



Questions for Classroom Discussion

“Eclipse Party”

- **Why is the 2024 Solar Eclipse such a major event?**

- ⇒ Consider that a Total Solar Eclipse is a rare event, and the United States won't witness another one of this magnitude for decades
- ⇒ Consider that this event will result in darkness in the middle of the day, which is certainly unusual and very exciting
- ⇒ Consider that this is a perfect learning opportunity for young people—and adults—and can be used as a chance for people to get interested in astronomy

- **What would be the main goal of your “Eclipse Party”?**

- ⇒ Consider that the ultimate goal will be for guests to view the eclipse in a successful and safe manner (this will help determine the time, location, and necessary supplies for the party)
- ⇒ Consider that the event is a way for people to enjoy science, and perhaps come away with a greater appreciation and understanding of astronomy
- ⇒ Consider that an obvious goal is to have fun!

- **What are ideas that will help make your “Eclipse Party” a success?**

- ⇒ Consider how guests will want to view the eclipse, so providing the proper equipment (i.e. special glasses) and other tools to do this will be appreciated
- ⇒ Consider that there are other ways to follow the eclipse, from live-streaming to social media... you may want to have these available throughout the party, and they are very valuable if it is a cloudy day
- ⇒ Consider that guests may want to learn more about the eclipse, so providing handouts or even hosting a guest speaker might be a nice touch
- ⇒ Consider that the theme is astronomy, or the moon and sun, and how everything can follow that theme... this includes the snacks (“moonpies” for example), decorations, games, activities, etc.