



When you are the author, you have complete control of the characters, setting, and plot of your story. Of course, sometimes it's hard to come up with ideas!

Below are a few plot ideas that you might help get you started. Feel free to use one of these, or perhaps it will get your imagination going and inspire a new plot idea. Have fun!

PLOT IDEAS THAT CENTER AROUND THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

- 1) The main character knows about the eclipse, but others in the story do not... so he/she uses that knowledge to his/her advantage
- 2) The main character is going about his/her business and completely forgets about the eclipse, and is confused when the earth suddenly goes dark in the afternoon
- 3) The eclipse doesn't go as predicted (lasts longer, comes earlier or later), causing great concern among people and scientists that what we know about the earth's orbit isn't correct
- 4) The eclipse unexpectedly has a profound effect on certain people (for example, it is said that a full moon turns people into werewolves)
- 5) A time-sensitive task (perhaps setting up a surprise, or robbing a bank) needs to be completed during the eclipse while everyone is looking at the sky and distracted by the 2-minutes of darkness
- 6) The eclipse is the fulfillment of some great prophesy, and only the main character knows the truth
- 7) Aliens have been watching the earth from a distance without contacting humans, and they have been waiting for the eclipse as an opportunity to make themselves known
- 8) A carefully planned "eclipse viewing party" becomes a comedy of errors as everyone runs around moments before the eclipse begins trying to get themselves in position to watch it
- 9) A timing of a major power outage or natural disaster (such as an earthquake) aligns perfectly with the eclipse, causing people to panic and fear that it's a sign
- 10) The eclipse never comes as scientists and astronomers have promised... and someone has some explaining to do!