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Science Update: Getting Ready for Two Spectacular Solar Eclipses in North America

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Meet Today's Presenters...



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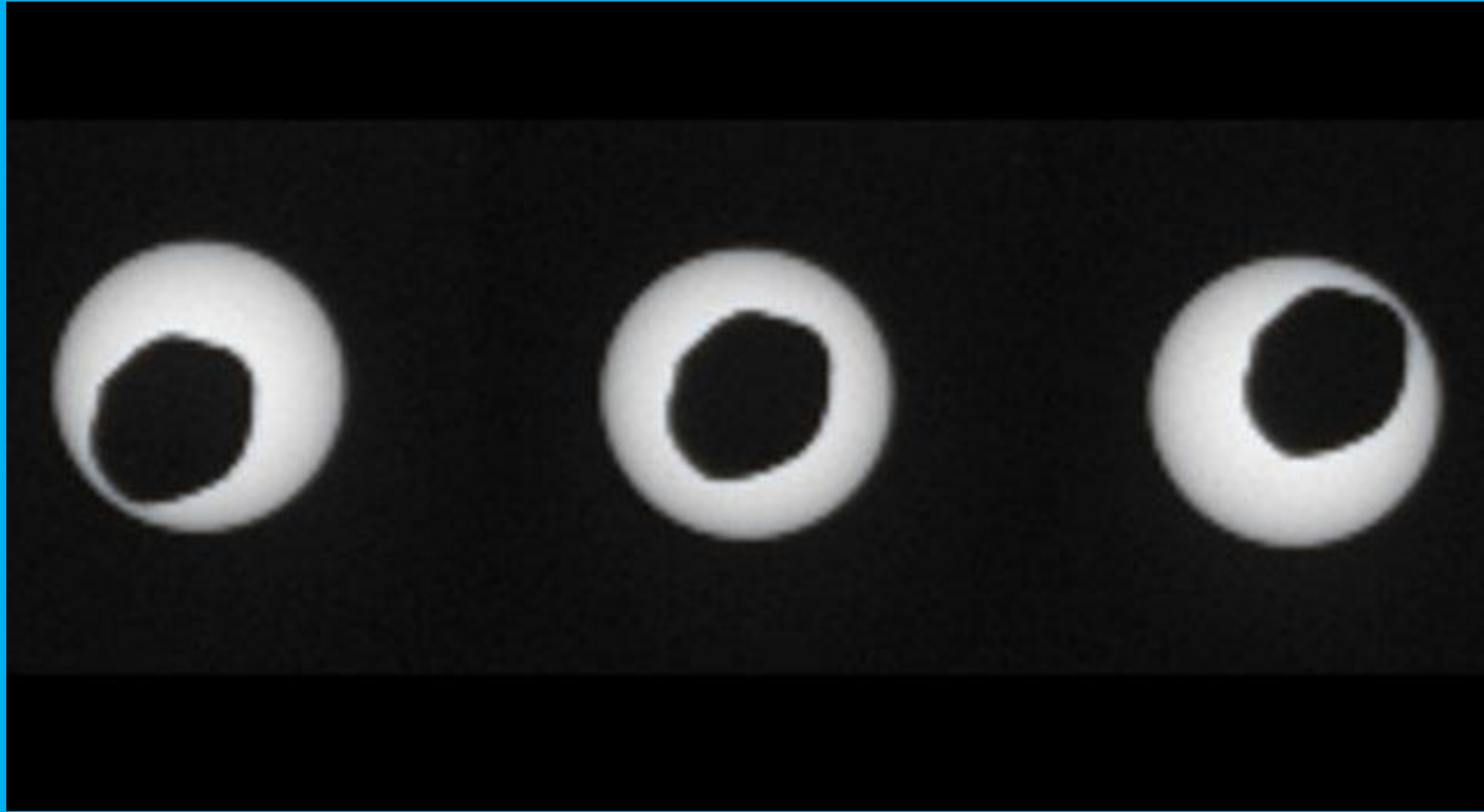
Where were you on August 21, 2017?

- A. In the total eclipse zone
- B. In school, meeting my classes
- C. Still on vacation, but not in the total eclipse zone.



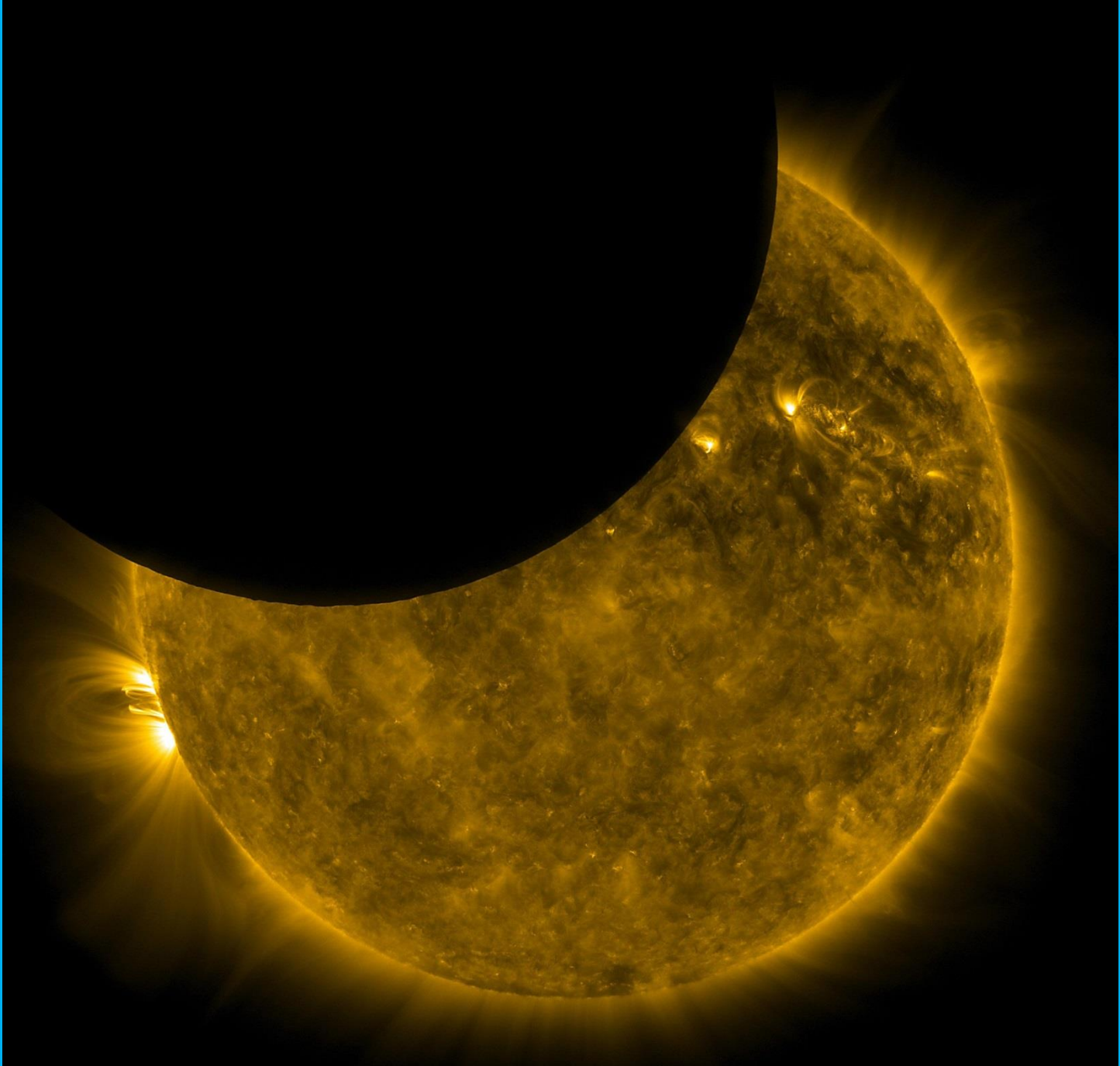
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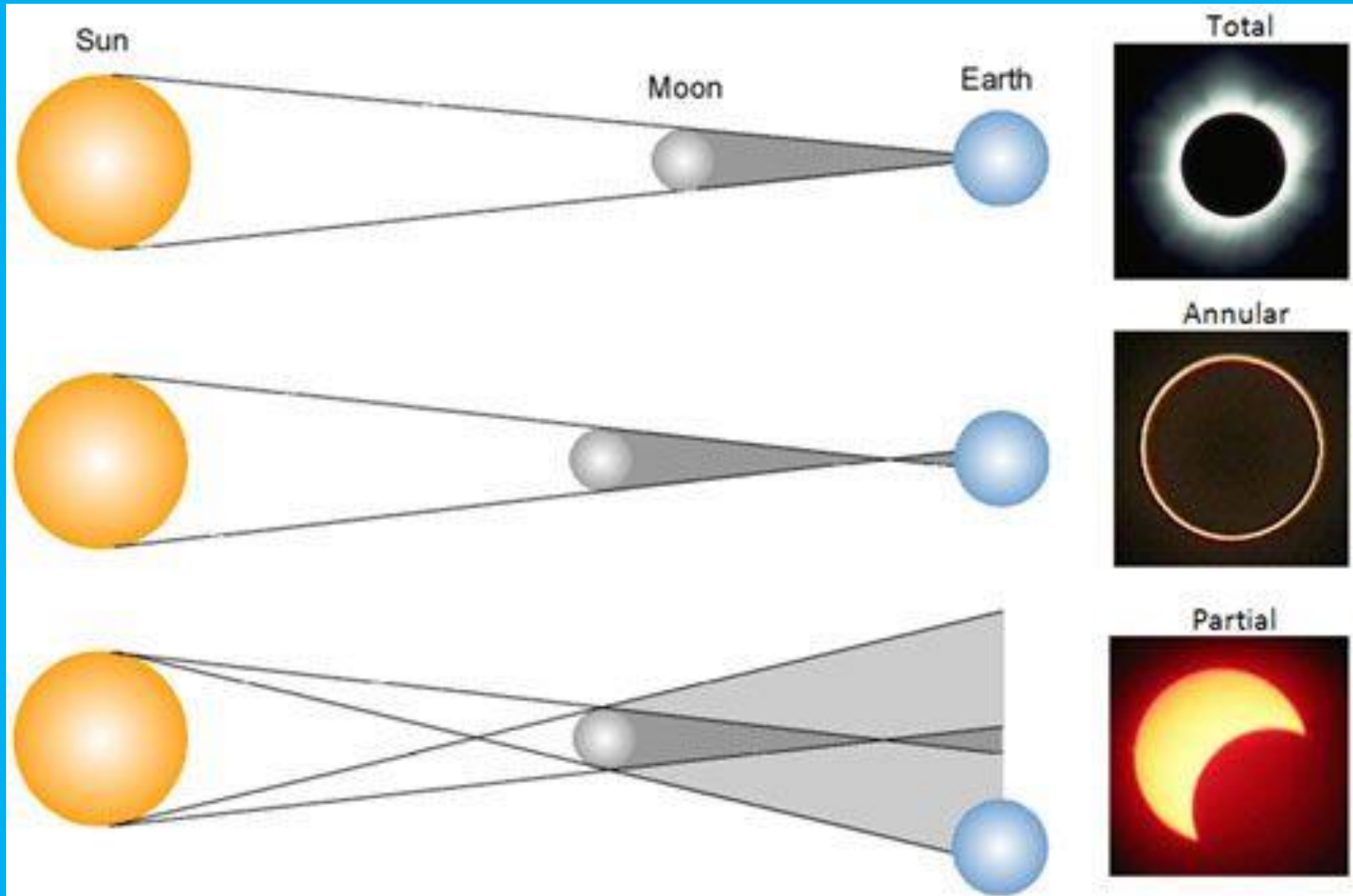


