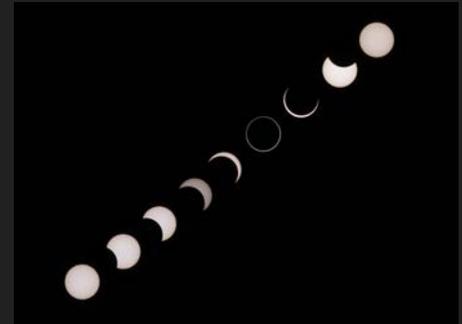


Educating the Educators

What to expect when you're expecting...a Solar Eclipse!



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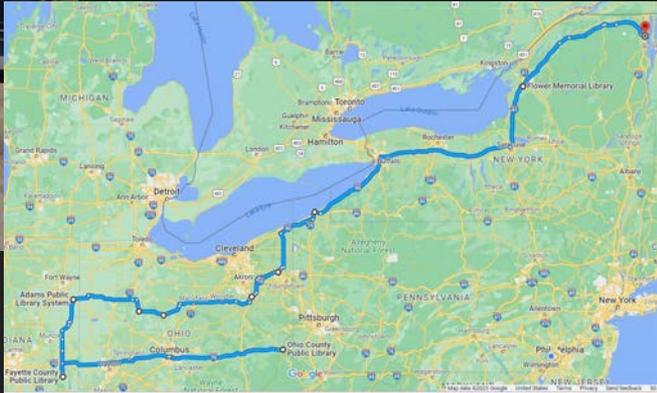


Today's Talk

*"The purpose of life is the investigation of
the Sun, the Moon, and the Heavens."
--Anaxagoras 459 BC*

- Intro: who am I and why am I here?
- Motivation for the project
- What teachers want
- Summer journey alongside the 2024 eclipse path
- Challenges and suggestions moving forward
- Time for questions





Responses to the 2017 eclipse

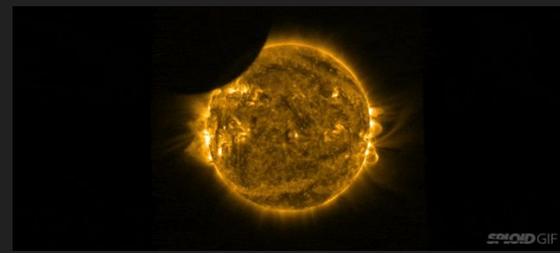
- Lack of information: “I didn’t know it was happening”
- Misinformation: “I was told I would burn my eyes out if I looked at it so I stayed inside”

Some teachers: “I didn’t know how to teach about the eclipse, so I just...didn’t.”

*“Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.”
--Maori proverb*



What do teachers want?



- Prepared, pre-packaged curriculum and worksheets with clear directions
- Professional Development credits for training hours
- Free stuff!

Teachers were excited to learn that the Moon's shadow moves upward of 1200 mph and is ~70 miles wide!



Look UP, Below!



