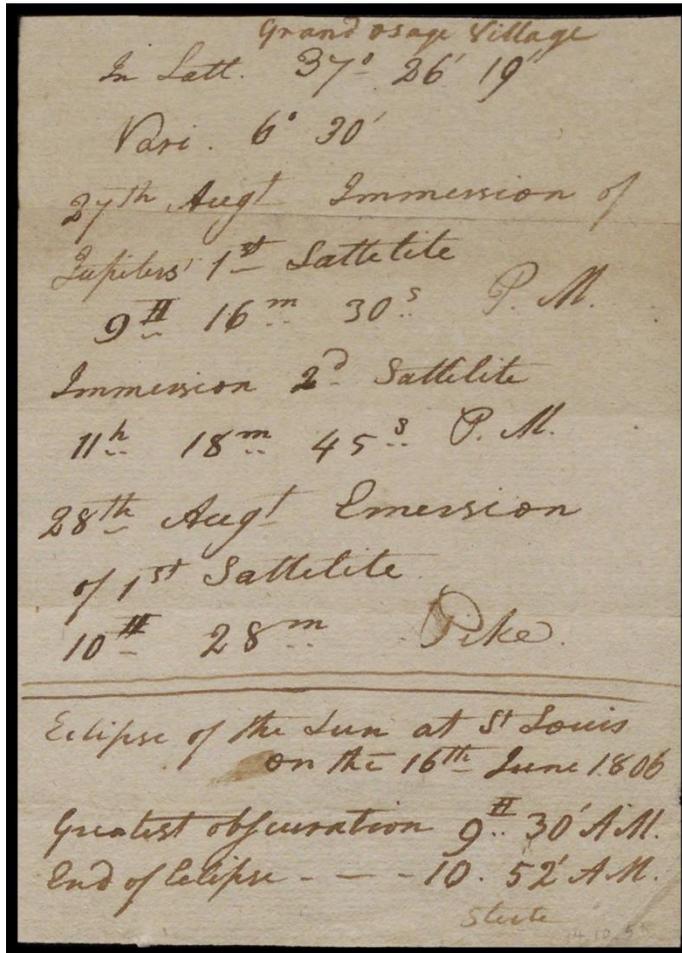


Secondary (6th-12th)

Objective: use historic images of eclipse viewing in the past as the basis for creative writing prompts

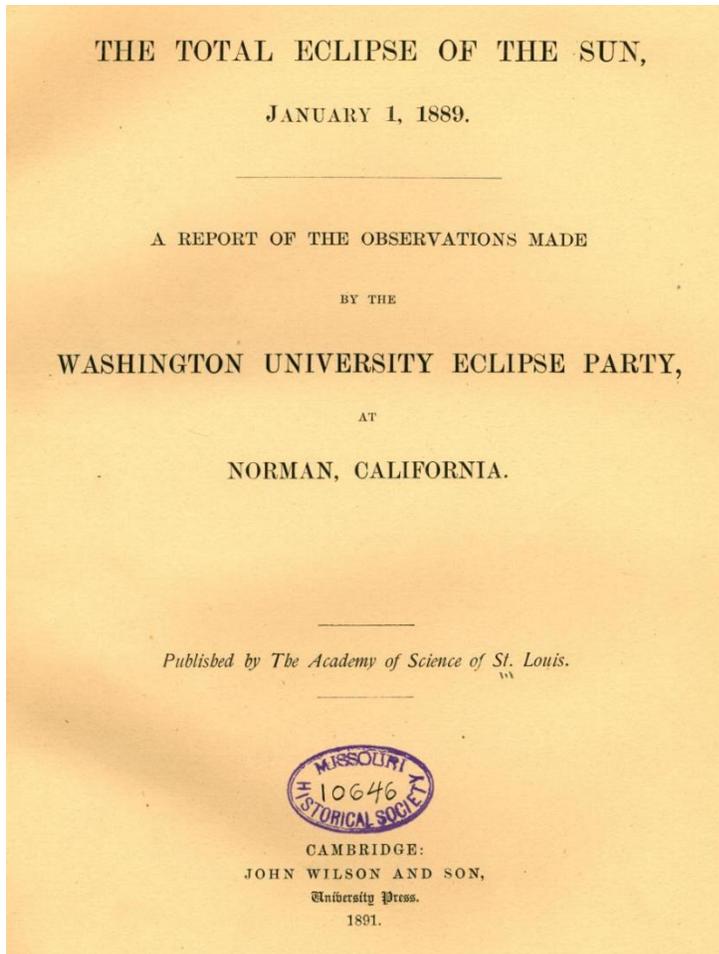
1. People have recorded eclipses in many ways in the past, including writing about them. Here is a note from June 16th, 1806 mentioning an eclipse:



Source: Missouri Historical Society Collections. <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/A0289-01839>

What information did this person document about this eclipse?

2. Most writing about eclipses is scientific. One example is this report about the solar eclipse on January 1, 1889 written by Washington University scientists:



Front page of the Washington University scientists' report, published by the St. Louis Academy of Sciences. Missouri Historical Society Collections.

3. Not all writing about eclipses must be scientific. We can use the eclipse to write creatively too!

Writing prompt:

Use the following historic photos for a caption contest. The class can vote on the best caption!

Expand the captions into a longer story.



Source: Missouri Historical Society Collections. <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/P0956-00009>



Source: Missouri Historical Society Collections. <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/P0956-00010>

Writing prompt 2:

Take 60 seconds to observe the details of this historic image. Then, write a 10-word story based on what you think is going on here.



Source: Missouri Historical Society Collections. <https://mohistory.org/collections/item/P0403-06069-01-8a>