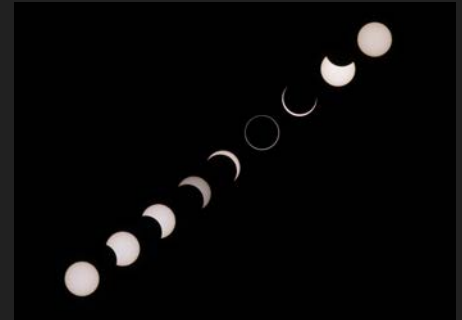


# Educating the Educators

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



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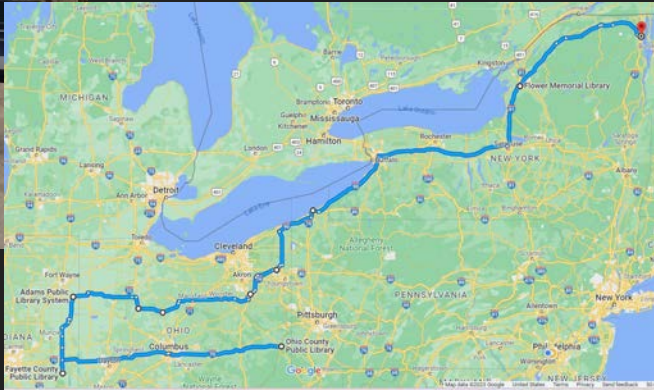


# Today's Talk

*"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

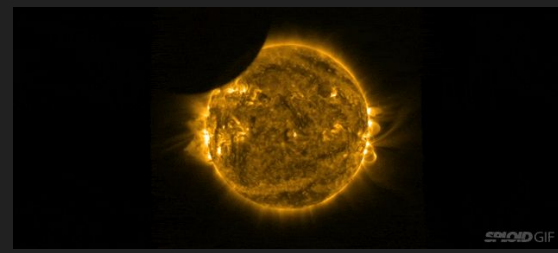
- Lack of information: “I didn’t know it was happening”
- Misinformation: “I was told I would burn my eyes out if I looked at it so I stayed inside”

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."*

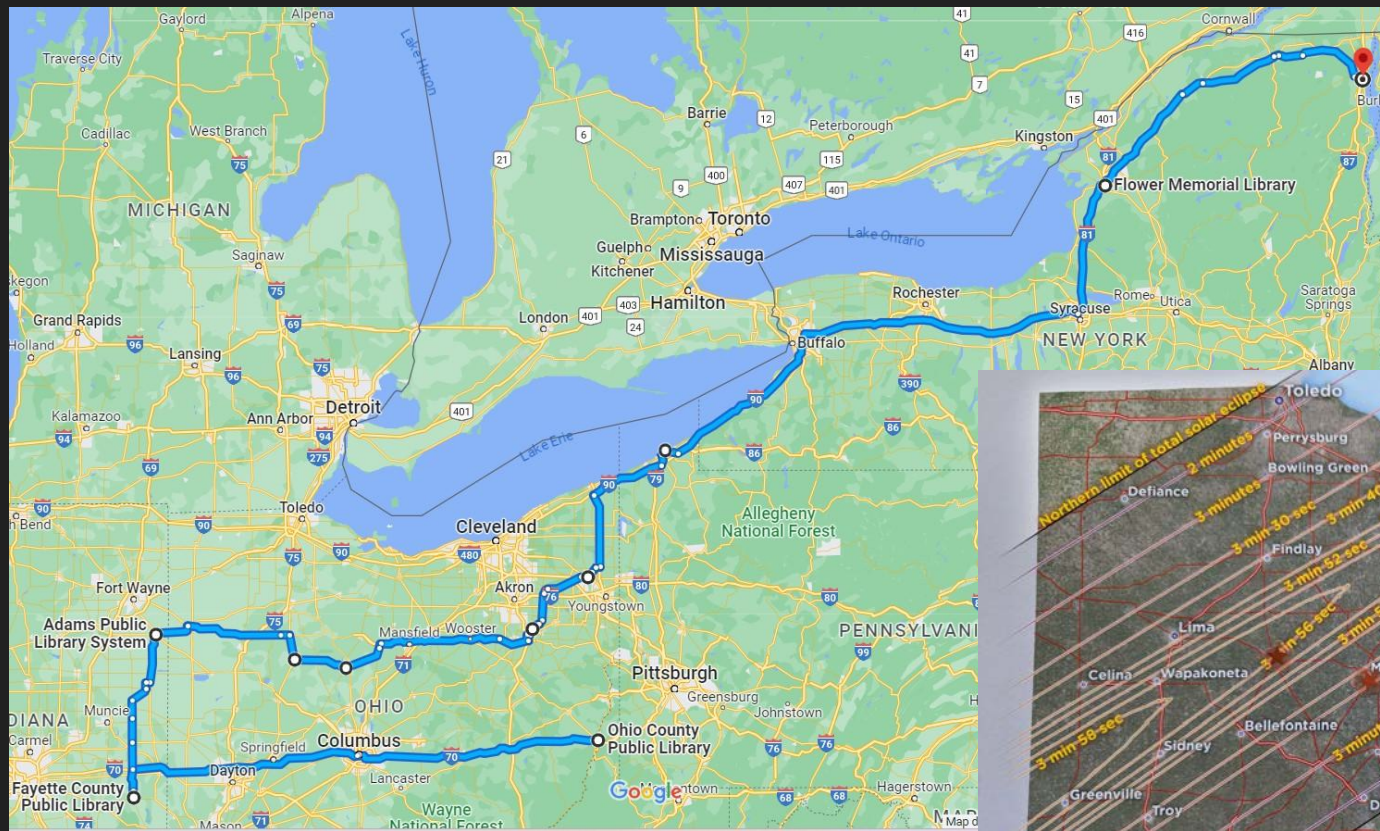
*--inscription on Chinese Oracle  
Bones (tortoise shell) 1302 BC*

