

Astrology for Creatives

with Rachel Lang and
Bonnie Gillespie

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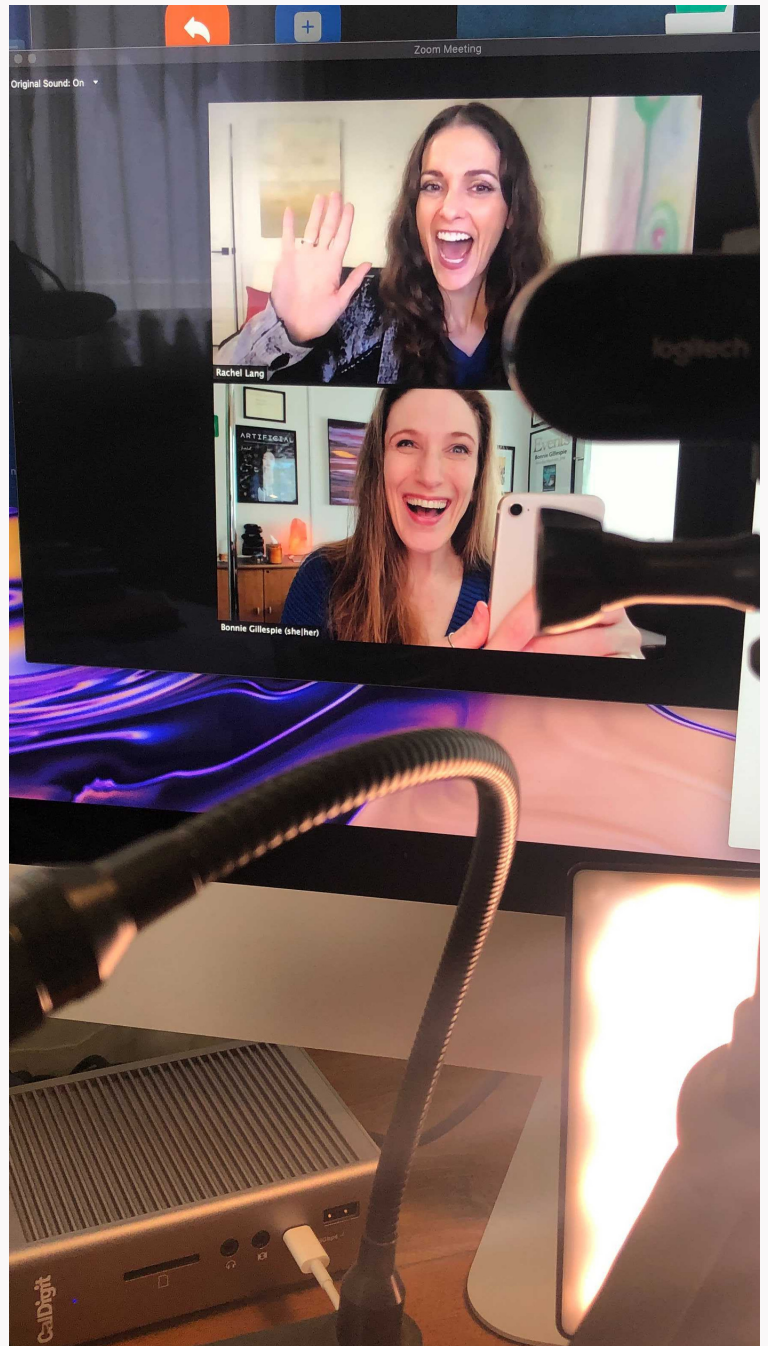
Don't mind us. We're just over here seriously geeking out about how excited we are to have this time together!

You are now a part of our second cohort of **Astrology for Creatives** with Rachel Lang and Bonnie Gillespie. Woo HOO!

The following pages will walk you through how to be prepped for our first class meeting. This will include rendering your chart using the Whole Sign House System, learning the glyphs we will be referencing throughout the course, and playing with some keywords as you get to know yourself in a whole new way (we'll continue to add to all of this workbooky goodness throughout our time together).

Most of the info about what to expect during our time together is on the **WELCOME** page of our membersite. Come spend some time with us, say hi in the comments area, and let's get ready for an amazing experience!

Yay!



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Curriculum

WEEK 1: YOUR WOW FACTOR

The Sun: Your Sense of Self
The Moon: Your Emotional Body
Your Rising: How You Come Across

WEEK 2: ATTRACTING ABUNDANCE

Your Chart Ruler: The Pace of Life
Venus: Beauty, Value, Money
Jupiter: Expand & Add Glitter

WEEK 3: CALLED TO FAME

The Midheaven (MC): Your Ambition
The 10th House: Your Reputation
How to Wake up a Sleepy MC

WEEK 4: LIVE YOUR PURPOSE

The North Node: Your Destiny
Numerology: Your Birth Number
Numerology: Your Personal Year

WEEK 5: OVERCOME YOUR FEARS AND LIMITS

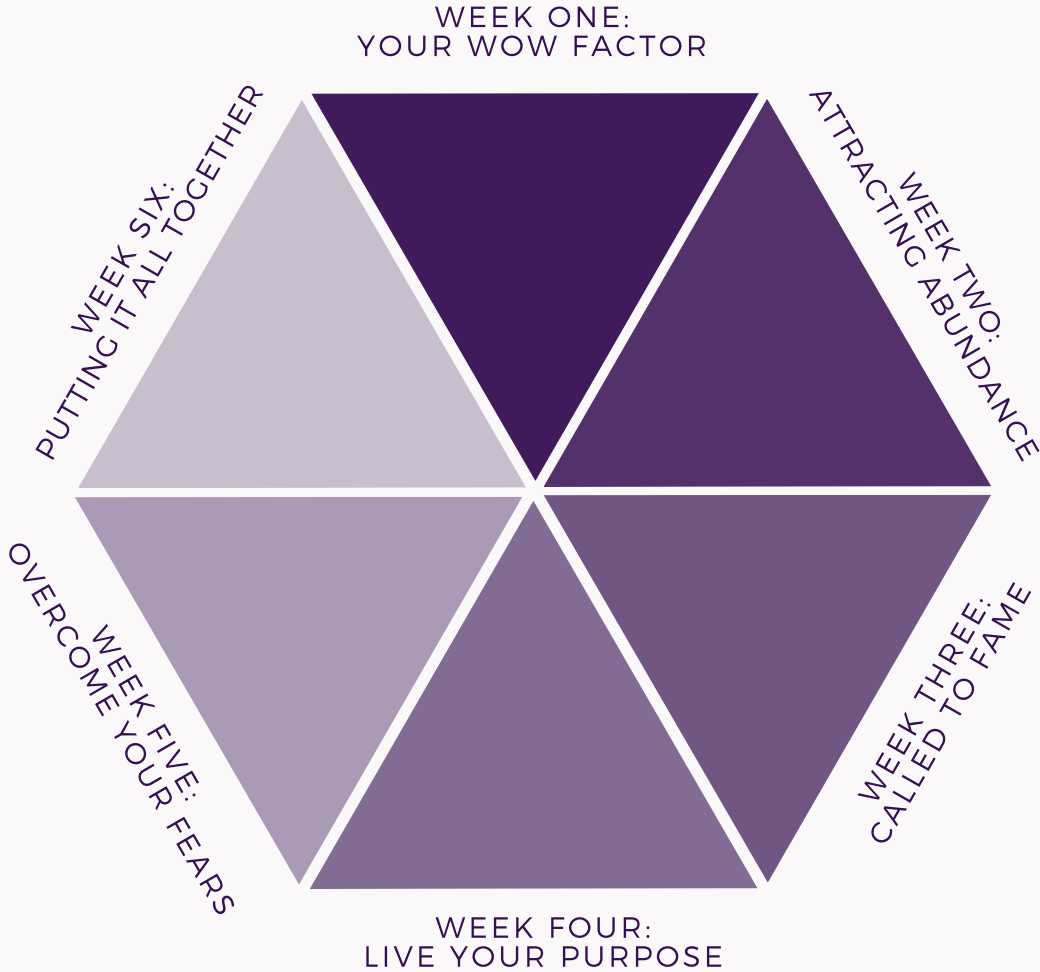
Mars: Passion, Motivation, Fire
Saturn: Limits, Structure, Constraints
Correspondences for Balance

