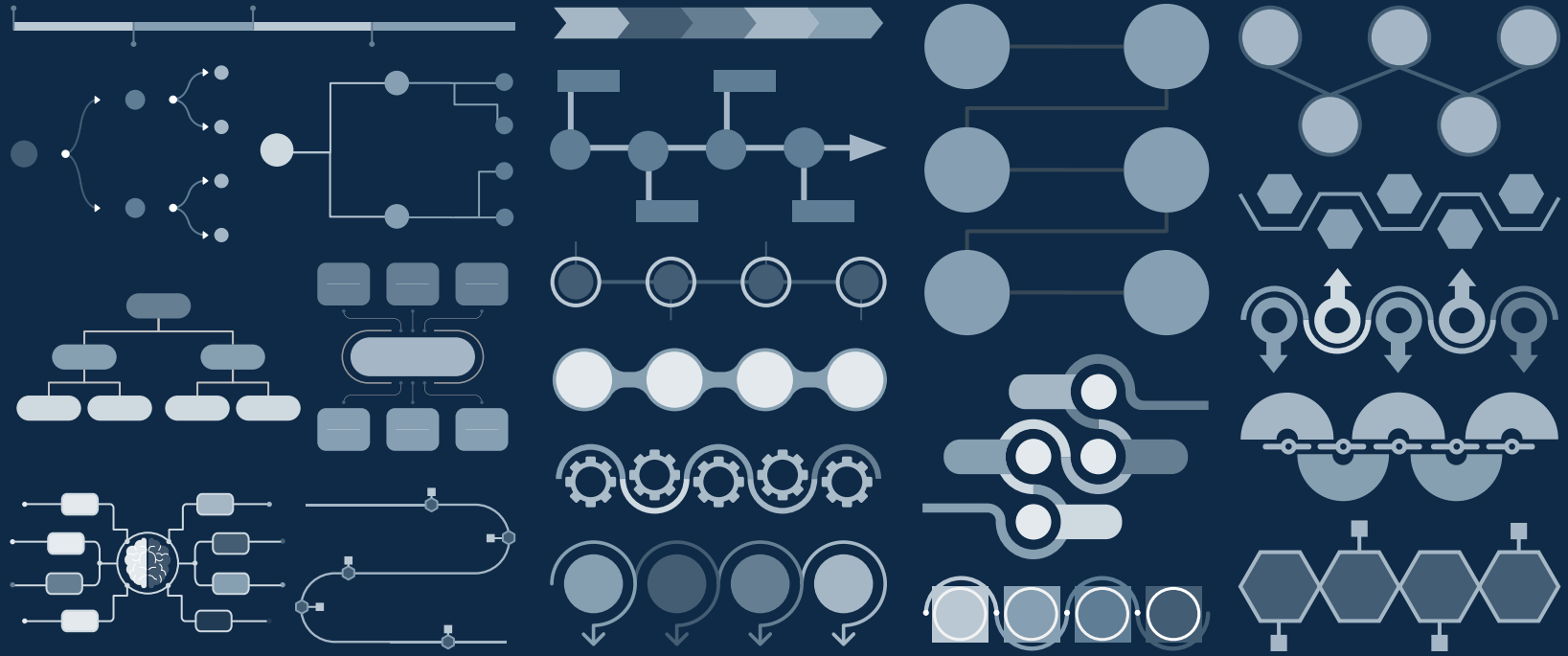

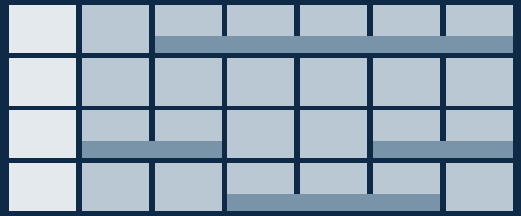

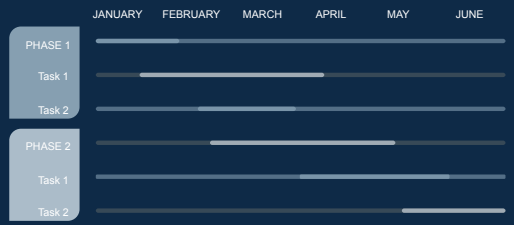
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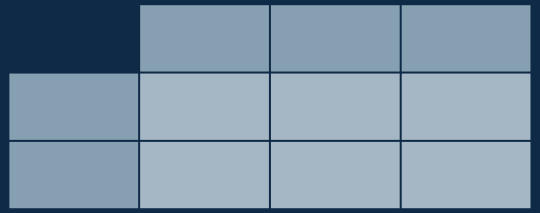