**Totality!**

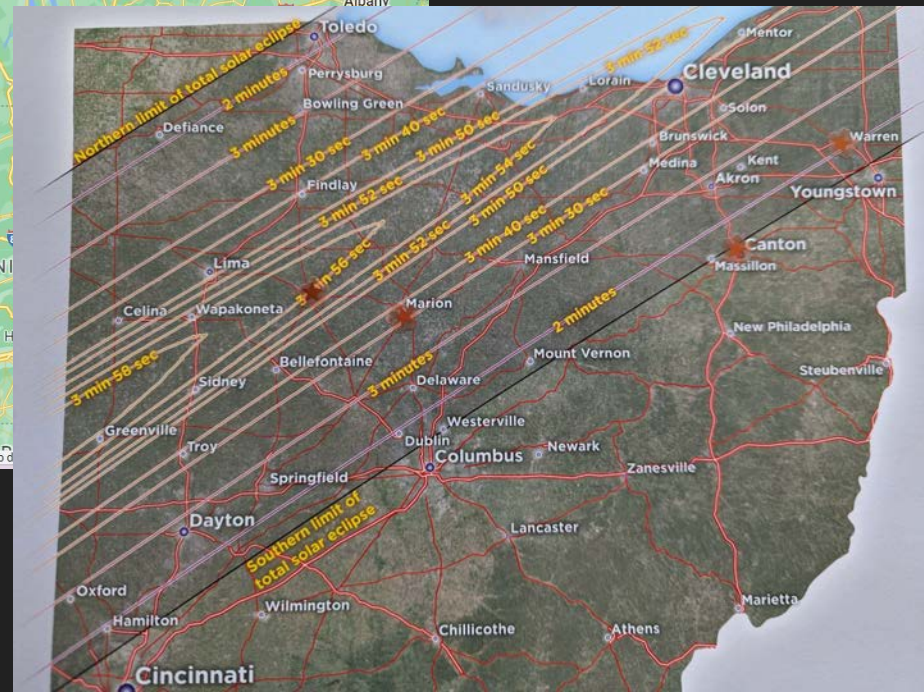
Venus



Saturn  
Mars



*Photo credit:  
GreatAmericanEclipse*



Summer Journey Along the Eclipse Path

# Let's put a stop to MISinformation about eclipses



And seriously, folks?





# 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!*

