What is astrology?

According to Oxford languages Astrology is the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world.
According to the Cambrige Dictionary Astrology is the study of the movements and positions of the sun, moon, planets, and stars in the belief that they affect the character and lives of people
According to my mother, Astrology is a bunch of nonsense.
But just because we believe in different things doesn't mean we can't treat each other with respect.

Aries: The Ram

Element/ Triplicity:	Fire
Modality:	Cardinal
Ruling Planet:	Mars
Dates:	March 21st- 20th April
Symbol:	♈☐
Sister / opposite sign:	Libra
Polarity:	Positive/ Masculine
House:	1
Colour:	Red
Strengths:	Courageous, determined, confident, enthusiastic, optimistic, honest, passionate
Weaknessess:	Impatient, moody, short-tempered, impulsive, aggressive

Gemini: the Twins

Element/ Triplicity:	Air
Modality:	Mutable
Ruling planet:	Mercury
Dates:	21st May- 20th June
Symbol:	♊☐
Sister/ opposite sign:	Saggitarius
Polarity:	Positive/ Masculine
House:	3
Colour:	Light green/ yellow
Strengths:	Gentle, affectionate, curious, adaptable, ability to learn quickly and exchange ideas
Weaknessess:	Nervous, inconsistent, indecisive

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Leo: The Lion	
Element/ Triplicity	Fire
Modality:	Fixed
Ruling planet:	Sun
Dates:	23rd July- 22nd August
Symbol:	♌☐
Sister /opposite sign:	Aquarius
Polarity:	Masculine/ Positive
House:	5
Colour:	Gold, yellow, orange
Strengths:	Creative, passionate, generous, warm-hearted, cheerful, humorous
Weaknessess:	Arrogant, stubborn, self-centered, lazy, inflexible

Libra: The Scale	
Element/ Triplicity:	Air
Modality:	Cardinal
Ruling planet:	Venus
Dates:	23 September- 22 October
Symbol:	♎☐
Sister/ opposite sign:	Aries
Polarity:	Masculine/ Positive
House:	7
Colour:	Pink, Green
Strengths:	Cooperative,diplomatic, gracious, fair-minded, social
Weaknessess:	Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, self-pity

Sagittarius: The Archer	
Element/ Triplicity:	Fire
Modality:	Mutable
Ruling planet:	Jupiter
Dates:	22 November -21 December
Symbol:	♐☐

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Sagittarius: The Archer (cont)	
Sister/opposite sign:	Gemini
Polarity:	Masculine/Positive
House:	9
Colour:	Blue
Strengths:	Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor
Weaknesses:	Promises more than can deliver, very impatient, will say anything no matter how undiplomatic

Aquarius: The Waterbearer	
Element/ Triplicity:	Air
Modality:	Fixed
Ruling planet:	Saturn/ Uranus
Dates:	20 January - 18 February
Symbol:	≈□
Sister/opposite sign	Leo
Polarity:	Masculine/ Positive
House:	11
Colour:	Light blue, silver
Strengths:	Progressive, original, independent, humanitarian
Weaknessess:	Runs from emotional expression, temperamental, uncompromising, aloof

How did astrology come to be?

According to Brittanica it originated in Mesopotamia (c. 3rd millennium bc) and spread to India, but it developed its Western form in Greek civilization during the Hellenistic period. Astrology entered Islamic culture as part of the Greek tradition and was returned to European culture through Arabic learning during the Middle Ages.
Some of the earliest evidence dates back to 3rd millennium BCE. UNESCO reckons that people started the very first concepts of astrology when they first observed astronomical cycles.
The practice was considered an academic discipline* right up to the 17th century across much of Eurasia.

*with all the math it includes to figure out one's birth chart I can see why.

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Taurus: The Bull	
Element/ Triplicity:	Earth
Modality:	Fixed
Ruling Planet:	Venus
Dates:	20th April- 20th May
Symbol:	♉☐
Sister/ opposite sign:	Scorpio
Polarity:	Feminine/negative
House:	2
Colour:	Green, Pink
Strengths:	Reliable, patient, practical, devoted, responsible, stable
Weaknessess:	Stubborn, possessive, uncompromising

Cancer: The Crab	
Element/ Triplicity:	Water
Modality:	Cardinal
Ruling planet:	Moon
Dates:	21 June - 22 July
Symbol:	♋☐
Sister/opposite sign:	Capricorn
Polarity:	Negative/feminine
House:	4
Colour:	White
Strengths:	Tenacious, highly imaginative, loyal, emotional, sympathetic, persuasive
Weaknessess:	Moody, pessimistic, suspicious, manipulative, insecure

Pisces: The Fish	
Element/ Triplicity:	Water
Modality:	Mutable
Ruling planet:	Neptune/ Jupiter
Dates:	February 19 - March 20th
Symbol:	♓☐
Sister/ opposite sign	Virgo

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Pisces: The Fish (cont)	
Polarity:	Negative/ Feminine
House:	12
Colour:	Mauve, Lilac, Purple, Violet, Sea green
Strengths:	Compassionate, artistic, intuitive, gentle, wise, musical
Weaknessess:	Fearful, overly trusting, sad, desire to escape reality, can be a victim or a martyr

