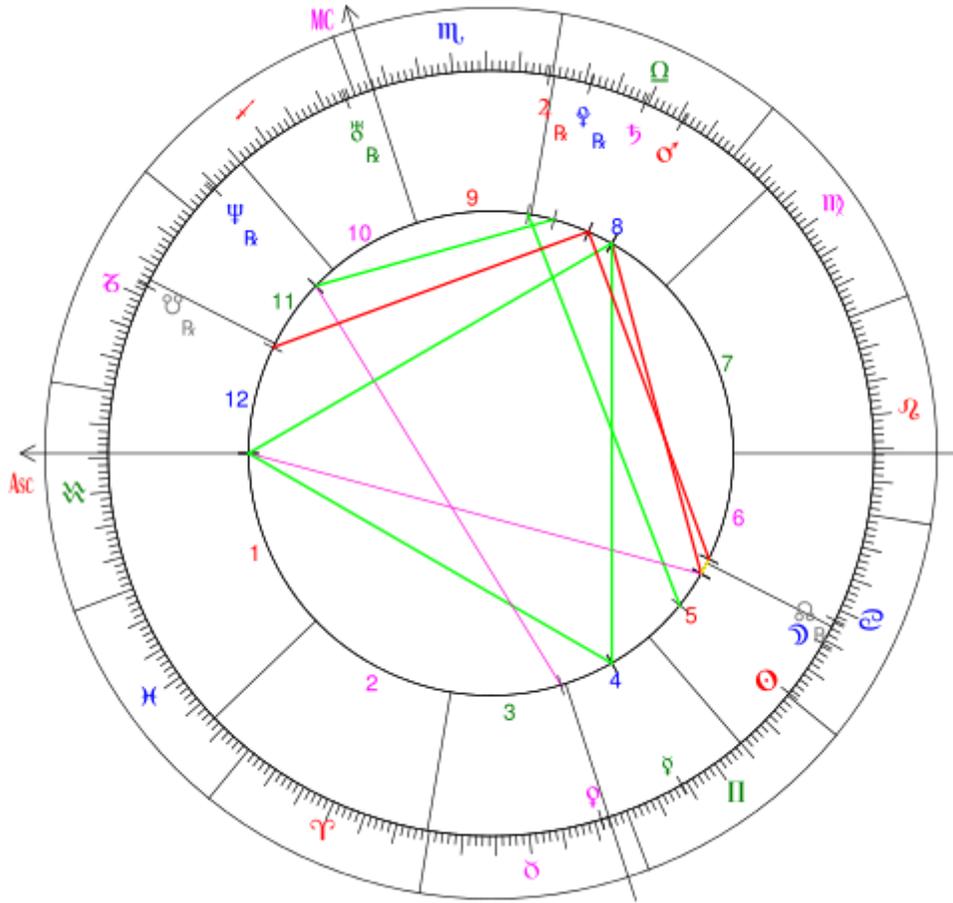


You are written in the stars.



A Beginner's Guide to Interpreting Your Astrological Birth Chart

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When people think of Astrology they immediately think about their daily horoscopes or have a descriptive answer to the occasional question, "what's your sign?"

You may respond by saying you're a neat freak Virgo, a sultry Scorpio or a fiery Aries. In reality however, astrology is a lot more involved than just "what's your sign."

What is a Birth chart in Astrology?

A Birth Chart/Natal Chart is a chart that Astrologer's use to interpret where the planets and zodiac signs were located at the time of your birth.

The locations and relationships of the planets and signs are in accordance to your personal birth chart and are understood as symbols

which represents a person's personality, individual tendencies, life obstacles and their main objectives in life.

Birth Charts help you become more familiar with yourself and understand your role in the world from a microcosmic and macrocosmic level. We often forget that we are created from a higher intelligence and we are all connected to the cosmos.

Astrology was vital to our ancient ancestors and many cultures to this day still rely on the stars and positions of the planets to provide messages of change, new beginning and impending dangers.

You don't have to be an expert Astrologist to understand the concept of a birth chart and how it applies to you. I generated my birth chart for free from an online generator years ago and still refer to it to this day.