WEEK 6: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

What Your Chart Has Taught You
Ongoing Practices for Support
Your New Logline

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Overview



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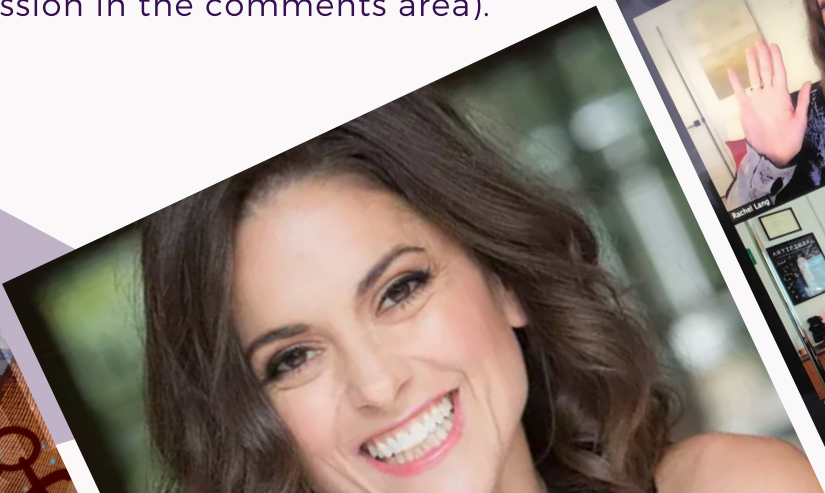
Schedule

- WEEK ONE: **October 6th, 11:30am PDT**
- WEEK TWO: **October 13th, 11:30am PDT**
- WEEK THREE: **October 20th, 11:30am PDT**
- WEEK FOUR: **October 27th, 11:30am PDT**
- WEEK FIVE: **November 3rd, 11:30am PDT**
- WEEK SIX: **November 10th, 11:30am PST***

OUR ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695558812>

* = Note that we are based in California, where a time shift OUT of Daylight Saving Time will happen prior to our Week 6 Zoom meeting. If you live in an area that does not shift time along with us, you'll need to adjust your timing for our final class meeting! We don't want you to miss a second of this!

You will receive an email to let you know when each week's course page opens (the Monday before each weekly Zoom). You will receive another email to let you know when the replay has been posted (always within 24 hours, along with new workbook pages and continued discussion in the comments area).



SETTING INTENTIONS



WHEN WE HAVE A SENSE OF WHERE WE'RE GOING, WE CAN CHART OUR COURSE ACCORDINGLY.

What do you hope to learn in this class?

How do you want to best use your gifts?



What would you do differently if you weren't afraid to fail?

What limits your success?

What can you do to overcome those limits?

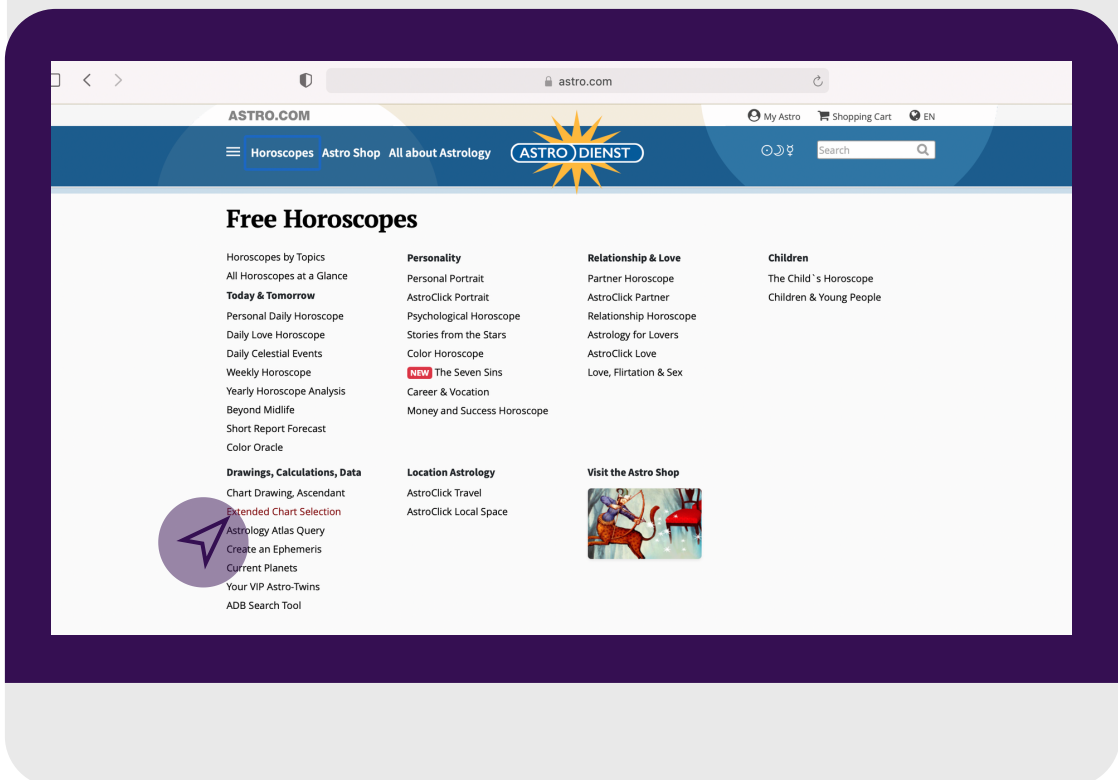
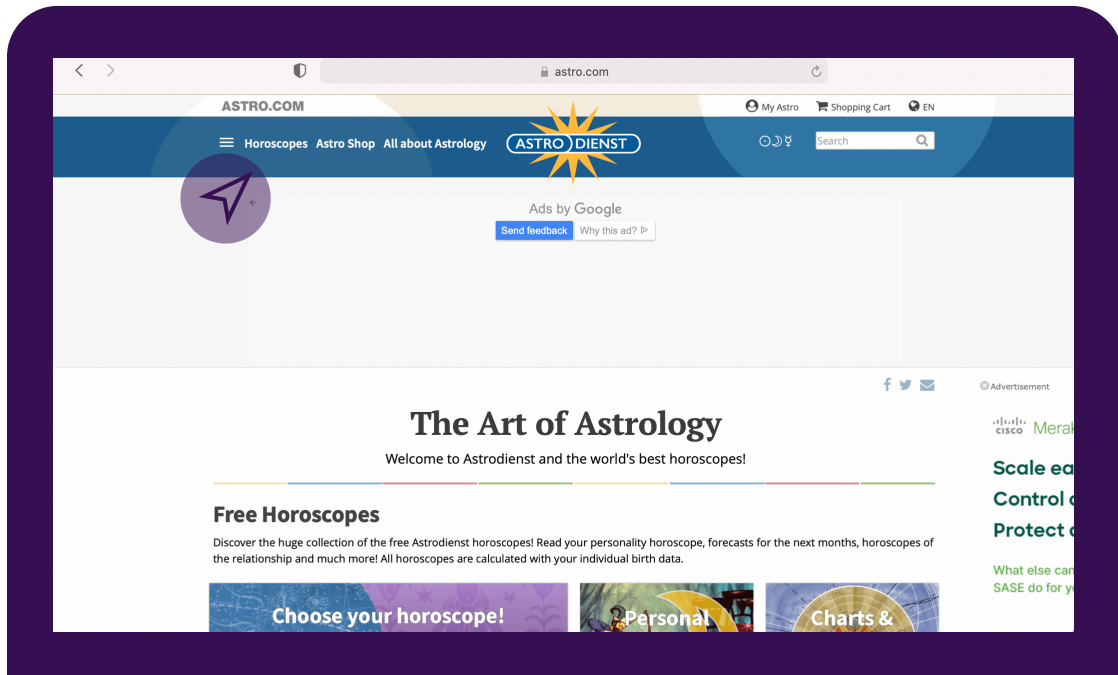
What are three positive things people say about you?



