



# Writing With Purpose Newsletter

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## Annual Writers' Conference

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Northeast Texas Writers Organization (NETWO) Annual Writing Conference on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00-3:00. It will be at the Northeast Texas Community College outside of Mt Pleasant, TX.

The award-winning speakers include Lisa Simmons, Michael Scott Clifton, and Michael Wigington.

To register, go to [www.NETWO.org](http://www.NETWO.org) under conferences. It's open to the public and lunch is provided.



### Keep your eyes safe and healthy!

Many cities, schools, and businesses are giving out free eclipse glasses. Be sure to get yours.

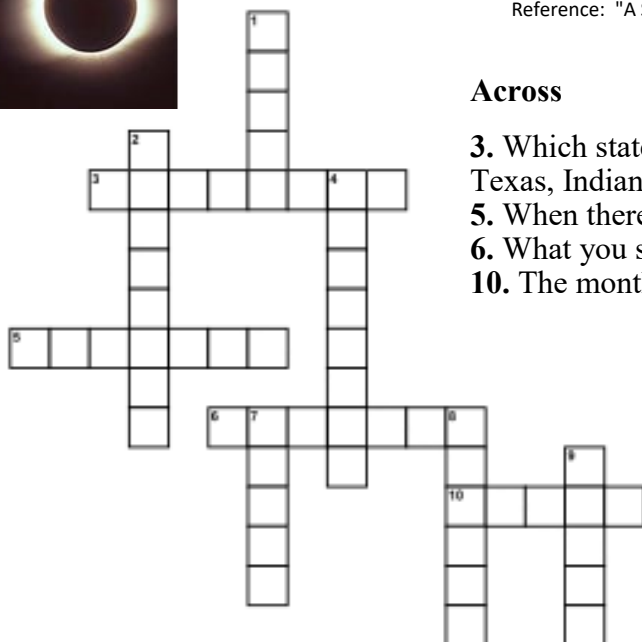
Even the tiniest sliver of the Sun can burn a person's eyes. People who have looked at the Sun during an eclipse actually had crescents burned into the back of the eye.

Eclipse blindness usually does not occur immediately after staring at the Sun. A person may go to sleep that night and wake up unable to see clearly or not at all.

Reference: "A Solar Eclipse Can Blind You (Read This Before Looking at the Sun!)"



### Eclipse Day



#### Across

- 3. Which state will NOT see the eclipse: Maine, Texas, Indiana, Colorado, Missouri, or Kentucky?
- 5. When there is shadow on the earth or moon.
- 6. What you should look through during an eclipse.
- 10. The month that hosted the 2024 eclipse.

#### Down

- 1. A word relating to the sun.
- 2. When the moon completely covers the sun.
- 4. What we have during a total eclipse.
- 7. A word relating to the moon.
- 8. What the moon puts on the earth during a solar eclipse.
- 9. When there can never be a solar eclipse.

### Eclipse Day

**Monday  
April 8  
1:00-3:00 pm**

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## ***Who will catch the Eclipse? What will really happen?***

A solar eclipse happens only during a New Moon. A New Moon is the opposite of a Full Moon. It is when you cannot see the moon at all because it is between the earth and sun so there is no reflection from the moon to earth. But just because it is between the earth and sun doesn't mean there is an eclipse.

A solar eclipse only happens when the moon's shadow is on the earth. The moon stands between the sun and earth, thus causing a shadow.

## ***What did the Ancients think?***

In ancient China, it was believed dragons were trying to eat the sun. They beat drums loudly to scare off the dragons. The Incas thought the gods were angry, so they offered sacrifices to appease their anger. Babylonians believed it was a prophecy of the death of a king. Greeks saw it as a warning from angry gods. Eskimos thought the sun and moon were diseased during an eclipse and would cover up everything of importance, including themselves, so nothing would get infected. Native Americans Ojibwe tribe would shoot flaming arrows at the sun to reignite it.

*Did you know...*

Between the ages of two and five, an average child will ask approximately 40,000 questions. Are you ready to answer them? Expand their thoughts and understanding by reading to them. There are millions of books online or in your local bookstores and library. Help them dream and discover the world.

## **Reading...**

From a Fan!



Children love reading *Look, Look, Look What I Did!* This mom said they love the chicken. Thanks, Alana, they are precious. Many people use picture books like these for baby book showers. Great idea to start the children off to the adventure in books.

## **Awkward Encounter**

Has anyone ever started talking to you about something you thought only crazy people believed? How did you politely respond?



*Email me one of your awkward encounters.*

### **Eclipse Day Puzzle Solution**

Across: 3. Colorado; 5. eclipse; 6. glasses; 10. April

Down: 1. solar; 2. totality; 4. darkness; 7. lunar; 8. shadow; 9. night

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