Stars and Brightness

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- B) How long a star lives in years
- C) The age of the universe in years
- D) How fast a planet orbits its star

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- B) Betelgeuse
- C) Rigel
- D) Polaris

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. A _____ is a small, hot, very dense star left after a Sun-like star dies.

2. If a star moves farther from Earth, its apparent brightness will _____ .

3. Light from the closest star besides the Sun takes about four _____ to reach Earth.

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1. A **white dwarf** is a small, hot, very dense star left after a Sun-like star dies.

2. If a star moves farther from Earth, its apparent brightness will **decrease**.

3. Light from the closest star besides the Sun takes about four **years** to reach Earth.

4. The supergiant star **Betelgeuse**, in Orion's shoulder, is huge and reddish.

5. Even though a light-year sounds like time, it actually measures **distance**.