HOW TO RENDER YOUR CHART

USING THE FREE NATAL CHART FEATURE AT ASTRO.COM

If you already have your chart in Whole Sign House System format, skip ahead. Otherwise, visit **astro.com** and select the **Horoscopes** menu from the top left area. This will expand a multi-column menu. From here, choose **Extended Chart Selection** from the **Drawings, Calculations, Data** section.

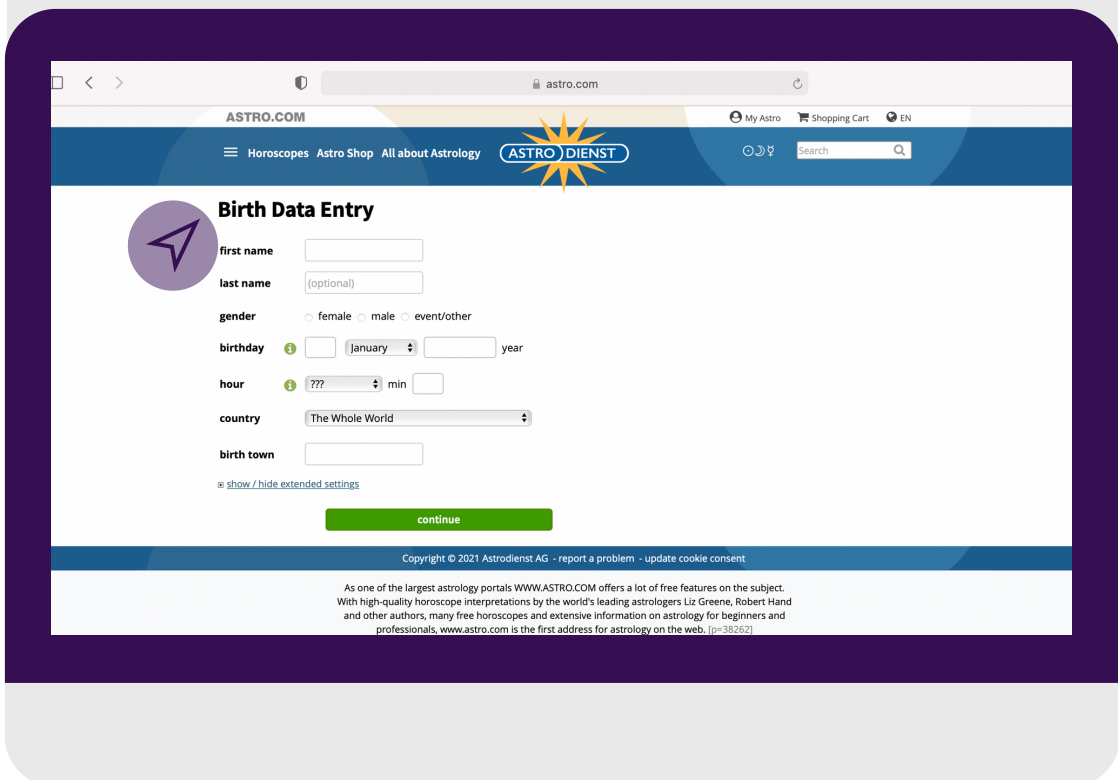
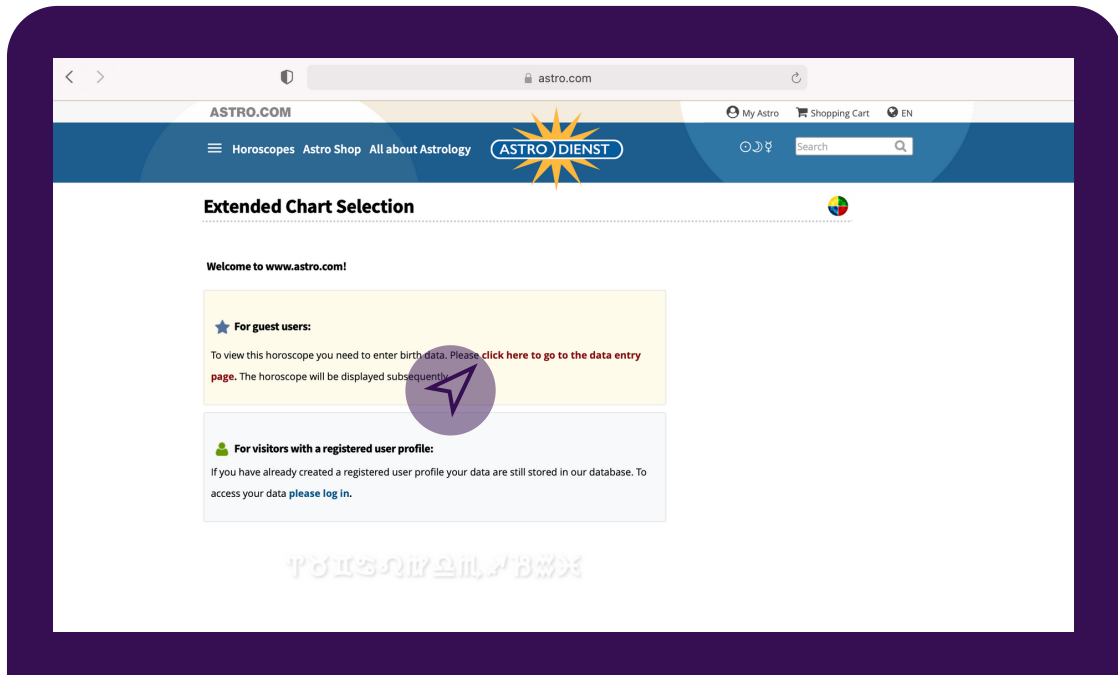




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From here, we'll proceed as a **guest user** (it's fine to create an account if you'd like, but you don't have to). Once you click the words **click here to go to the data entry page** in the **guest user** section, you'll click through to AGREE to terms and then land on a form you'll fill out with your birth information so the site can render your free natal chart!