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DIFFERENT TYPES OF SOLAR ECLIPSES





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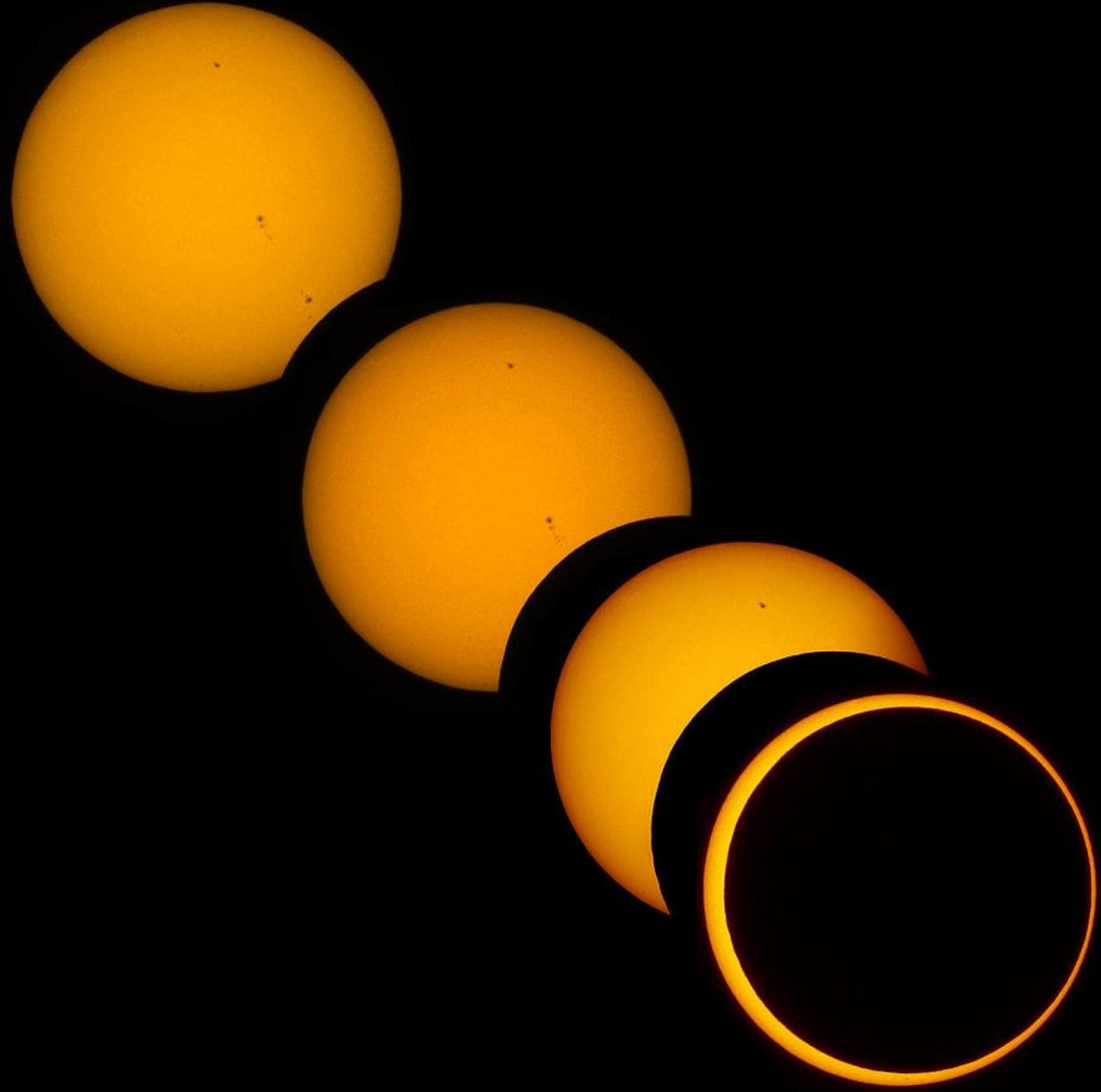
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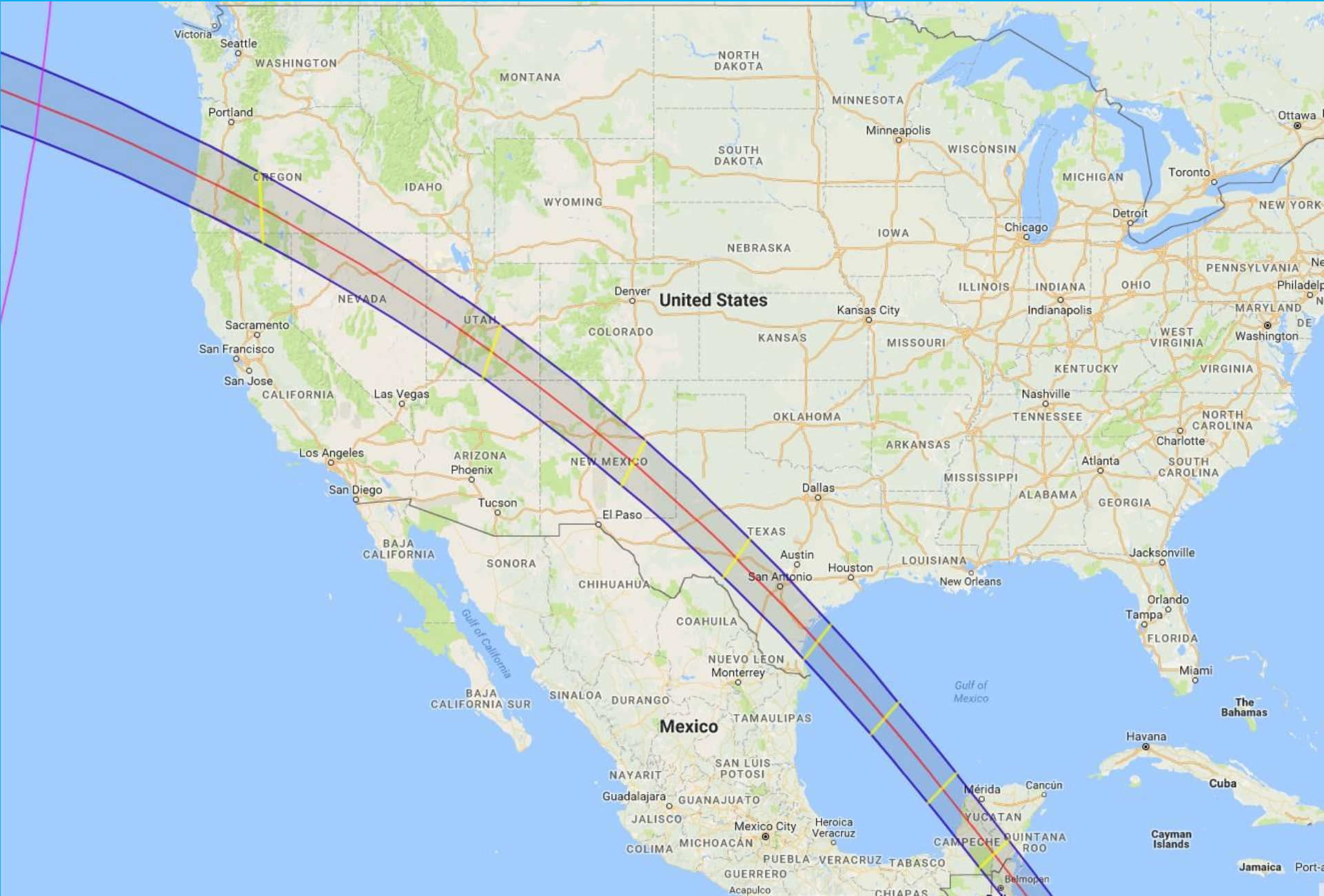
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With a Partial Solar Eclipse for the entire United States!



Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 Annular Eclipse





PLACES THE 2023 ECLIPSE WILL BE ANNULAR

Location	Partial Beg	Ann Beg	Ann End	Partial End	Alt	Duration
Eugene, OR	8:05 am	9:17	9:21	10:40 am	18°	3:55 min
Crater Lakes Nat Park OR	8:05 am	9:17	9:22	10:41 am	20°	4:33
Winnemucca NV	8:06 am	9:21	9:25	10:47 am	24°	4:27
Ticaboo UT	9:10 am	10:28	10:33	12 n	32°	4:45
Albuquerque NM	9:13 am	10:35	10:39	12:10 pm	36°	4:48
Roswell NM	9:16 am	10:39	10:43	12:15 pm	40°	4:41
Odessa TX	10:18 am	11:43	11:48	1:22 pm	43°	4:49
San Antonio TX*	10:24 am	11:52	11:56	1:33 pm	48°	4:21
Corpus Christy TX	10:26 am	11:56	12:01	1:38 pm	50°	4:53
Uxmal (near Merida), MEX	10:46 am	12:23	12:27	2:10 pm	62°	4:07
Belize City, BEL	9:53 am †	11:32	11:37	1:20 pm	65°	5:11
La Ceiba, HON	9:58 am	11:39	11:44	1:27 pm	67°	5:12
Santa Fe Nat'l Park, PAN	11:24 am	1:08	1:13	2:55 pm	68°	5:02



THE 2023 ECLIPSE IN MAJOR U.S. CITIES

Location	Begins	Max	Ends	Diam Cov	Alt at Max
New York City	12:08 pm	1:22	2:36 pm	35%	41°
Los Angeles	8:08 am	9:25	10:50 am	78%	28°
Chicago	10:37 am	11:58	1:22 pm	54%	40°
Houston	10:27 am	11:59	1:38 pm	90%	49°
Philadelphia	12:05 pm	1:21	2:37 pm	38%	42°
Phoenix	8:11 am	9:32	11:02 am	85%	34°
San Antonio *	10:24 am	11:54	1:33 pm	96%	48°
San Diego	8:09 am	9:26	10:53 am	76%	30°
Dallas	10:24 am	11:53	1:30 pm	86%	46°
San Francisco	8:05 am	9:20	10:42 am	83%	23°
Indianapolis	11:40 am	1:02	2:29 pm	55%	42°
Washington DC	12:00 pm	1:19	2:39 pm	42%	43°
Miami	11:57 am	1:34	3:12 pm	67%	56°



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Austin Dallas Fort Worth Minneapolis
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**THE GREAT
NORTH AMERICAN
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**

🇲🇽 **MEXICO** ★ **UNITED STATES** ★ **CANADA** 🇨🇦



Monday, April 8, 2024 Total Eclipse





PLACES THE 2024 ECLIPSE WILL BE TOTAL

Location	Partial Beg	Tot Beg	Tot End	Part End	Alt	Duration
Torreon MEX	12 noon	1:17	1:21	2:43 pm	71°	4:09 min
Kerrville (near San Antonio) TX	12:15 pm	1:32	1:36	2:56 pm	68°	4:25
Arlington (near Dallas) TX	12:23 pm	1:40	1:44	3:02 pm	65°	3:22
Morrilton (near Little Rock) AK	12:34 pm	1:51	1:55	3:11 pm	62°	4:14
Cape Girardeau MO	12:42 pm	1:58	2:02	3:17 pm	58°	4:07
Carbondale, IL	12:43 pm	1:59	2:03	3:18 pm	57°	4:10
Indianapolis IN	1:51 pm	3:06	3:10	4:23 pm	54°	3:46
Cleveland OH	1:59 pm	3:14	3:18	4:29 pm	49°	3:49
Erie PA	2:02 pm	3:16	3:20	4:31 pm	48°	3:43
Niagara Falls NY	2:05 pm	3:18	3:22	4:32 pm	46°	3:31
Buffalo NY	2:05 pm	3:18	3:22	4:32 pm	46°	3:45
Sherbrooke (near Montreal) CAN	2:17 pm	3:28	3:31	4:38 pm	40°	3:26
Oakfield ME	2:22 pm	3:32	3:35	4:41 pm	36°	3:22



The further north you are,
the more likely it will be cloudy





THE 2024 ECLIPSE IN MAJOR U.S. CITIES

Location	Begins	Max	Ends	Diam Cov	Alt at Max
New York City	2:11 pm	3:26	4:36 pm	91%	43°
Los Angeles	10:06 am	11:12	12:22 pm	58%	55°
Chicago	12:51 pm	2:08	3:22 pm	94%	53°
Houston	12:20 pm	1:40	3:01 pm	94%	68°
Philadelphia	2:08 pm	3:24	4:35 pm	90%	46°
Phoenix	10:08 am	11:20	12:35 pm	71%	60°
San Antonio	12:15 pm	1:34	2:56 pm	99%	69°
San Diego	10:03 am	11:11	12:23 pm	62%	57°
Dallas *	12:23 pm	1:43	3:03 pm	100%	65°
San Francisco	10:14 am	11:13	12:16 pm	45%	50°
Indianapolis *	1:51 pm	3:08	4:23 pm	100%	54°
Washington DC	2:04 pm	3:21	4:33 pm	89%	47°
Miami	1:48 pm	3:02	4:13 pm	56%	61°



Who will see some kind of eclipse in 2023-24?

U.S. = 332 million

Canada = 37 million

Mexico = 129 million

TOTAL = 498 million



Astronomy Teacher Contemplating Eclipse Education Challenges



Ancient Chinese Curse:

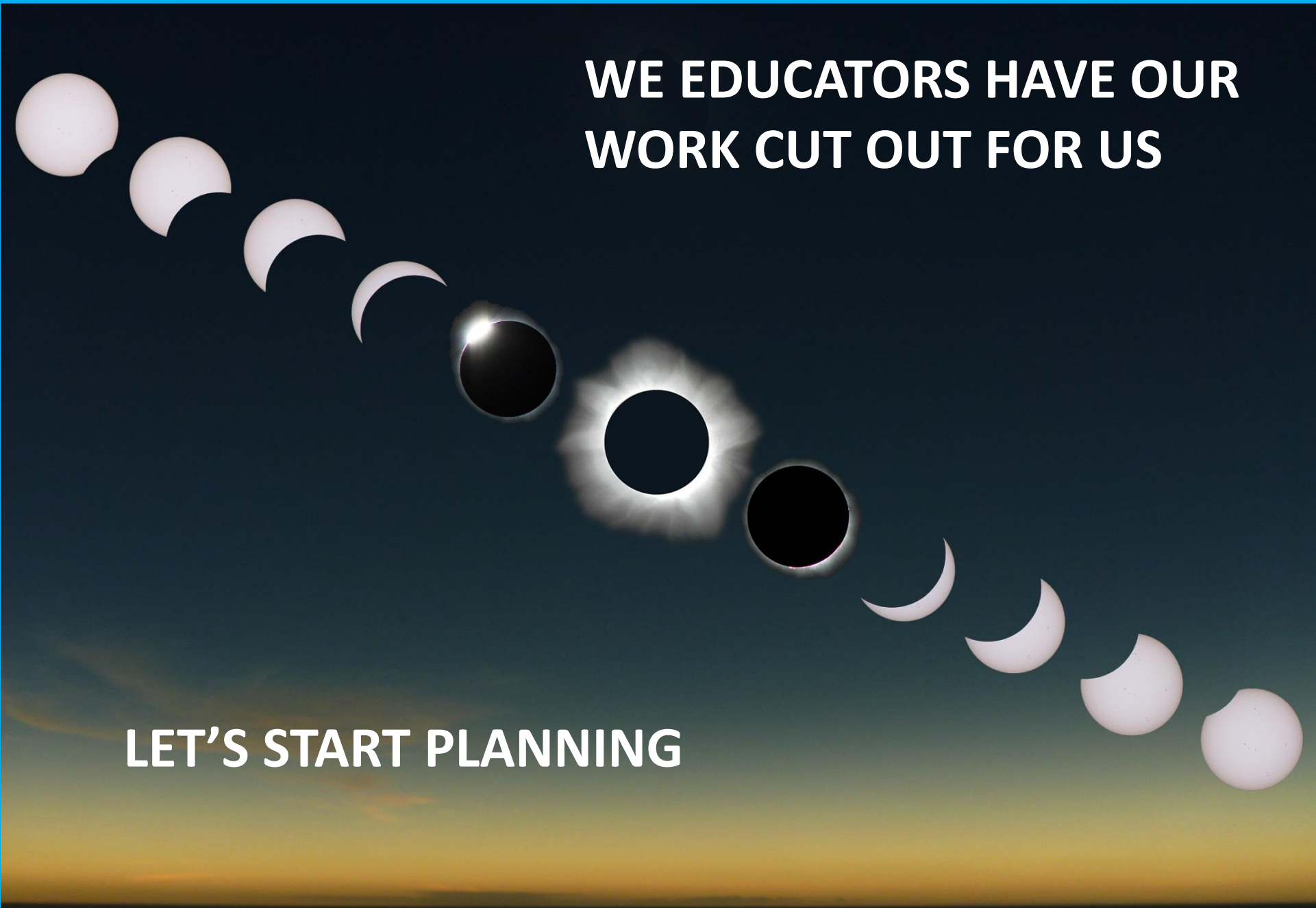
**MAY YOU
LIVE IN
INTERESTING
TIMES**

The Evolution of Eclipse Ideas





**WE EDUCATORS HAVE OUR
WORK CUT OUT FOR US**



LET'S START PLANNING



We'll need lots of solar viewing glasses





**5 million glasses
Distributed free
Through public libraries**





Let's Pause...