There are many online birth chart generators that you can use to get your birth chart. Just google it, find a book on it or you can link to my favorites down below.

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- [Cafe Astrology Birth Chart Generator](#)
 - [Astro Style Birth Chart](#)
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Even if you do refer to an expert Astrologist, it is still beneficial to at least have a basic understanding of what a birth chart is and how to apply it to your life. The information you receive from a birth chart can be very valuable in terms of becoming more honest with yourself and deal with your shadow self, those things we don't like to highlight about ourselves.

A birth chart is also beneficial for any relationship in your life such as a business partner or lover. The overall purpose of a birth chart is to see how we all align with the universal consciousness to cultivate better relationships with ourselves and others.

Anatomy of the Birth Chart

There is some basic information you will need to generate your birth chart:

- *Date of Birth*
- *Time of Birth*
- *Place of Birth*

The exact time of your birth can be a little difficult for most people to confirm. Unless you have your birth certificate, you may have to rely on your parent's memory to get an idea of the time of your birth.

The reason for the time of birth is because planets transit every couple of hours or so. These variables in time can make a difference in your birth chart's accurate positionings. Nonetheless, a guess or probable time frame can still be useful to get an idea of your birth chart.

All birth charts are comprised of the following basic foundations:

- *Signs*
- *Planets*
- *Houses*

The Signs



Aries



Taurus



Gemini



Cancer



Leo



Virgo



Libra



Scorpio



Sagittarius



Capricorn



Aquarius



Pisces

| <i>Sign</i> | <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Dates</i> | <i>Traits</i> | <i>Ruler</i> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Aries | ♈ | Mar. 20 – Apr. 18 | Energy, initiative | Mars |
| Taurus | ♉ | Apr. 19 – May 20 | Reliability, persistence | Venus |
| Gemini | ♊ | May 21 – June 20 | Versatility, curiosity | Mercury |
| Cancer | ♋ | June 21 – July 22 | Intuition, sympathy | Moon |
| Leo | ♌ | July 23 – Aug. 22 | Confidence, self-expression | Sun |
| Virgo | ♍ | Aug. 23 – Sept. 22 | Analysis, perfectionism | Mercury |
| Libra | ♎ | Sept. 23 – Oct. 22 | Balance, harmony | Venus |
| Scorpio | ♏ | Oct. 23 – Nov. 21 | Passion, intensity | Pluto (modern), Mars (old) |
| Sagittarius | ♐ | Nov. 22 – Dec. 21 | Adventure, independence | Jupiter |
| Capricorn | ♑ | Dec. 22 – Jan. 19 | Ambition, organization | Saturn |
| Aquarius | ♒ | Jan. 20 – Feb. 18 | Originality, vision | Uranus (modern), Saturn (old) |
| Pisces | ♓ | Feb. 19 – Mar. 19 | Sensitivity, faith | Neptune (modern), Jupiter (old) |

Zodiac Signs: The signs outline the energy, vibration or personality (personal reality) of the person's birth chart that is being interpreted.

The signs describe the influence or vibration the sign may have in a particular planet and how that combination of sign & planets manifests in your birth chart.

For example, in my birth chart, My Moon (Planet) is in Scorpio (Sign). So, I would say, "My Moon is in Scorpio"

The Moon represents emotions, instincts and habits.

Scorpio represents passion and intensity.

So, when reading and describing the "hidden" or dark side of myself (The Moon), I can then interpret that I vibrate off the energy of Scorpio when dealing with my emotions and passion.

When people ask, "What's your sign", they're really asking what's your sun sign. That is by far as much as most people know about Astrology.

Your sun sign is the sign that is positioned at the time of your birth, think July (Leo) season, August (Virgo) season and so on.

The Sun represents your ego, your self-expression and pretty much your trademark for which people know you uniquely for.