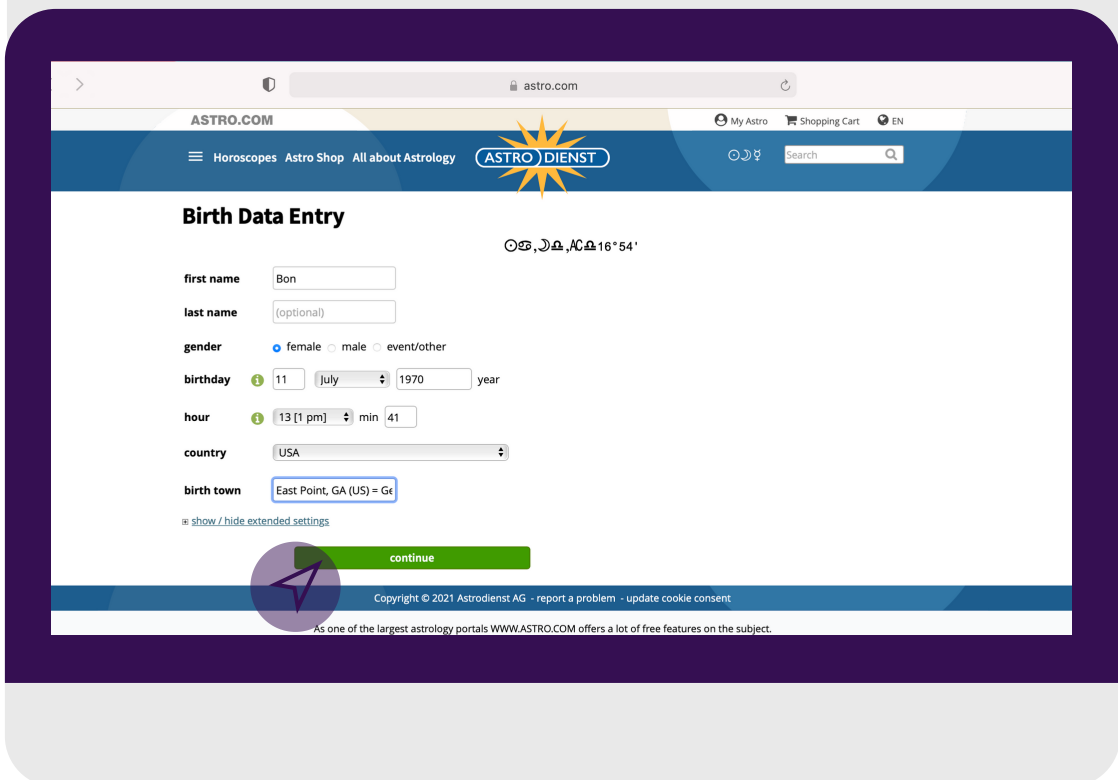
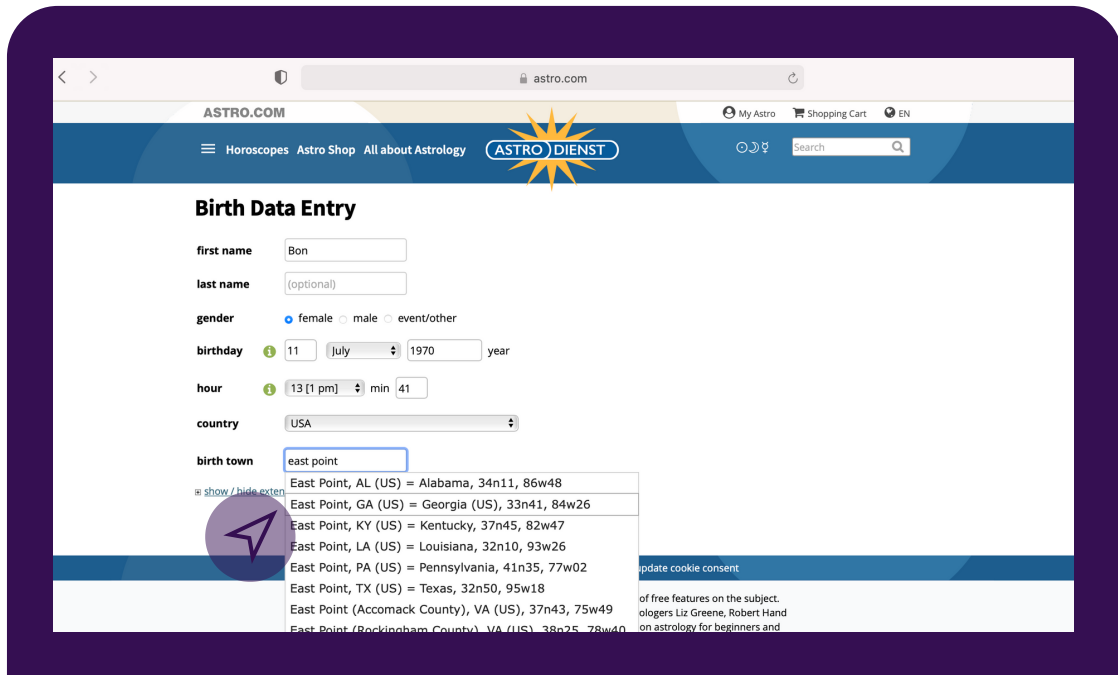




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You can see how I've filled out the form using my information: name, gender (sorry it's dated in its gender options), birthday, hour and minute of birth, country of birth, and then as I fill in the birth town, the site provides a few options (including longitude and latitude) for me to select from. Once I've made the selection, it's time to render my chart!

