# Solar & Lunar Eclipses





# **Angular Diameter and Distance**

- The Moon has about the same \_\_\_\_\_ diameter as the Sun
  - Even though they are different sizes and distances away
- Linear Diameter the \_\_\_\_\_ between an object's opposite sides
  - The further away an object is, the smaller the angular diameter
- The Moon's linear diameter= \_\_\_\_\_

. km (2160 mi)



# Angular Diameter and Distance

#### Small-Angle Formula – how to find the angular of an object

angular diameter (arc \_\_\_\_

linear diameter

\*The units for distance and linear diameter must be the same!



# Angular Diameter and Distance Ex: Moon: angular diameter

km

km

=	arc seconds
=	arc minutes
	0





# **Angular Diameter and Distance**

Apogee – Moon's \_\_\_\_\_ point from Earth
Angular diameter = \_\_\_\_\_ % smaller
Perigee – Moon's \_\_\_\_\_ point from Earth
Angular diameter = \_\_\_\_\_ % larger



# **Earth's Shadow**

The moon's \_\_\_\_\_ is only a few \_ off of Earth's orbit around the Sun

The Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ points directly away from the Sun at the same level of Earth's orbit



#### **Earth's Shadow**

#### Lunar Eclipse – can occur at a \_\_\_\_\_ Moon's path caries it through the \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Moon if the \_\_\_\_\_ of Earth

sunlight is cut off, and the Moon becomes dim temporarily



These are \_\_\_\_\_ because the Moon usually is slightly north or south of Earth's shadow which is how we get a full Moon to be visible

#### **Earth's Shadow**

- Umbra region of \_\_\_\_\_ shadow
  - The Sun is completely hidden from the Moon behind Earth
- Penumbra \_\_\_\_\_ shadow
  - Part of the Sun would peek around the edge of Earth
  - Sunlight is dimmed here, but not diminished



#### **Earth's Shadow**

#### Umbra & Penumbra

- The umbra is more than \_\_\_\_\_ longer than the distance to the Moon
  - Points \_\_\_\_\_ from the Sun
- The shadow is plenty big enough to hide the \_\_\_\_\_ Moon, but only when it lines up correctly



#### **Total Lunar Eclipse**

#### Total Lunar Eclipse – Moon moves through the and is completely covered by the umbra

- Moves into the penumbra and dims, then moves into the \_\_\_\_\_ and gets completely dark with an outer ring
- The Moon will NOT \_\_\_\_\_ completely because it receives some refracted (\_\_\_\_\_\_) light through the atmosphere



#### **Total Lunar Eclipse**

- Totality
   – the loss of the \_\_\_\_\_ sunlight on the Moon due to Earth being in the way
  - The sunlight beams around Earth and through it's atmosphere just like sunrises and sunsets causing a red glow to be casted on the Moon in the umbra
  - That \_\_\_\_\_ glow reflects off of the Moon and is what we see



#### **Total Lunar Eclipse**

How \_\_\_\_\_ the eclipse is depends on several factors:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ in Earth's atmosphere
- in the atmosphere from eruptions (volcanoes)
- Darkest eclipse if the Moon falls directly in the center of the \_\_\_\_\_
- A total lunar eclipse can take up to 6 in progress from start to finish



#### Partial and Penumbral Lunar Eclipses

- Partial Lunar Eclipse Moon passes through the penumbra and only \_\_\_\_\_ of the umbra
  - Don't usually have the red glow like a total eclipse would
- Penumbral Lunar Eclipse Moon passes through the only
  - Tough to see because it's only partially dim
  - Looks very similar to a full Moon

https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/north-america.html

#### **Solar Eclipses**

# Solar Eclipse – when the Moon moves \_\_\_\_\_ Earth and the Sun

- Total Solar Eclipse when the Moon covers the disk of the Sun
- Partial Solar Eclipse when the Moon covers only \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sun

Both are \_\_\_\_\_ depending!





#### The Moon's Shadow

- Annular Eclipse \_\_\_\_\_ eclipse where an annulus (ring) of light is visible around the disk of the Moon
  - The Moon's angular diameter is \_\_\_\_\_ than that of the Sun, causing the ring



#### The Moon's Shadow

- Totality during a solar eclipse only lasts about minutes at most
  - Usually about 2 to 3 minutes

# **Observing an Eclipse**

Caution!





Even during an eclipse, the surface of the Sun is still able to be seen (either progressing in or out) causing harmful \_\_\_\_\_ to burn your eyes!

#### **Conditions for an Eclipse**

Eclipse Season – when the Sun is \_\_\_\_\_ to the same spot in the sky as the Moon's \_\_\_\_\_

- Eclipse season = about \_\_\_\_\_ days
- Any new Moon during that time will produce a solar eclipse and any full Moon will encounter Earth's umbra and be eclipsed