The Planets



Sun



Mercury



Venus



Earth



Moon



Mars



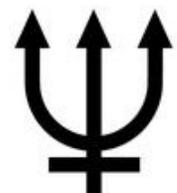
Jupiter



Saturn



Uranus



Neptune

Planets: Symbols and Influences

| <i>Planet</i> | <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Area of Influence</i> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun | ☉ | Self, main concerns, vitality |
| Moon | ☾ | Emotions, instincts, habits |
| Mercury | ☿ | Communication, intellect, reason |
| Venus | ♀ | Love, beauty, art |
| Mars | ♂ | Action, desire, aggression |
| Jupiter | ♃ | Expansion, optimism, abundance |
| Saturn | ♄ | Restriction, pessimism, structure |
| Uranus | ♅ | Rebellion, eccentricity, upheaval |
| Neptune | ♆ | Imagination, dreams, delusions |
| Pluto | ♇ | Transformation, obsession, power |
| North Node | ♁ | Your potential |
| South Node | ♂ | Your karmic past |
| Chiron | ♄ | Point of Healing |

The Planets: Each planet in the birth chart represents a role or aspect of a person's personality.

Each planet correlates with a different sign, such as I'm a Capricorn and Capricorn's ruling planet is Saturn. Basically, each sign's prominent personality trait is in alignment with its ruling planet.

Another example, in my birth chart, Neptune (Planet) is in Capricorn (Sign). So, I would say, "My Neptune is in Capricorn".

Neptune represents imagination & dreams, so according to my birth chart, since my Neptune is in Capricorn, I tend to have Capricorn characteristics in how I create ideas, become inspired, etc.

The Houses



The houses represent stages or phases in your life which cultivates your life experiences. The houses begin with your innermost self, reflections of your deep subconscious mind and ego, moving clockwise into your social adaptations and ultimately circulates back to the “I”.

The wheel of houses within the zodiac wheel are two different diagrams. The zodiac wheel is based on the sun's yearly rotation around the Earth (along the ecliptic), while the wheel of Houses is based on the Earth's 24-hour rotation about its own axis.

Depending on the signs influence in each house will determine the energy within that house. For example, the Fourth house represents your home, culture, childhood, relationships and security in life. Depending on the sign that falls within that house can determine you household, your style of traditions, etc. according to the signs energy and traits.

How to Read a Birth Chart

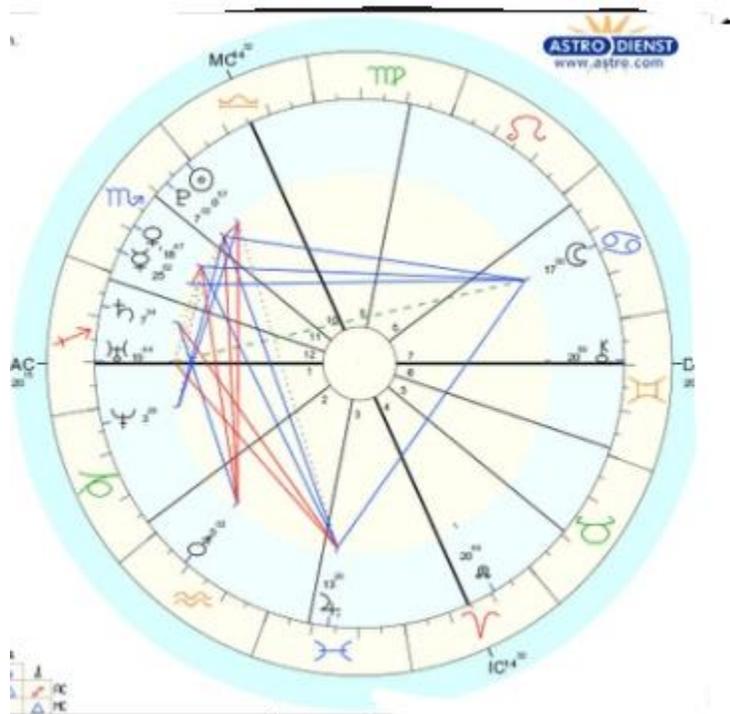
Now that we learned about the fundamentals of what makes up a birth chart and the elements you should be familiar with to help you with interpretation, you can now start practicing to read your birth chart.