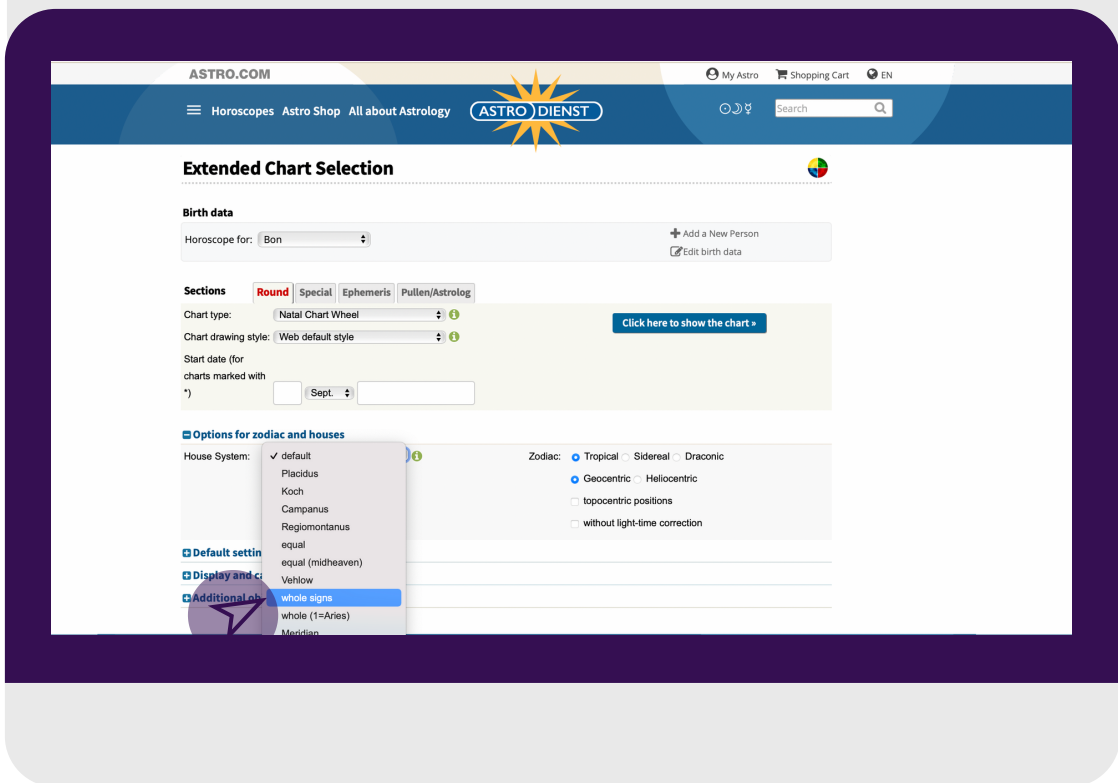
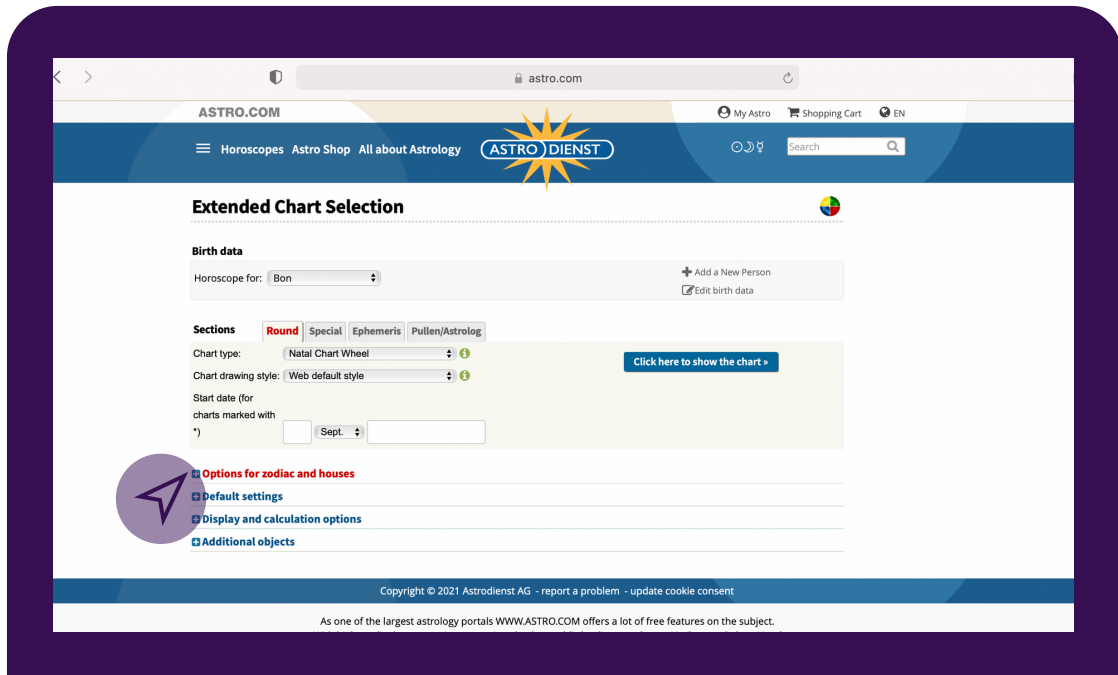




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Now we're ready to shift from the default HOUSE system for Astro.com to the one we'll be using in this course (**Whole Signs**). So, before clicking on the ever-so-tempting button that says "Click here to show the chart," be sure to expand the "Options for zodiac and houses" menu by clicking on it and selecting the **Whole Signs** menu option first!