Let's pause for two questions from the audience.



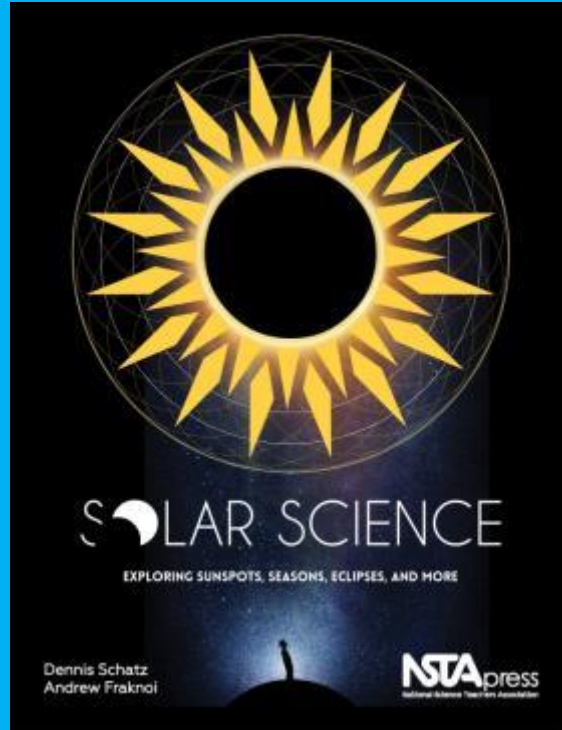
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Poll question #2:

What Causes Solar Eclipses?

- A. What phase the moon is in?
- B. The inclination of the Moon's orbit around the Earth relative to the Earth's orbit around the Sun?
- C. The varying distance of the Moon from the Earth as the Moon orbits the Earth?
- D. All of the above.
- E. Answers A and B.



Learning Experiences to be featured

4.1 – Predicting What the Moon Will Look Like

4.3 – Observing the Moon

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4.5 – Modeling Eclipses

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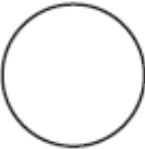
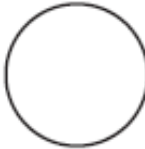
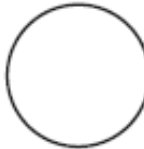
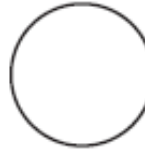
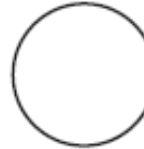
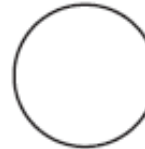
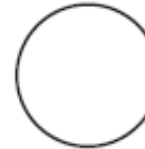
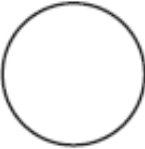
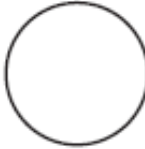
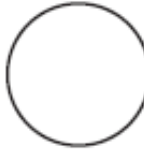
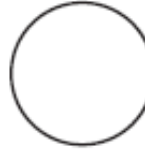
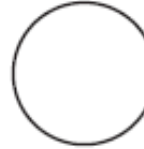
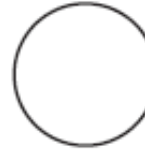
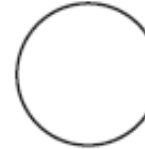
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Lunar Observing Record Chart



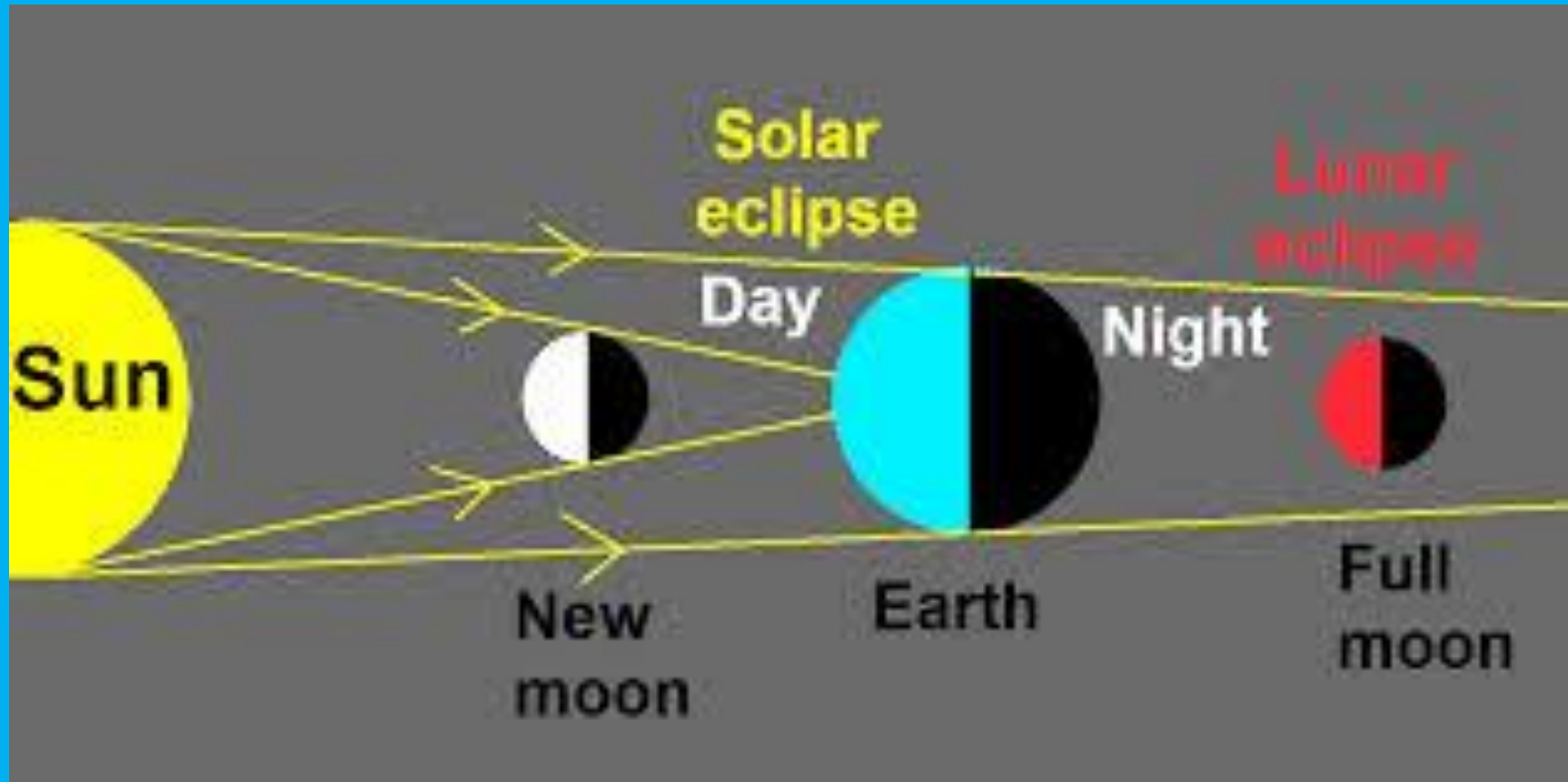
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Modeling Lunar Phases and Eclipses





Questions That Immediately Come Up

- If a full Moon and new Moon happen every month, shouldn't we have eclipses every month?
- Why is the 2017 total solar eclipse the first one in the US in almost 40 years?
- Why do people spend thousands of dollars and travel thousands of miles to see a solar eclipse, but don't travel to see a lunar eclipse?



Hula Hoops Provide the Answer



Experience 4.6

- One Hula Hoop is the orbit of the Moon around the Earth.
- The other Hula Hoop is the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth.
- Normally the Moon and Sun are not lined up to produce an eclipse.
- Eclipses only occur when Moon and Sun are at crossing points.
- Solar and lunar eclipses happen every six months (separated by two weeks).