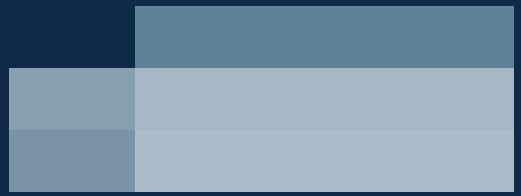

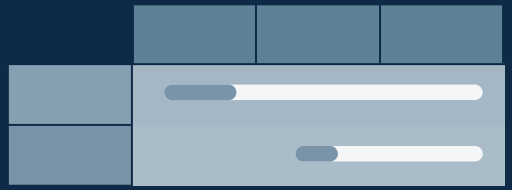

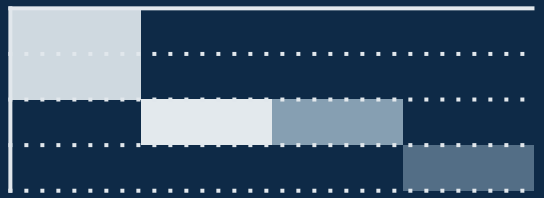

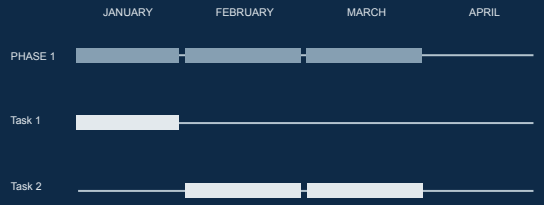
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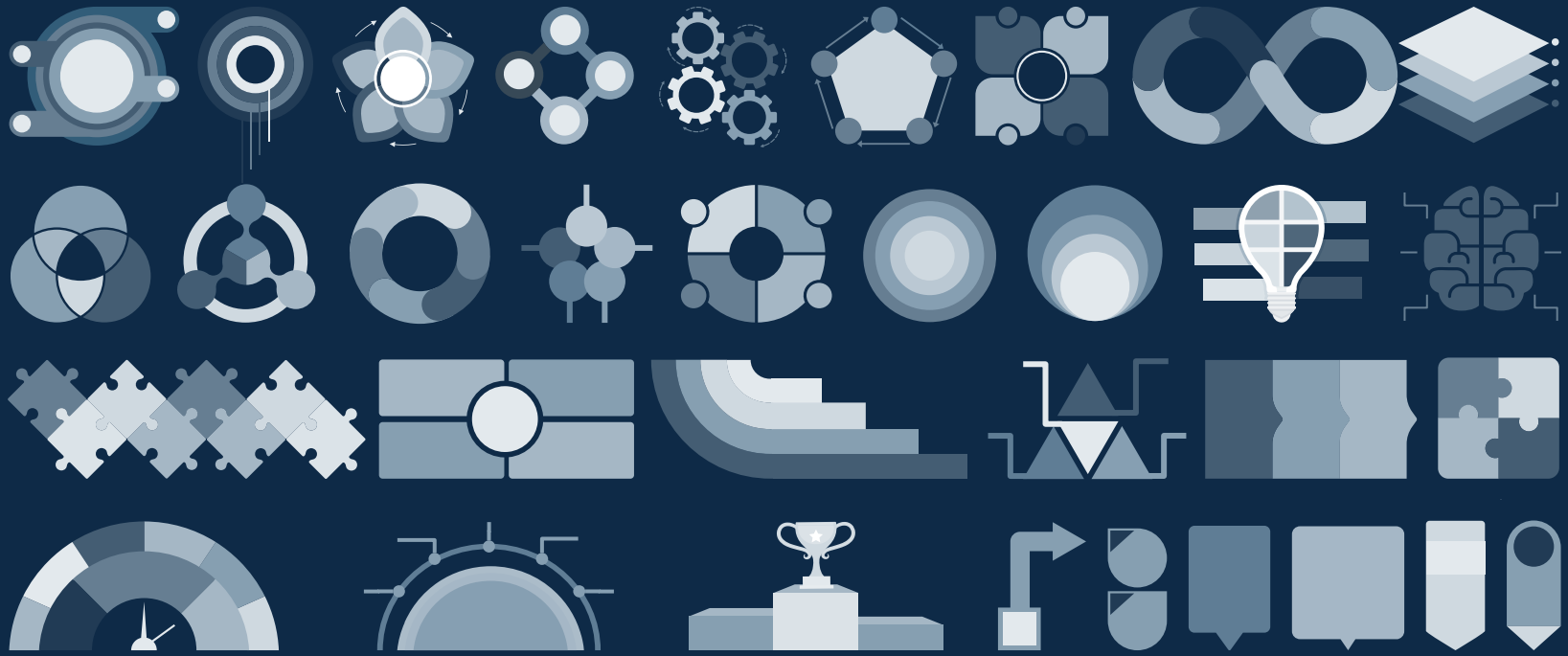

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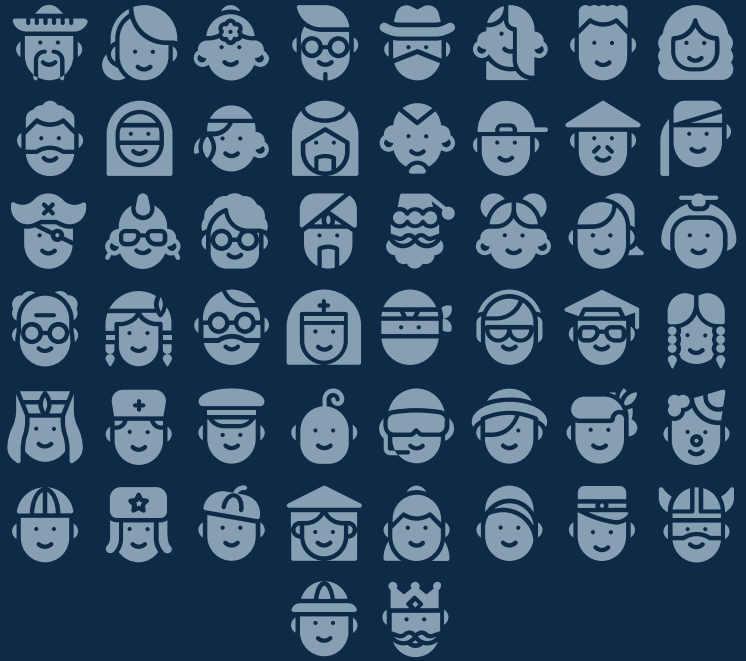

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