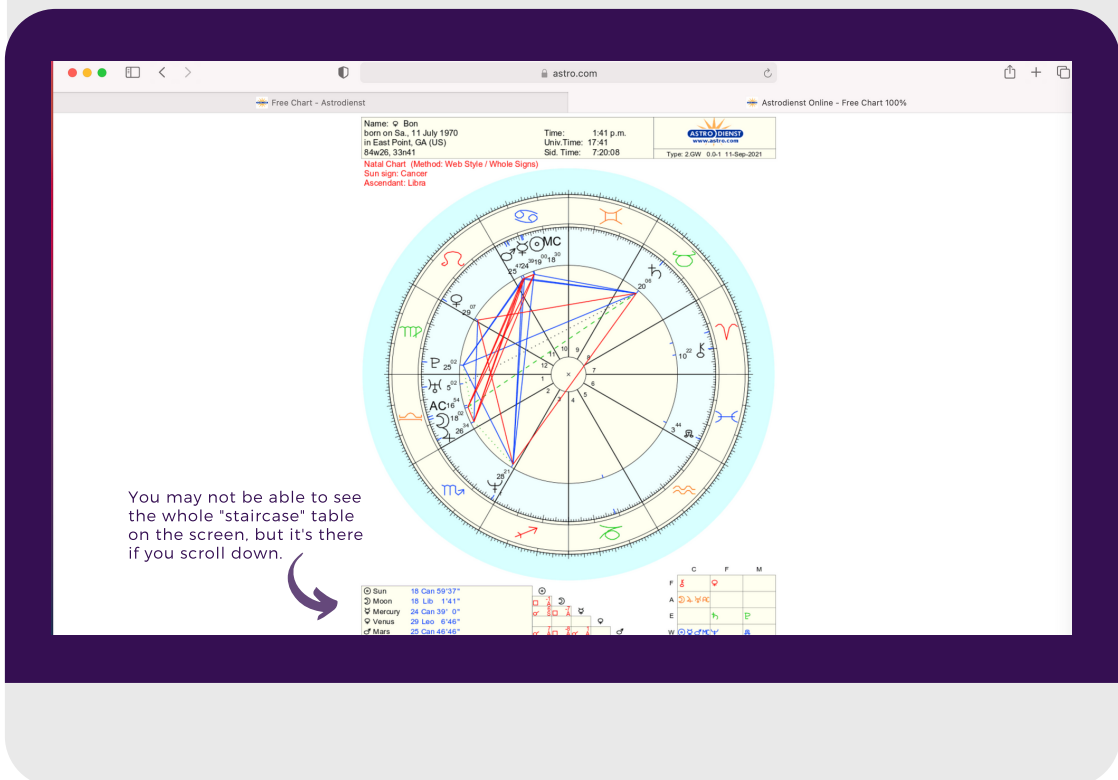
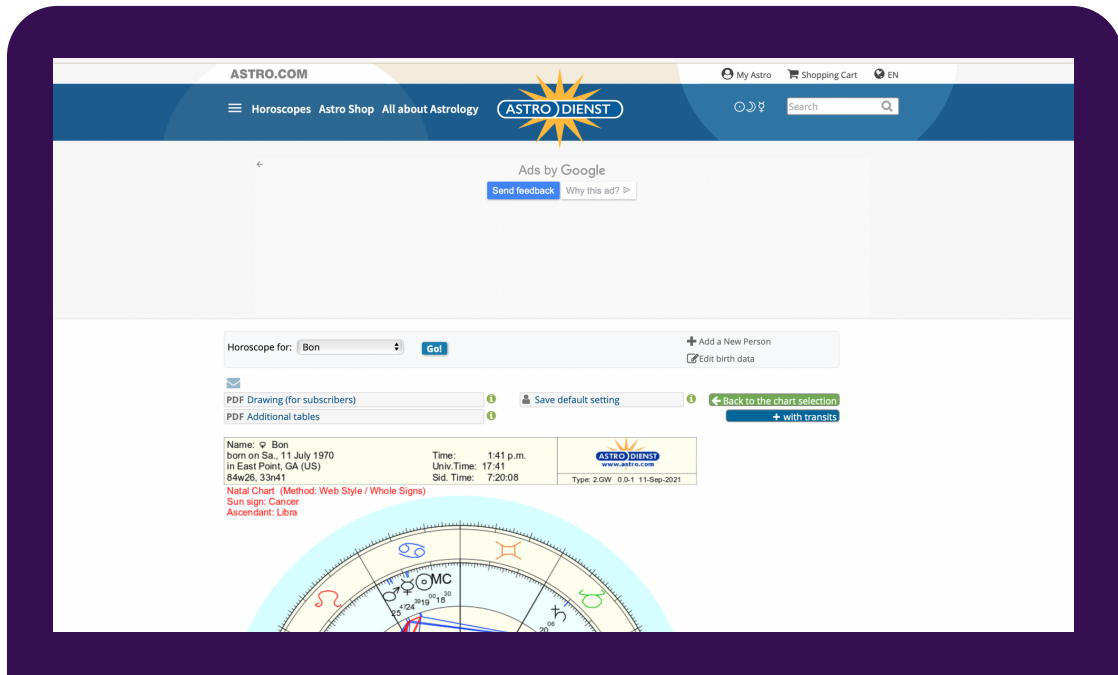




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Once you've clicked on the "Click here to show the chart" button, you'll be seeing your chart (maybe for the first time). **Exciting!** There's a lot of data here, so don't get overwhelmed. When you click on the chart from here, a new tab will open with a printable chartwheel, your birth data, and tables with astrological glyphs and symbols.

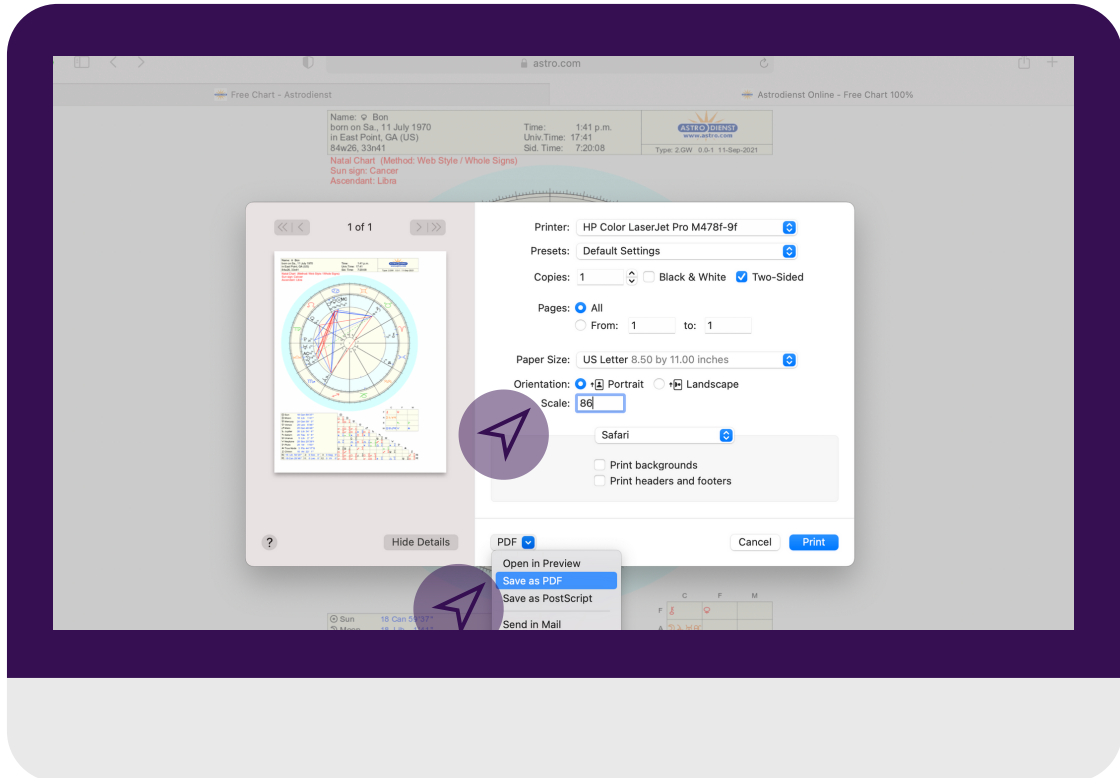




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If you'd like to save your chart (and not just print it), when you are prompted by your browser's PRINT command to send the chart to the printer, just choose to save the chart as a PDF (this is a drop-down menu in my print window; it may look a little different for you, but it'll be in this general area). Doing this should put a PDF of your chart somewhere on your computer to revisit later! (You'll notice I changed the print scale to 86%. This is so my chart fits on ONE page. You may have to do a similar adjustment.)



Now that your Whole Sign House System chart is in your hands, you're ready to start your Astrology for Creatives journey with us! HOORAY!

Come on into the membership space by clicking...

HERE!

GLYPH KEY

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Each of those fun symbols you see on your chart has meaning, and we're going to dig in on a few of them during our time together. Note that there are variations in a couple of the signs (especially Capricorn) and planets (especially Pluto) and there's no different meaning implied when any particular version is used. Think of it like writing in block capital letters vs. cursive script. It's all the same meaning even if it looks really different sometimes!