An educator's guide to the
April 8, 2024 total eclipse of the Sun

BY DEBORAH L. SKAPIK
EDITED BY DR. RACHEL SLAUGHTER

My response:
create a workbook for K-12 teachers

Jupiter

*"Three flames ate the Sun and
big stars were seen."*

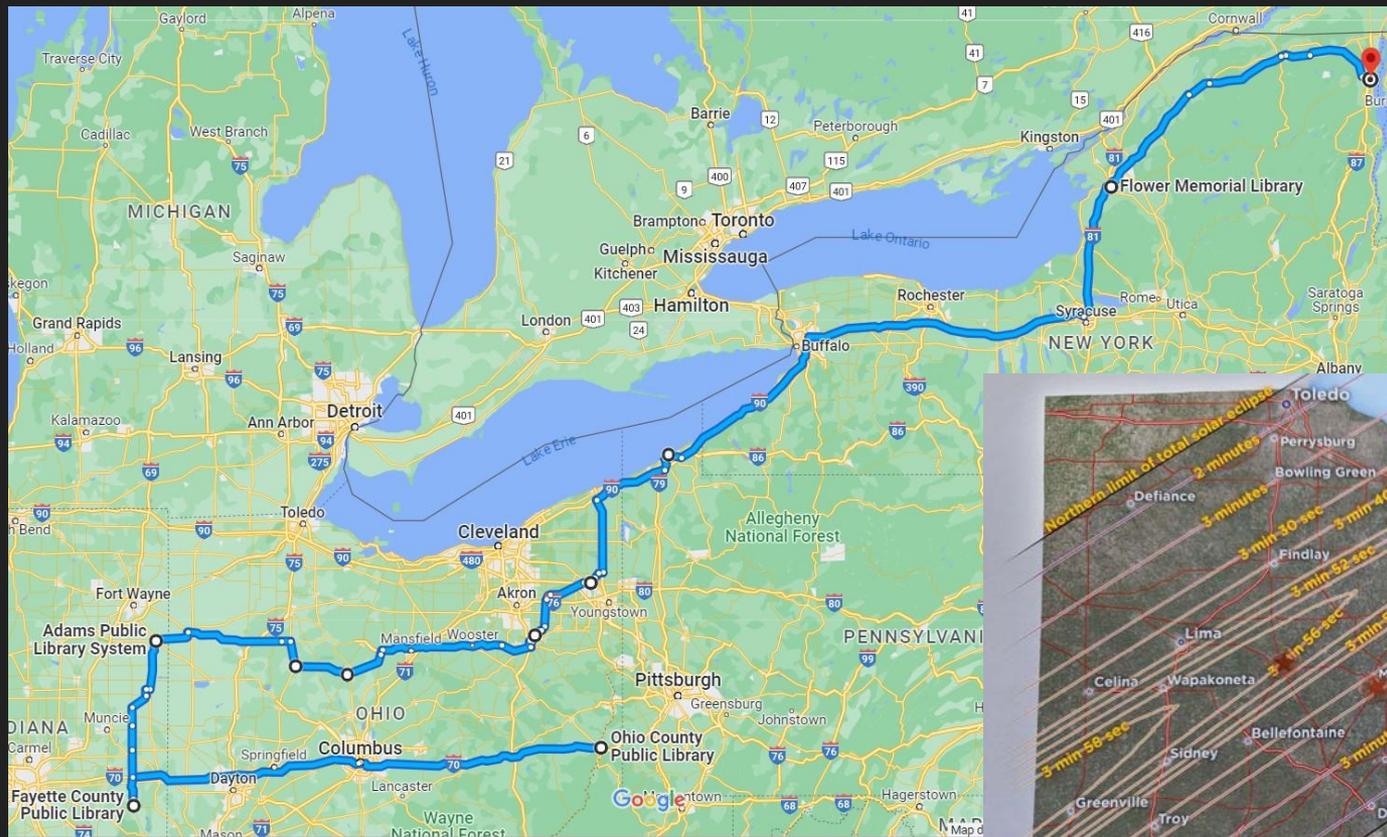
*--inscription on Chinese Oracle
Bones (tortoise shell) 1302 BC*

Totality!

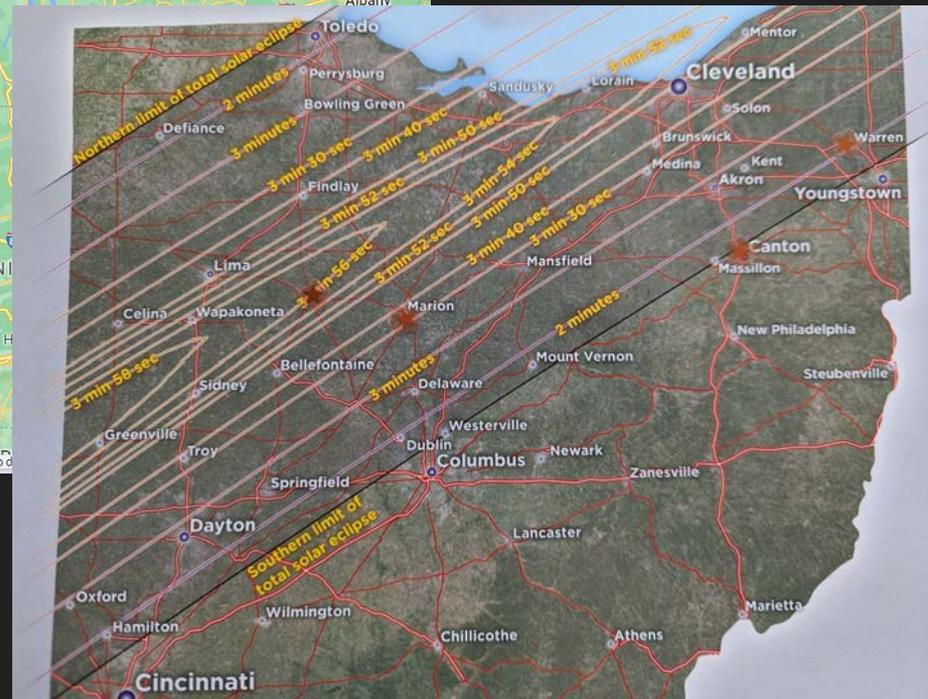
Venus



Saturn
Mars



*Photo credit:
GreatAmericanEclipse*



Summer Journey Along the Eclipse Path

Let's put a stop to MISinformation about eclipses



And seriously, folks?

TOP STORY

Agencies advise on possible 'Lizard Man,' 'Bigfoot' sightings in South Carolina during eclipse

By Brooks Brunson bbrunson@postandcourier.com Aug 9, 2017 Updated Aug 10, 2017 (24)

Ad close
Stop
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What's next?

- Reach teachers through libraries; craft programs specifically for them
- Entice teachers through PD credits and free resources



*FCS Moonshadow Team
2023/24 has 27 student
members!*

