

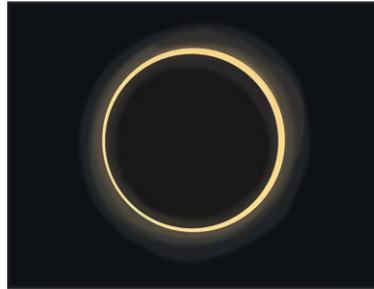
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Quick Questions



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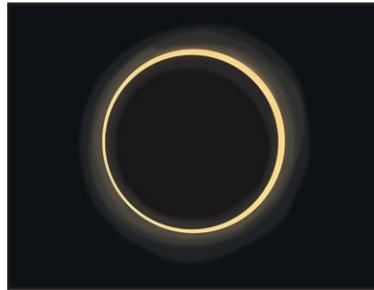
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Answers



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2. What does 'totality' mean?
Accept an explanation that the sun will be in complete shadow.



3. Why were people so keen to go to Hopkinsville on 21st August 2017?

Accept reference to the fact that it was where totality could be observed and how full solar eclipses do not occur very often.



4. Why does the author use the word 'affectionately'?

Accept reference to the fact that it is not the real name and has been given due to the eclipse being best observed from here / affectionately gives the impression of fondness.