THE PLANETS & PLACEMENTS

☉	Sun
☾	Moon
AC	Rising (Ascendant)
☿	Mercury
♀	Venus
♂	Mars
♃	Jupiter
♄	Saturn
♅	Uranus
♆	Neptune
♇	Pluto
MC	Midheaven
♁	North Node

THE SIGNS

♈	Aries
♉	Taurus
♊	Gemini
♋	Cancer
♌	Leo
♍	Virgo
♎	Libra
♏	Scorpio
♐	Sagittarius
♑	Capricorn
♒	Aquarius
♓	Pisces

While the staircase table for your chart showcases symbols that indicate the relationship between placements (specifically the major aspects: conjunctions, sextiles, squares, trines, and oppositions; and the minor aspects: semi-sextiles and quincunxes), we're not going to be going into any of that during **Astrology for Creatives**. Of course, we'd love for you to notice patterns! Stay curious about what you're seeing. We can always go deeper with all this in ongoing Q&As beyond our initial six weeks together!

THE PLANETS & PLACEMENTS

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All righty... it's time to dive in on the planets and placements of your chart. While there are all sorts of minor planets, dwarf planets, and asteroids out there, for the purpose of this course, we're focusing our attention on NINE of these (marked with an asterisk).

* **THE SUN:** Your ego, your sense of self, your essence, your spirit, your source of will, your vitality, your authority.

* **THE MOON:** Your emotions are rooted here. Your feelings, instinct, and intuition come from the setpoint of your Moon. This is your inner home.

* **YOUR RISING:** Also known as your **Ascendant (AC or ASC)**, this is your belief system and daily life. It's how you come across, your physical characteristics, and your personal style.

MERCURY: Ruler of communication, travel, how you learn, and how you speak about what you know. Your reasoning and dexterity are rooted here.

* **VENUS:** How you love, how you see beauty, and how you deal with money all live here. Values, relationships, harmony, balance, charm, sensuality, and your artistic abilities are all shaped by Venus.

* **MARS:** The warrior planet is all about your motivation, fire for fighting and... another F word. :) Look here for your passion, physical energy, courage, temper, and impulses.

* **JUPITER:** This is how you get lucky. Jupiter is about expansion, gifts, and blessings in life. Jupiter adds glitter to your vision, your faith, your philosophical setpoint, and your flair for extravagance.

* **SATURN:** Saturn is "the dad planet" (and we all have daddy issues) because it's making sure you're doing what you came here to do. Saturn is a minimalist, all about contraction, limits, structure, focus, rules, and tenacity.

URANUS: Your rebellious innovation is here. If you're gonna think outside the box, Uranus will be how you do it, with independent eccentricity.

NEPTUNE: This is the planet of deception, mystery, magic, creativity, spirituality, illusion, theatre, and the supernatural. Look for secrets here.

PLUTO: A powerful generational planet of transformation, this is what your age group came to transmute, kill off, or forever change!

* **YOUR MIDHEAVEN:** Noted on your chart as **MC**, this is your ambition for your higher calling.

* **YOUR NORTH NODE:** Your destiny. Your life's purpose. All the things beyond your comfort zone.

18 Can 59'37"
18 Lib 1'41"
24 Can 39' 0"
29 Leo 6'46"
25 Can 46'46"
26 Lib 34' 6"
20 Tau 6' 6"

THE SIGNS

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Almost everyone knows "their sign" (this is the horoscope you may read from time to time). What you're looking for on your chart when you're sharing your sign is the Sun. Of course, you *have* all 12 signs in your chart! Yup! Just check out the outside of the chartwheel. They're all players in your life's story, and we're gonna be digging in on how that all works. NOTE: These GENERAL dates for Sun signs do shift here and there due to the 360° chartwheel vs. the 365-day calendar year (y'know, Leap Year and all that).

ARIES: March 21-April 19. The zodiac's puppy! Enthusiastic, excited, self-directed, ambitious, courageous, bold, pioneering, act first/think later.

TAURUS: April 20-May 20. Slow and steady! Stubborn, practical, stable, loyal, determined. Loves things that feel great and that are built to last.

GEMINI: May 21-June 20. Up all night talking! Intellectual, expressive, adaptable, clever, versatile, chatty, musical, good with hands.

CANCER: June 21-July 22. Home is where the heart is! Sensitive, creative, protective, emotional, reserved, family-focused, strong.

LEO: July 23-August 22. Strut your stuff! Affectionate, generous, proud to lead, slow to change, loyal, creative, confident, charismatic, dramatic.

VIRGO: August 23-September 22. I have a list! Intelligent, analytical, cynical, discriminating, critical, detail-oriented, self-sacrificing healer.

LIBRA: September 23-October 22. Balance is motion! Funny, relationship-focused, opportunistic, artistic, fair, beautiful, indecisive, diplomatic.

SCORPIO: October 23-November 21. Intensely passionate! Secretive, sexy, calculating, resourceful, determined, willful. Learns your secrets, goes deep, and connects to your very soul.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22-December 21. Born to explore! Idealistic, philosophical, educated, world-traveler, confident, blunt, generous, enthusiastic, lucky, adaptable, expansive.

CAPRICORN: December 22-January 19. There's work to do! Ambitious, powerful, organized, structured, cautious, practical, economical, born to lead.

AQUARIUS: January 20-February 18. Let your freak flag fly! Rebellious, idealistic, cooperative, detached, altruistic, innovative, friendly, progressive.

PISCES: February 19-March 20. Pure magic! Sensitive, psychic, intuitive, artistic, mystical, musical, compassionate, empathetic, insecure, secretive, lives in other worlds and loses time.

THE MODALITIES & ELEMENTS

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Each sign has a modality; that's the disposition from which it does its work. For example, Capricorn is a Cardinal sign, and that means it does its Capricorn business from a worldview of leadership. There are four signs in each modality. We won't spend a ton of energy on this, specifically, but it's cool to notice which signs share modality, especially when we think of them as so different otherwise!

CARDINAL: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn (the leaders)

FIXED: Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius (the upholders)

MUTABLE: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces (the shape-shifters)

Each sign also has an element; that's how it does its work. For example, Taurus is an Earth sign, and that means it does its Taurus business in a "put in the work" kind of way. There are three signs in each element. And, again, when you look at the signs that share an element when they're otherwise so different from one another, their relatability comes into focus.

FIRE: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius (passionate and magical)

EARTH: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn (willing to put in the work)

AIR: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius (bubbling over with ideas)

WATER: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces (intuitive and emotional)

THE HOUSES

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If the planet is the **WHAT** and the sign is the **HOW**, then the house is the **WHERE** that all the stuff happens. Example: A **Venus in Leo** in the **11th House** ([Bonnie Gillespie](#)) means all the loving and valuing and beautifying is done in a very grand and passionate and public way specifically in broader communities and in service of utopian, innovative, progressive visions for us all. (Don't worry if that's something you're scratching your head about; we'll make sense of all this in our time together!)