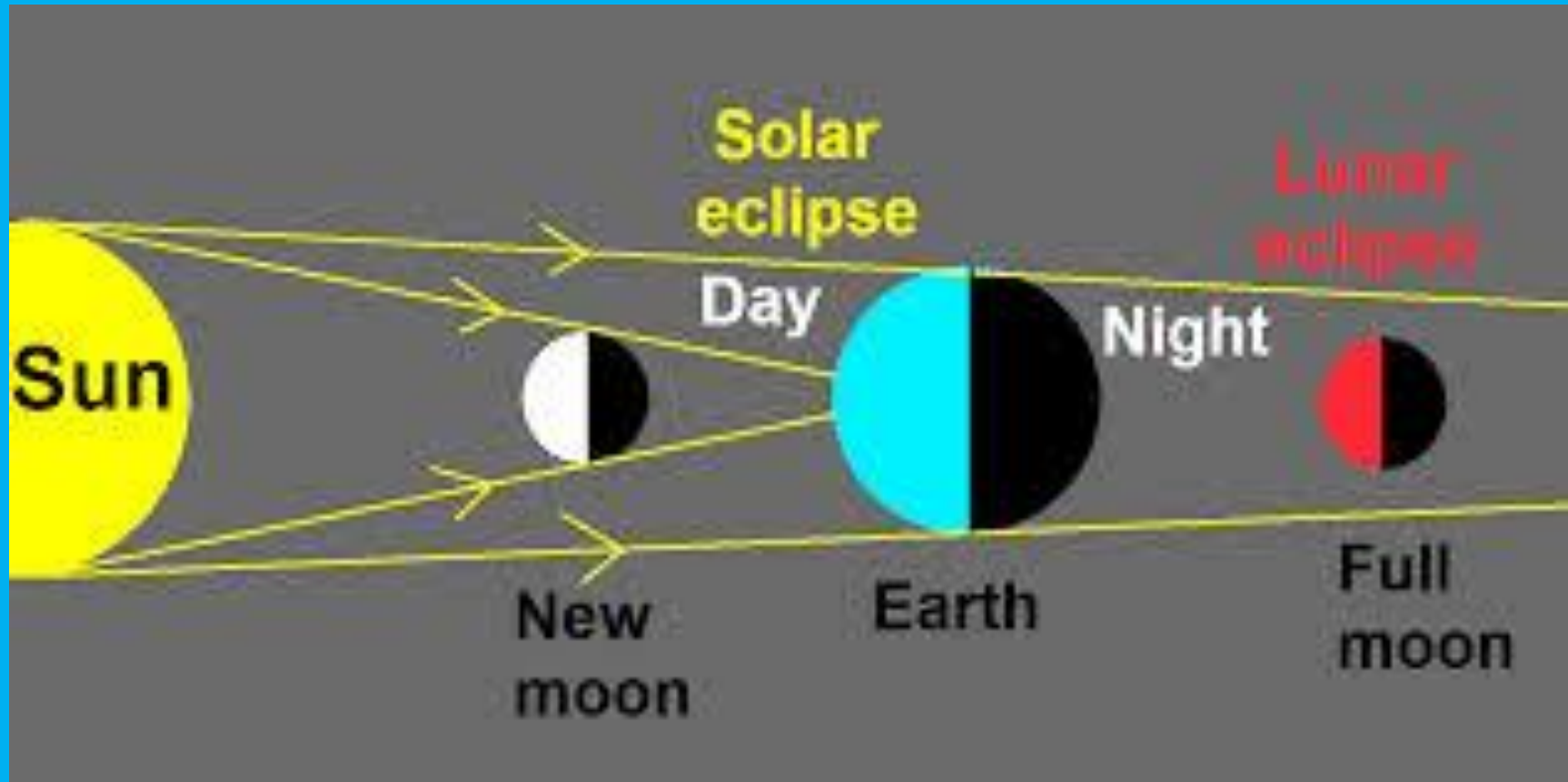


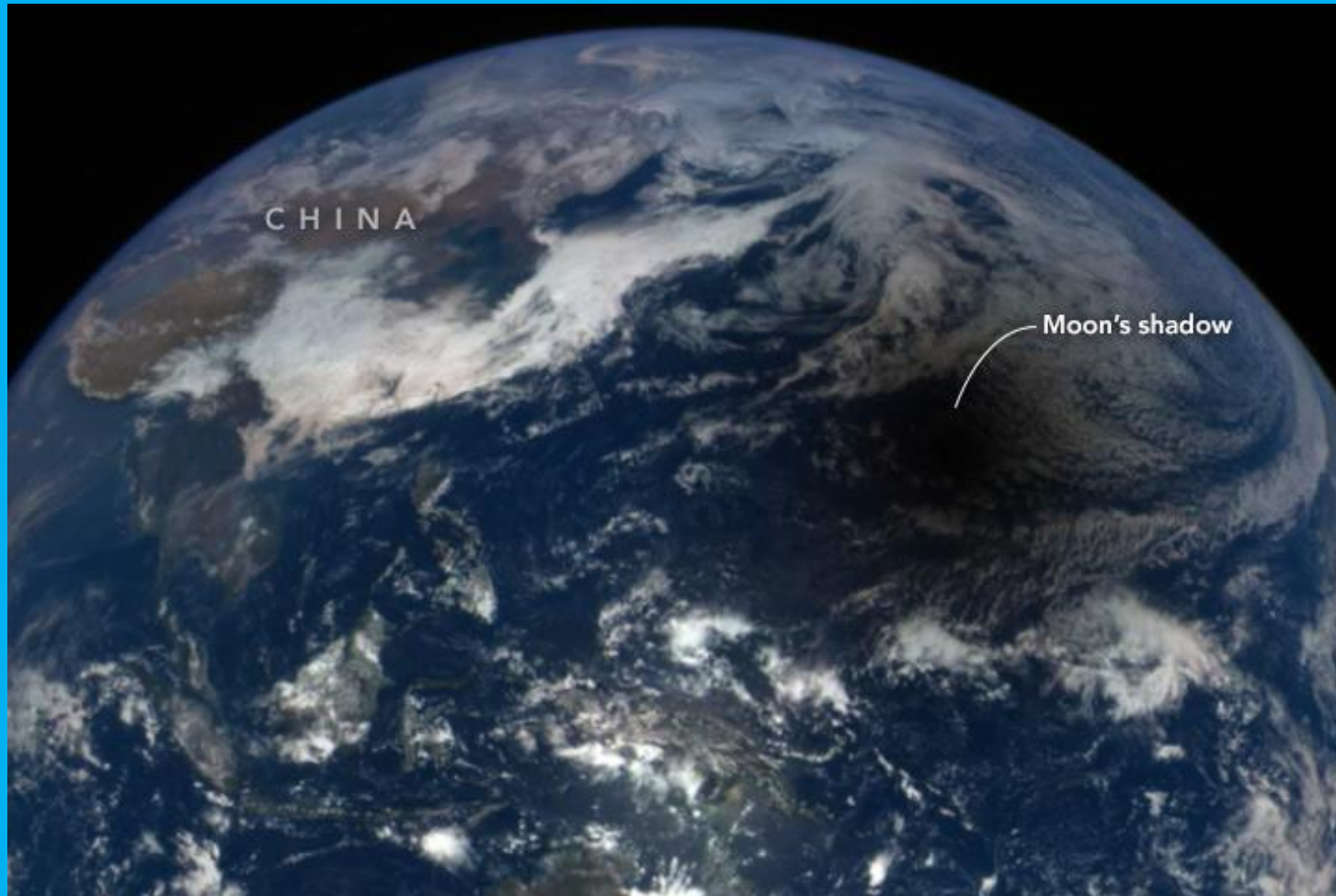
Experience 4.7

- Uses the Earth-Sun-Moon model to show only a small area on the Earth sees a solar eclipse.
- While half the Earth gets to see a lunar eclipse.
- Thus, people travel thousands of miles to see a total solar eclipse.



Modeling Lunar Phases and Eclipses

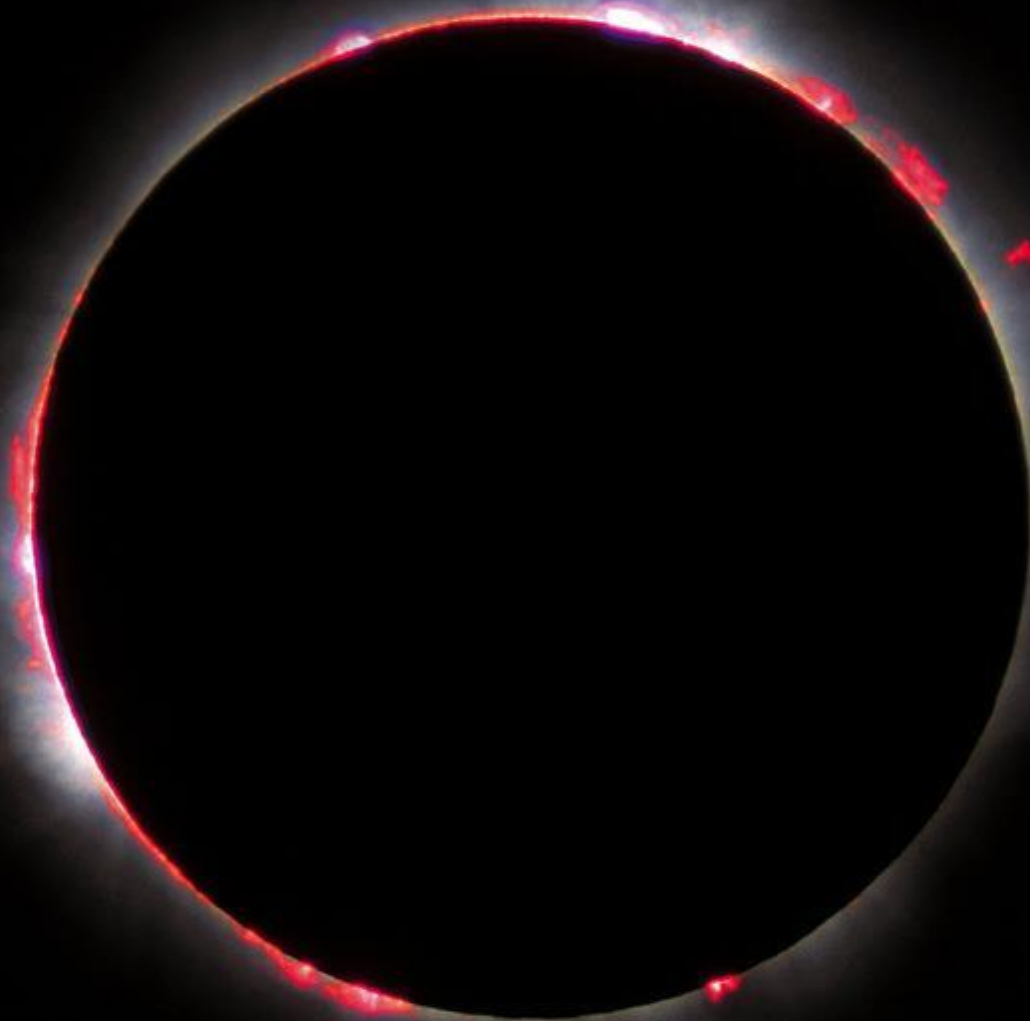




The eclipse shadow moves across the U.S. at 3900 kph (2400 mph).