Virgo: The Maiden	
Element/ Triplicity:	Earth
Modality:	Mutable
Ruling planet:	Mercury
Dates:	23 August - 22 September
Symbol:	♍☐
Sister/ opposite sign:	Pisces
Polarity:	Negative/ Feminine
House:	6
Colour:	Grey, Beige, Pale-yellow
Strengths:	Loyal, analytical, kind, hardworking, practical
Weaknessess:	Shyness, worry, overly critical of self and others, all work and no play

Scorpio: The Scorpion	
Element/ Triplicity:	Water
Modality:	Fixed
Ruling planet:	Pluto
Dates:	23 October -21November
Symbol:	♏☐
Sister/ opposite sign:	Taurus
Polarity:	Negative/feminine
House:	8
Colour:	Scarlett, red, rust
Strengths:	Resourceful, powerful, brave, passionate, a true friend
Weaknesses:	Distrusting, jealous, manipulative, violent

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Capricorn: Sea-goat	
Element/triplicity:	Earth
Modality:	Cardinal
Ruling planet:	Saturn
Dates:	22 December-19 January
Symbol:	♑☐
Sister /opposite sign:	Cancer
Polarity:	Feminine/ negative
House:	10
Colour:	Green, brown
Strengths:	Responsible, disciplined, self-control, good managers
Weaknesses:	Know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending, expecting the worst

Signs, elements, modalities and ruling planets

Star sign	Element	Modalities	Ruling planets
1. Aries	Fire	Cardinal	Mars
2. Taurus	Earth	Fixed	Venus
3. Gemini	Air	Mutable	Mecury
4. Cancer	Water	Cardinal	Moon
5. Leo	Fire	Fixed	Sun
6. Virgo	Earth	Mutable	Mercury
7. Libra	Air	Cardinal	Venus
8. Scorpio	Water	Fixed	Pluto
9. Sagittarius	Fire	Mutable	Jupiter
10. Capricorn	Earth	Cardinal	Saturn
11. Aquarius	Air	Fixed	Uranus
12. Pisces	Water	Mutable	Neptune

Why do people believe in Astrology?

The original purpose of astrology was to inform the individual of the course of their life on the basis of the positions of the planets and of the zodiacal signs (the 12 astrological constellations) at the moment of their birth or conception.
Astrology, like religion, brings a sense of certainty to the constant uncertainty of life. Life is often chaotic and unfair and astrology bringing in the concept of fate is rather similar to the idea that everything happens for a reason.
Many spiritualists believe that you chose your life path before you were born so that your soul can not only learn from it but settle karmic debts. These people also tend to subscribe to the belief of reincarnation and past lives.
Astrology is also part of certain religions like new age spirituality, Taoism and neo-paganism. But anyone can believe in astrology, some people don't take it all that seriously while others consider it a way of life.

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What are the Elements?

In Western tropical astrology, there are 12 astrological signs. Each of the four elements is associated with three signs of the Zodiac, which are always located exactly 120 degrees away from each other along the ecliptic and said to be in trine with one another. Most modern astrologers use the four classical elements extensively, (also known as triplicities), and indeed it is still viewed as a critical part of interpreting the astrological chart.

The four elements are as follows: Fire, Earth, Air and Water. Always in said order. Repeated throughout the year, the pattern stays the same. Most people have at least one of each element in their chart.

1st Element: Fire

Zodiac signs:	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius
Houses:	1st, 5th, 9th
Vibe:	Hot, Dry, Ardent (hard)
Day ruler:	Sun
Night ruler:	Jupiter
Participating ruler:	Saturn
Traits:	Fiery, lively, courageous, inspiring, confident, creative
Symbol:	Triangle with point facing up
Direction:	South
Tarot suit:	Wands
Season:	Summer

The 2nd Element: Earth

Zodiac signs:	Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn
Houses:	2nd, 6th, 10th
Vibe:	Heavy, cold, dry
Day ruler:	Venus
Night ruler:	Moon
Participating ruler:	Mars
Traits:	Stubborn, practical, materialistic, grounding, dependable
Symbol:	Upside down triangle with stripe horizontally trough it
Direction:	North
Tarot suit:	Coins
Season:	Autumn

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3rd Element: Air	
Zodiac signs:	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius
Houses:	3rd, 7th, 11th
Vibe:	light, hot, wet
Day ruler:	Saturn
Night ruler:	Mercury
Participating ruler:	Jupiter
Traits:	Intellectual, analytical, curious, perceptive, inventive, clever, objective, fair
Symbol:	Upright triangle with line through it
Direction:	East
Tarot suit:	Swords
Season:	Spring

4th Element: Water	
Zodiac signs:	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
Houses:	4th, 8th, 12th
Vibe:	cold, wet, soft
Day ruler:	Venus
Night ruler:	Mars
Participating ruler:	Moon
Traits:	Emotional, nurturing, deep, intuitive, nurturing
Symbol:	Upright triangle
Direction:	West
Tarot suit:	Cups
Season:	Winter

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