As an example, we’re going to use Drake’s (The Rapper) Birth chart:



Aubrey Drake Graham

October 24, 1986 at 2:31 AM
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



This is Drake’s Birth Chart in “Raw” form. This is the format in which experienced astrologers use to read a birth chart. We however, will take a shortcut and generate the birth chart for instant interpretation in the form of a chart as shown below.

| Zodiac : Tropical | | | | | Placidus Orb : 0 | | | | |
|---|----------|---|-------------|--------|------------------|-----------|---|-----------|--------|
|  | Sun |  | Scorpio | 0°34' | | Ascendant |  | Virgo | 1°08' |
|  | Moon |  | Cancer | 12°22' | | II |  | Virgo | 23°32' |
|  | Mercury |  | Scorpio | 24°43' | | III |  | Libra | 21°22' |
|  | Venus |  | Scorpio | 18°55' | R | IV |  | Scorpio | 24°47' |
|  | Mars |  | Aquarius | 8°49' | | V |  | Capricorn | 0°31' |
|  | Jupiter |  | Pisces | 13°22' | R | VI |  | Aquarius | 3°14' |
|  | Saturn |  | Sagittarius | 7°32' | | VII |  | Pisces | 1°08' |
|  | Uranus |  | Sagittarius | 19°43' | | VIII |  | Pisces | 23°32' |
|  | Neptune |  | Capricorn | 3°29' | | IX |  | Aries | 21°22' |
|  | Pluto |  | Scorpio | 7°02' | | Midheaven |  | Taurus | 24°47' |
|  | Lilith |  | Gemini | 26°42' | | XI |  | Cancer | 0°31' |
|  | Asc node |  | Aries | 20°46' | | XII |  | Leo | 3°14' |

The above chart was generated via Cafe Astrology Birth Chart Generator (see link above), and breaks down all the planets, signs and houses in Drake's chart.

So, let's look at the left column where it shows Drake's planets and signs. On the right side of the column you see Roman Numerals which represents the houses. II is the second house, III is the third house and so on, please note that the first house is known as the "Ascendant" Sign. The Ascendant sign is also known as the rising sign and its energy can be more predominant in a person's personality

more than their sun or moon sign. So for example, Drake is a Scorpio, but his “Ascendant” is Virgo, making him more inclined to display Virgo personality traits.

“Your Ascendant (or Rising Sign) reveals the ways in which you present yourself to others, as well as the ways in which you immediately respond to the world around you. As such, it describes the ways in which we project ourselves out into the environment as well as the kinds of experiences we need to have in order to make life meaningful.” -Stars Like You

Looking at the column to the right we see that Drake has his Fifth V house in Capricorn, see descriptions below:

“When we are speaking about pleasure, we are speaking about the fifth house. It is that part of everyone’s chart that points to joyous activities, creativity, entertainment and playful nature of the child within. Personal expression hides in this house and anything in good relation to it will give one the ability to evolve, grow, and find real satisfaction in this lifetime through activities that will fill their energy pool and make them feel alive. All colors of the world are set in this house, and this is exactly why we need to find its best symbolism and the strongest point in order to reach true creativity and express through something constructive and beautiful. Its Latin motto Nati translates to “Children”, referring not only to the children we raise, but to our own child within.” Astrology.com

When the fifth house is in the sign of Capricorn, the difficulties of fear, panic, spasm, and an obvious lack of rest, seem to reside here. It is never easy to have the fifth house here, as it drains a lot of energy from an individual and speaks of the inability to enjoy, have fun, and share carefree and light activities with other people.

These individuals are strict towards themselves and others, especially their children, and plan too much while forgetting that spontaneity is the key to true happiness.

Immense joy can be found in archaeological, spiritual, or historical issues, and their life path should definitely be evolving around matters of time, serious commitments and responsibility.

The best cure for any chronic condition they develop in life lies in rest, meditation, and the building of a strong connection with God, however they might recognize God in this lifetime.

There are many interpretations of planets, their positions, combinations are endless. It is up to you to find the basics to understanding your birth chart and use it periodically to keep you in alignment with your life's purpose. A birth chart is something to reference occasionally to help you build practice on reading a chart and also coming to realizations about yourself.

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