Crosses the state of Oregon in about 10 minutes!

It will take 1 hour and 37 minutes to cross the U.S.

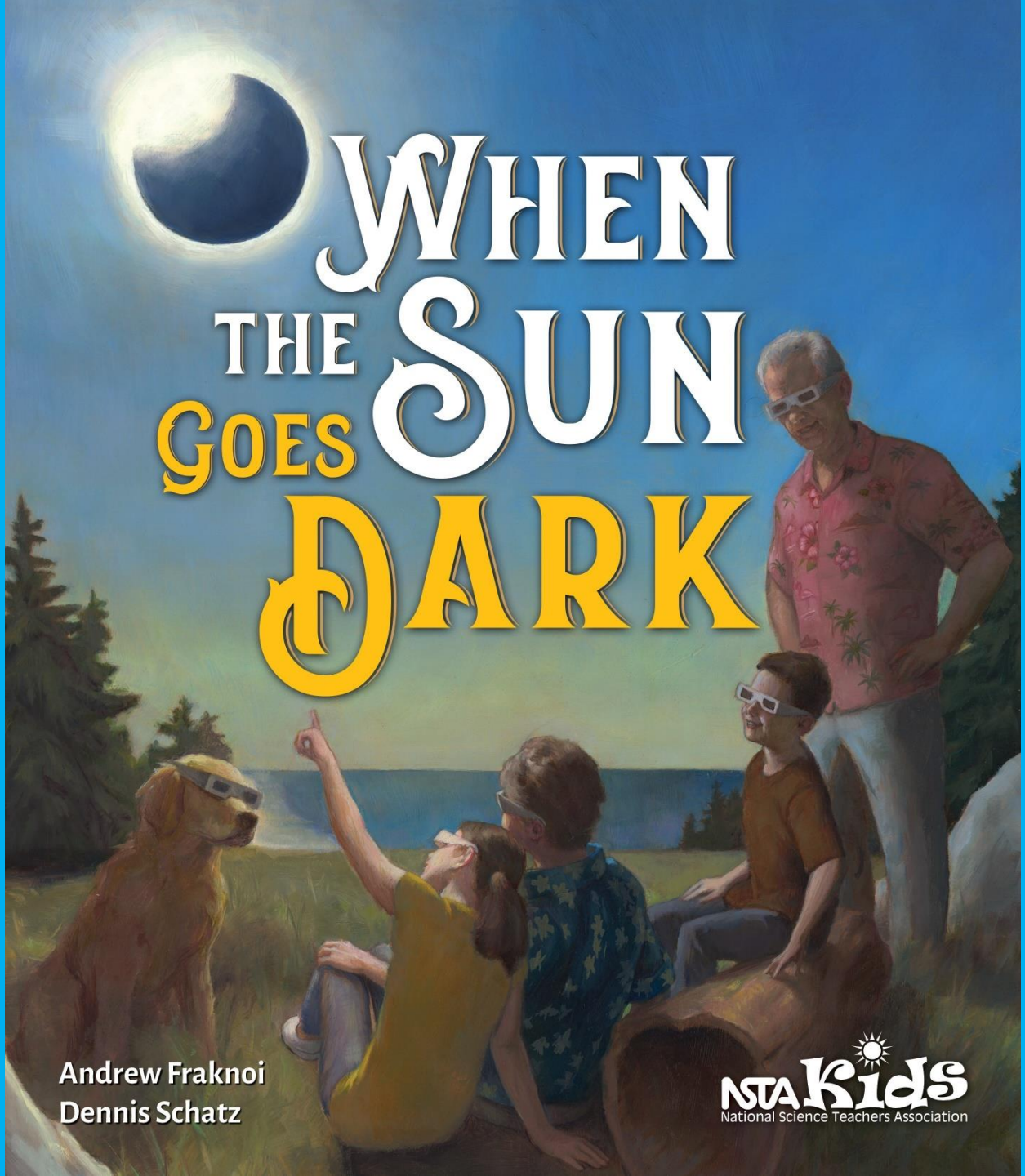








WHEN THE SUN GOES DARK



Andrew Fraknoi
Dennis Schatz





Now Grandma told us to move the balls around our heads a little bit at a time, going from right to left. As I slowly took the ball around, the side facing me started getting lit up a bit by the lamp's light.

Grandma told us to stop moving the tennis balls for a minute, then said, "That's what happens to the Moon. As it goes around the Earth, we see different amounts of sunlight reflecting off its surface."

As I moved the tennis ball Moon farther around my head, the ball showed more and more light. When the ball was on the opposite side of my head from the lamp, I held it high and could see it all lit up.

"What do we call it when the lit-up side of the Moon is facing the Earth?" Grandma asked.

Sammy didn't know, but after I thought about it for a minute, I thought I knew. "Is that a full Moon?" I asked.

Grandma gave me a thumbs-up, but out of a corner of my eye, I could see Sammy sticking his tongue out at me. He didn't like it when I got an answer faster than he did. But it's not my fault I'm older.

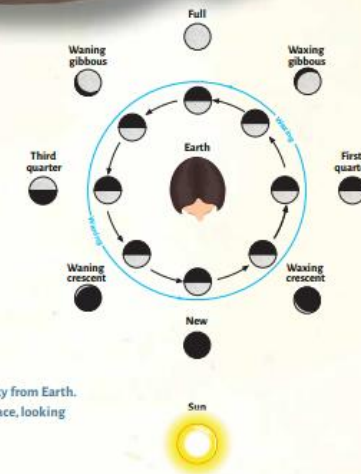
Grandma told us that the time it took for the Moon to go from new Moon to full Moon and back to new Moon is close to what we call a month. I was used to connecting months to events on Earth, like vacations, but I thought it was OK for months to be connected to something in space, too.

We moved the balls around our heads and saw different portions of the Moon lit up in different

locations. In two places, the Moon was half lit up and half dark; in other places, we just saw a sliver of light, which Grandma called a *crescent Moon*.

After Sammy and I had explored for a while, Grandma said, "The different portions of the Moon lit up by reflected sunlight are called the *phases of the Moon*."

That was a good new word to know, but even after Sammy and I had taken the tennis ball Moon around the Earth about five times, I still wasn't sure how this was connected to eclipses.



RIGHT: The outer circle of Moon diagrams shows what is visible in the sky from Earth. The inner circle of Moon diagrams shows what would be visible from space, looking down from above the Earth-Moon system.



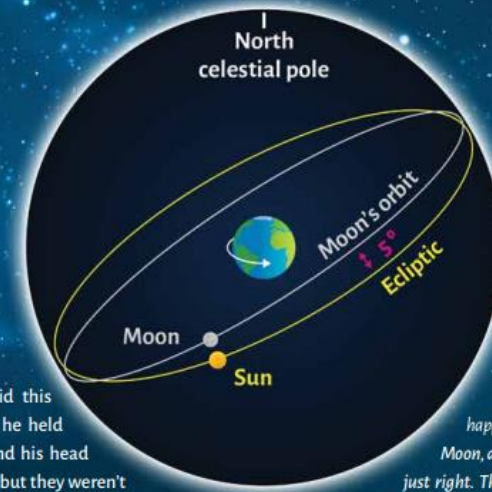
Next, Grandpa did this odd thing where he held both hoops around his head at the same time, but they weren't lined up. The purple one was above the yellow one on one side and below it on the other side, and they only touched in two places.

Grandpa told us that's what happens with the paths of the real Moon and Sun in the sky. The Moon is usually above or below the Sun by a small amount. If they are not lined up exactly, the Moon can't pass directly in front of the Sun, and there won't be an eclipse.

"How often do the Hula-Hoops cross?" Grandpa asked me and my brother.

We both said, "Twice" at the same time, which made all four of us laugh.

"What do you think happens when the Moon and Sun arrive together at one of the two places where the Hula-Hoops cross?" Grandpa asked us.



I thought, *Eclipses happen when the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth are lined up just right. The only place that lineup can happen is where the hoops cross.* So I said, "Eclipses," and Grandpa gave me a big smile.

Grandpa then told us, "It turns out that the Sun and the Moon arrive at the crossing points *together* only twice a year. So we have a kind of 'eclipse season' roughly every six months when eclipses of the Sun and the Moon happen somewhere on Earth."

I had to think about that. First of all, this was the first time Grandma or Grandpa had mentioned that the Moon could have eclipses, too. I wanted to ask more about that later. Also, two times a year still seemed like a lot of eclipses. So I asked Grandpa why they went on a long trip to see an eclipse of the Sun if they happen twice a year.



Let's Pause...



Let's pause for two questions from the audience.