1st HOUSE: Your personality, your body, the impression that you make live here (it's the house of your Rising sign).

2nd HOUSE: This is where we find your values, your desires, your belongings (AKA your "stuff"), and your money.

3rd HOUSE: Your social group, close friends, siblings, and networking activities can be found here, along with communication and short travel.

4th HOUSE: Your family of origin, home, "the unseen parent," land, heritage, and ancestry are rooted here.

5th HOUSE: This is where you'll find your creative expression, joy, friskiness, gambling, and pleasure in life. Your children live here too.

6th HOUSE: Daily practices, your general health, acts of service, and the jobby-job work you do (not your purpose in life) are here. This includes your co-workers and employees.

7th HOUSE: This is where partnerships live (both business and romantic partnerships, always 1:1). This can include your agents... and your enemies!

8th HOUSE: Your money issues are here (usually other people's money) as well as your shadow work, secrets, intimacy, transformation, and legacy.

9th HOUSE: Your love for learning, higher education, traveling great distances, and exploring things like religion, publishing, and law are anchored here.

10th HOUSE: Right near your MC (Midheaven), this is your higher calling and how you're seen in the world. This is where your true north and your brand meet up!.

11th HOUSE: This is your house of community, friends, idealistic vision for the future, and innovative dreams for the greater good of the collective.

12th HOUSE: "The house of your undoing," this is where your (karmic, mental health) secrets and confinements live. But also so much magic! Mysticism, spirituality, intuition galore!

EARLY OBSERVATIONS

EXPLORE YOUR CURIOSITY ABOUT YOUR CHART

MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT YOUR NATAL CHART

There's no wrong way to do this. Just start exploring some patterns you notice in your chart. Detail some curiosities you have about what you're seeing, especially about the 7 traditional luminaries and planets.

-  **The Moon:** _____
-  **Mercury:** _____
-  **Venus:** _____
-  **The Sun:** _____
-  **Mars:** _____
-  **Jupiter:** _____
-  **Saturn:** _____

Your chart is whispering to you before you've even met all its parts. Your brand is here. Fears you've struggled to understand? They're mapped out in your chart. Things your gut has been telling you about who you crave being? They're all in this magical wheel! We're going to layer in new components each week. Let your openness to learning more about yourself feel exciting and expansive!



Important

During each class, we'll be providing **information**, we'll be leading you through some **activation**, and of course we'll have lots of **conversation**. The guided activations are opportunities for you to really embody some of the personalities that live in your chart, lean into some of the roles that are already a part of your makeup, and really get to know yourself in new ways by spending time with the areas of your chart you may have never even known were such gateways to understanding who you are meant to be. Your level of participation is up to you! We want you to feel safe and held as you experience this new relationship with yourself.

We'll ask that you bring your chart with you to all classes, so you can experience the concepts we teach while plotting out where your chart is showing you some of those success indicators (or blocks... which we'll be teaching you how to bust through). Woo HOO!

We also want you to bring your open mind. Astrology reveals for us what's hidden in our own shadows. We'll discover things about ourselves we may not have seen before... including hidden talents! Be open to what your chart may reveal about you, and discover how you can become an even brighter star!

A reminder: Confidentiality is expected of everyone in this class. Of course, you can tell people you are working with us. OF COURSE, you can use the **#AstrologyForCreatives** hashtag out on social and shout from the rooftops how amazing this experience is!

You can also share what you're learning about yourself through our work together. Go for it!

What's not okay, though, is revealing anyone else's lessons, blocks, gifts, birth information, breakthroughs... taking screengrabs without consent, sharing these workbooks, copying and pasting any of the website text, disrespecting someone's preferred pronouns, scraping vids using shady security workarounds (all stuff we detail in our TERMS & LEGAL pages) – which OF COURSE we know would never even occur to you to do. But we must make sure it is clear that this is private stuff we're doing.

Be COOL... or be booted (and possibly reached out to by our ridiculously scary attorney; we pay HER to be scary so WE can be paid to be fun).

And with that, let's get to the FUN! See you inside!



REMEMBER, WE HAVE SIX WEEKLY ZOOMS AHEAD.

It's possible that you've gotten so fired up about all of this that you have a bunch of questions. That's amazing! And awesome! We'll try to hit a few of the more common ones, here... without ramping up the potential for overwhelm.

Q: Okay, so we're using Whole Sign Houses for our charts now?

A: Yep, in this class, we will be working with your chart using the Whole Sign House System! Placidus may be the default house system in the site or app you choose to render your chart... and that's certainly fine for your use outside of this class. In using Whole Signs, we're assuring the most straightforward way for you to SEE yourself in the stars. Using the Whole Sign House System makes this super easy, because each house starts at the same place a new sign starts. Thank you for respecting that our convos here will be about your chart in Whole Signs. You can always book private time with either of us to explore other house systems!

Q: I don't know my exact time of birth. Am I screwed?

A: Not at all! Ah... well... ideally, you'll be able to find out what time you were born from your birth certificate or by checking with a member of your family who remembers some details about the event. Some folks have luck calling the hospital at which they were born to access those archived records. If these options don't work out for you, there is a process called rectification that some astrologers are able to do for a fee. This is a process of studying several significant events in your life while interviewing you to determine the most likely range of birth time. We recommend that you work with what you have! If you're not able to get your birth time sorted out, you can still have a wonderful experience with us in **Astrology for Creatives**. While there will be a couple of issues with portions of the course if you cannot pinpoint the exact time you were born, there's still plenty to get out of this amazing experience together! For the sake of rendering your own chart, we recommend you use sunrise for the city in which you were born.

Q: Nearly half of my houses are totally empty on the chartwheel. What does this mean?

A: It actually means you're like most people. :) The typical experience is to have a few planets or placements clustering together (clumping our lessons and gifts so they can serve one another and become transited with similar timing) and then open spaces. Of course, even "empty" houses are in specific signs in your natal chart, so there's energy there! In fact, depending on what's directly opposite that house on the chartwheel, that "empty" energy could be exactly what you're meant to use to balance out all that activity on the other side of your chart.

TRACK THE MOON!

GET TO KNOW ALL 12 SIGNS

The beautiful moon changes signs every 2.5 days, giving us ample opportunity to learn the vibe of all 12 signs in less than a month!

Please start today keeping track of the moon! You can use an app like iLuna or a website like Planet Watcher to notice when each sign gets its visit from our moon. What we'd like you to **also** notice is how you feel — and how others behave — during each of the shifts.

Are people more bold during Fire Moons (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius)? More serious during Earth Moons (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn)? More chatty during Air Moons (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius)? More emotional during Water Moons (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces)?

Since we all have all 12 signs in our charts (just look at the outside of the chartwheel — those glyphs are the 12 signs and they all make themselves present in different areas of our lives), tracking the moon is a fabulous way to get to know the tone of each sign, quickly.

Come on into the membersite and share some of your observations! We're so excited to jam with you!

***"There is a moon inside every human being; learn to be companions with it."
— Rumi***



**YOUR CHART
IS A MAP,
A CALENDAR,
AND A MIRROR...
IF YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
SEEING.**

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR MIRROR WITH US!