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The Total Eclipse by Annie Dillard, 1982

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?

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

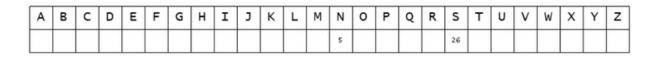


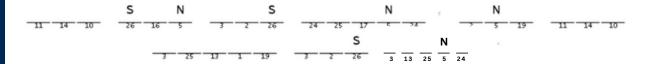
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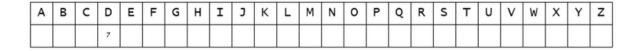
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DECODE THE MESSAGES

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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