



## GREAT NORTH AMERICAN **ECLIPSE**

### **The Total Eclipse by Annie Dillard, 1982**

[https://faculty.etsu.edu/odonnell/readings/dillard\\_eclipse.pdf](https://faculty.etsu.edu/odonnell/readings/dillard_eclipse.pdf)

**After reading the essay, answer the following questions.**

How does Dillard use similes and metaphors in *The Total Eclipse*?

What do you think Dillard's purpose was in writing the essay?

One of the famous quotes from this essay is, "Seeing a partial eclipse bears the same relation to seeing a total eclipse as kissing a man does to marrying him." What do you think this means?

- When the moon and sun interact, it resembles a kiss
- Like an eclipse, marriage is a momentous life event
- Marriage and eclipses are nothing alike
- A total eclipse is dramatically more than a partial eclipse



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## DECODE THE MESSAGES

Can you crack the code? Each symbol represents a letter in the phrase. Unravel these puzzles to reveal quotes from the essay. Remember, each one is a separate challenge!

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