Please share your questions in the chat window

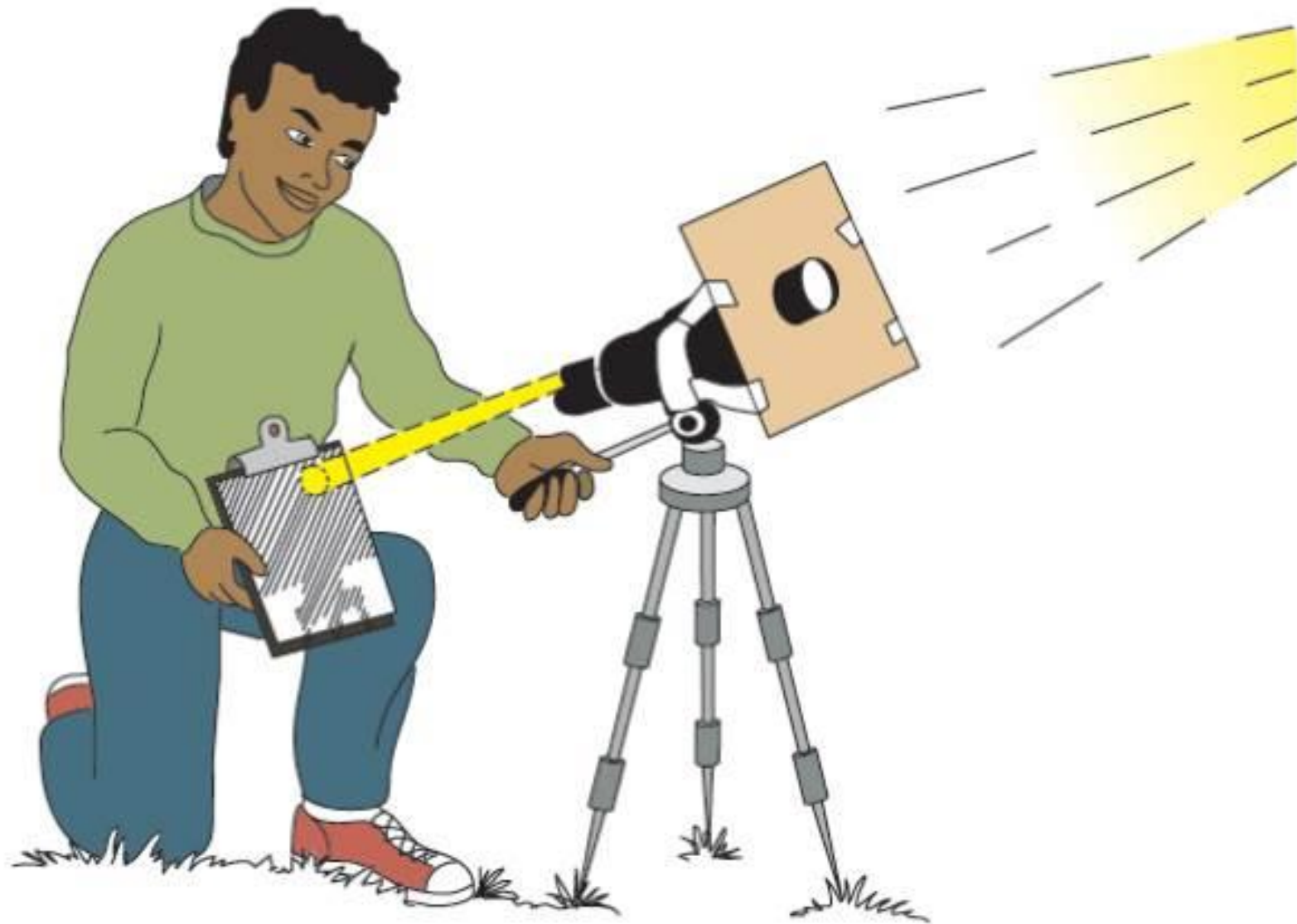


Poll question #3:

Which are safe ways to observe the eclipse?

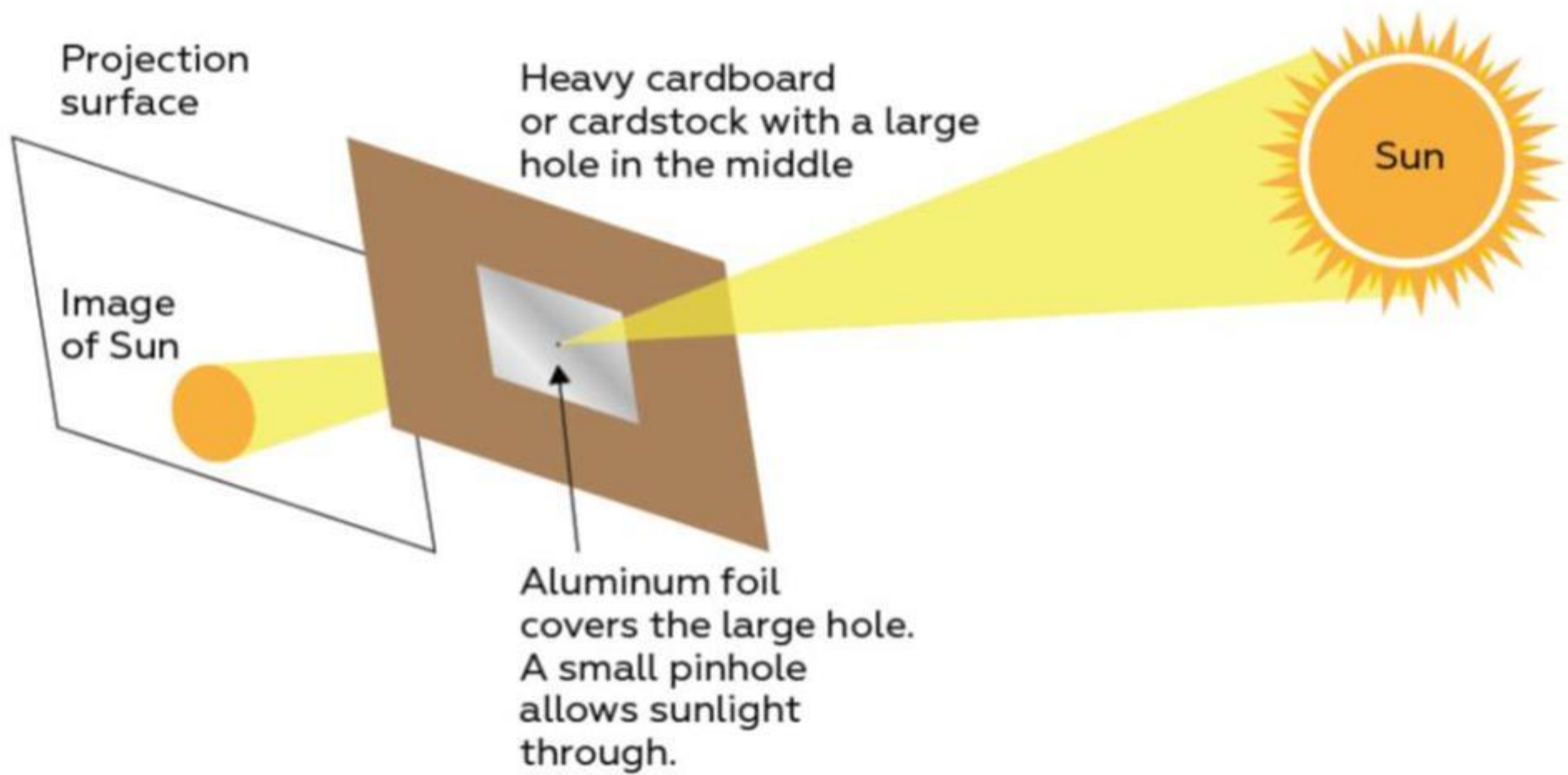
- A. Viewing the Sun through a sufficiently dense filter.
- B. Projecting an image of the Sun on a light-colored surface.
- C. Watching it on TV, computer or mobile device.
- D. All of the Above.
- E. Answers A and B.

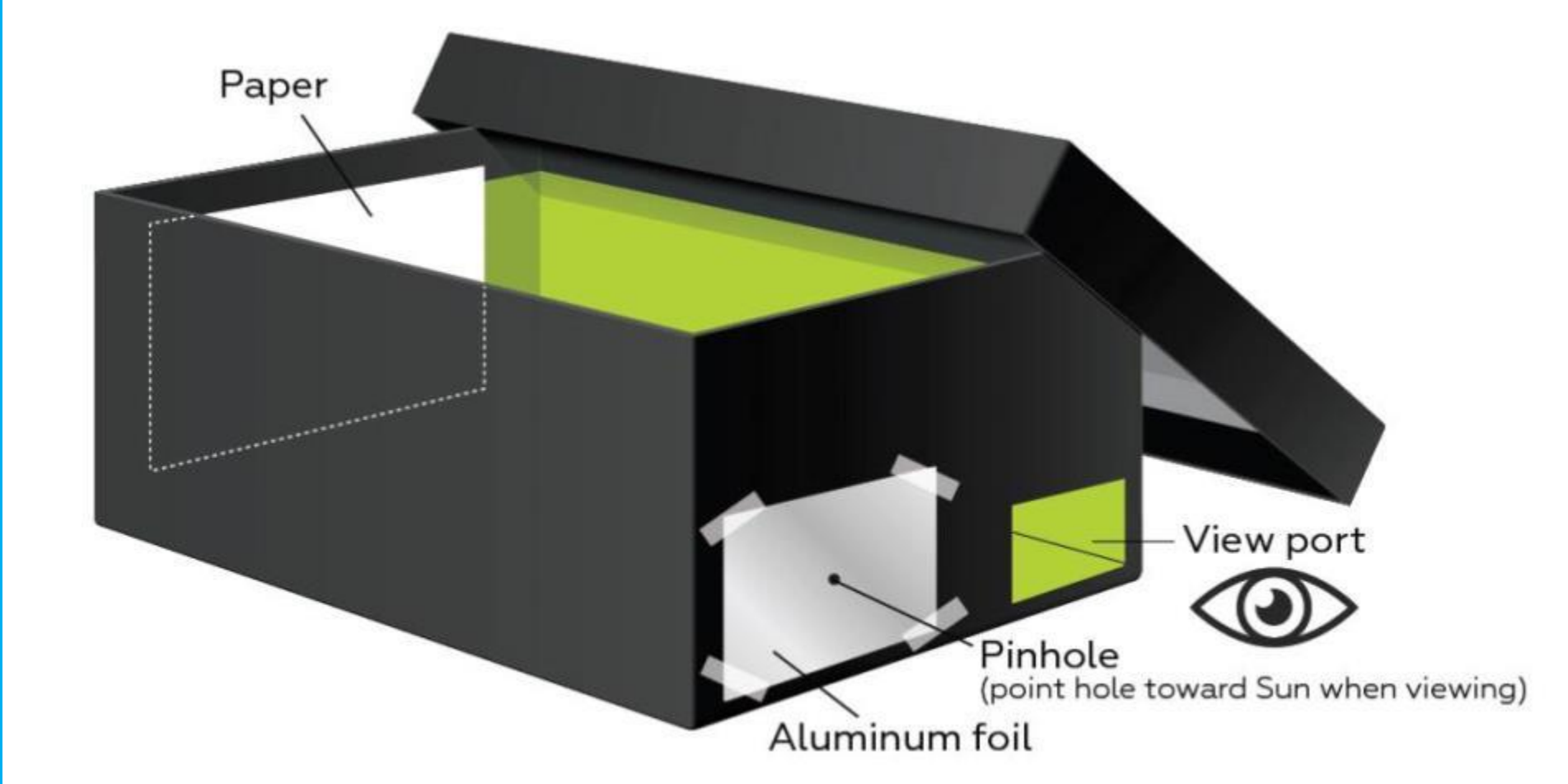




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Possible Partners:

- **NASA**
- **Libraries**
- **Amateur Astronomy Clubs**
- **Park Rangers**
- **Community Colleges**
- **University astronomy departments**
- **Planetariums**
- **American Astronomical Society Ambassadors**
- **Girl Scouts**



Example from 2017

- We planned an entire day of STEM events for our students centered around the sun, moon, shadows, UV light, etc..
- We ordered NASA APPROVED glasses in May prior to the end of the previous school year for EVERY student and staff member.
- I invited a meteorologist to the school to speak to the kids ahead of time about what to expect, how to view safely, etc.
- We had an eye doctor come to the school and talk to all our students about eyesight and how and why we protect them from the sun the morning of the eclipse.



Example from 2017

A group of students and I were able to get money fronted to us to purchase (legit) eclipse viewing glasses. We sold them for \$1 and made a small profit for future projects. We taped a small flyer to each pair to help communicate the details of our viewing times. It was really fun and we easily sold out (500 pairs).

Local Eclipse
EXPERIENCE THE 2017 ECLIPSE ACROSS AMERICA <http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov> AUGUST 21, 2017

SAFELY WATCH THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

IN STYLE!
\$1.00 each

On Monday, Aug 21st
here in Boise
THE ECLIPSE WILL LAST FROM
10:10am - 12:50pm

MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF 99%
WILL OCCUR AT 12:7 am

Visit the Green Team
at the concession stand
during break
every Tuesday and Thursday
until they run out!



AN OBSERVER'S GUIDE TO VIEWING THE ECLIPSE

SOLAR SCIENCE

ALL-AMERICAN TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

AUGUST 21, 2017

By Andrew Fraknoi and Dennis Schatz

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total eclipse of the Sun will be visible in the continental United States for the first time in almost 40 years. A *total* eclipse is when the Sun is completely hidden by the Moon, the sky becomes dark, and the Sun's faint atmosphere (*corona*) becomes visible—looking like a beautiful halo (Figure 1). This total eclipse will *only* be visible on a narrow track stretching across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. No other country will get to see the total eclipse this time.

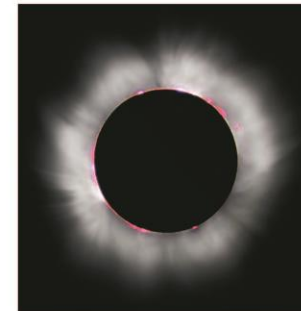
The rest of the United States and other parts of North and Central America will see a *partial* eclipse, in which the Moon covers only a portion of the Sun. A partial eclipse is interesting, but nowhere near as awe-inspiring and memorable as a total eclipse. A partial eclipse is also dangerous to look at without something to protect your eyes from the Sun's damaging rays.

What Exactly Is a Total Eclipse of the Sun?

A total eclipse of the Sun occurs when the Moon gets between the Sun and the Earth and covers up the Sun. It just so happens that the Moon, as seen from Earth, and the Sun, as seen from Earth, are the same size in the sky. So if the two are exactly lined up, the Moon can hide the Sun from our sight. This allows us to see the Sun's corona,

FIGURE 1

During a total eclipse, the Sun is covered by the Moon, and the faint light of its corona becomes visible.



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Future Eclipse Resources from NSTA

1. NSTA Eclipse Observing Guide
2. Summer/Fall 2023 issue of NSTA's K-12 Journals dedicated to the eclipses
3. Suggestions for how make the eclipses a school and/or community wide event
4. Future NSTA web seminars
5. Materials to share with your administrators



What to Tell Administrators

Look for future resource materials from NSTA that will allow you to inform your school administrators EARLY that:

- Eclipses are a wonderful learning experience
- Eclipses are safe to view
- Safe eclipse-viewing techniques are easy to find and use



Let's Pause...



Let's pause for additional questions from the audience,
as time allows.



Please share your questions in the chat window



**We wish you clear skies
for the eclipse in
2023 and 2024!**

Thanks to Today's Presenters...

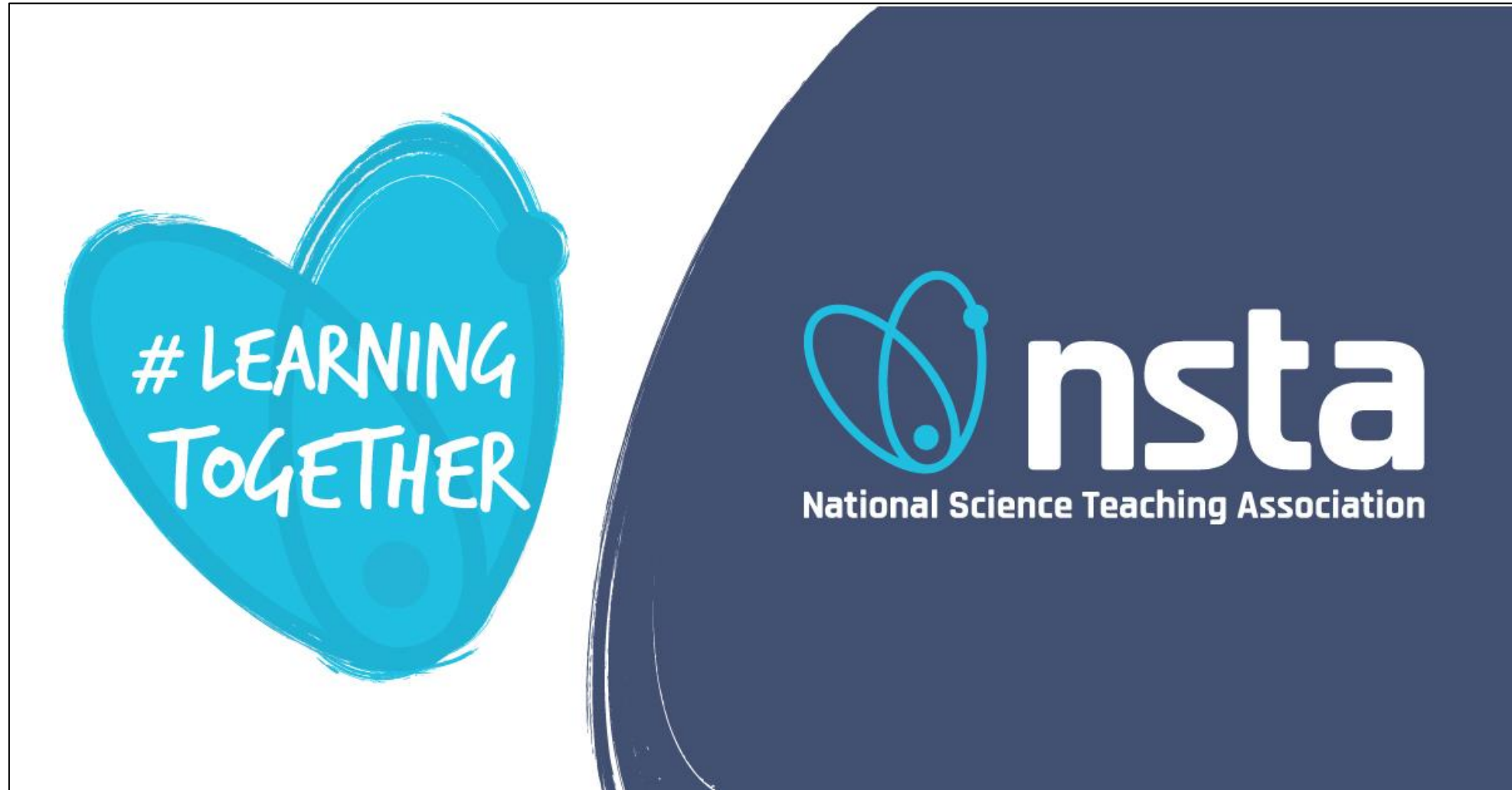


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Web Seminar: NSTA Teacher Awards – Recognizing Excellence Rewarded

October 27, 7:00 PM ET

Science Update: NOAA – Observing and Understanding Earth Systems

November 3, 7:00 PM ET

Web Seminar: Developing a Competitive Application for Shell Teaching Awards

November 7, 7:00 PM ET

Transforming Science Learning: Leading the Implementation of High-Quality Instructional Materials to Enact Standards: Practical Guidance From the Field

November 7, 7:00 PM ET

Web Seminar: Exploration Generation: Sensemaking in Rocketry

November 9, 7:00 PM ET

Web Seminar: Case Studies from CSL: Developing Critical Consciousness in Middle-School Science Through Engineering for Sustainable Communities

November 14, 7:00 PM ET



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This concludes today's program.