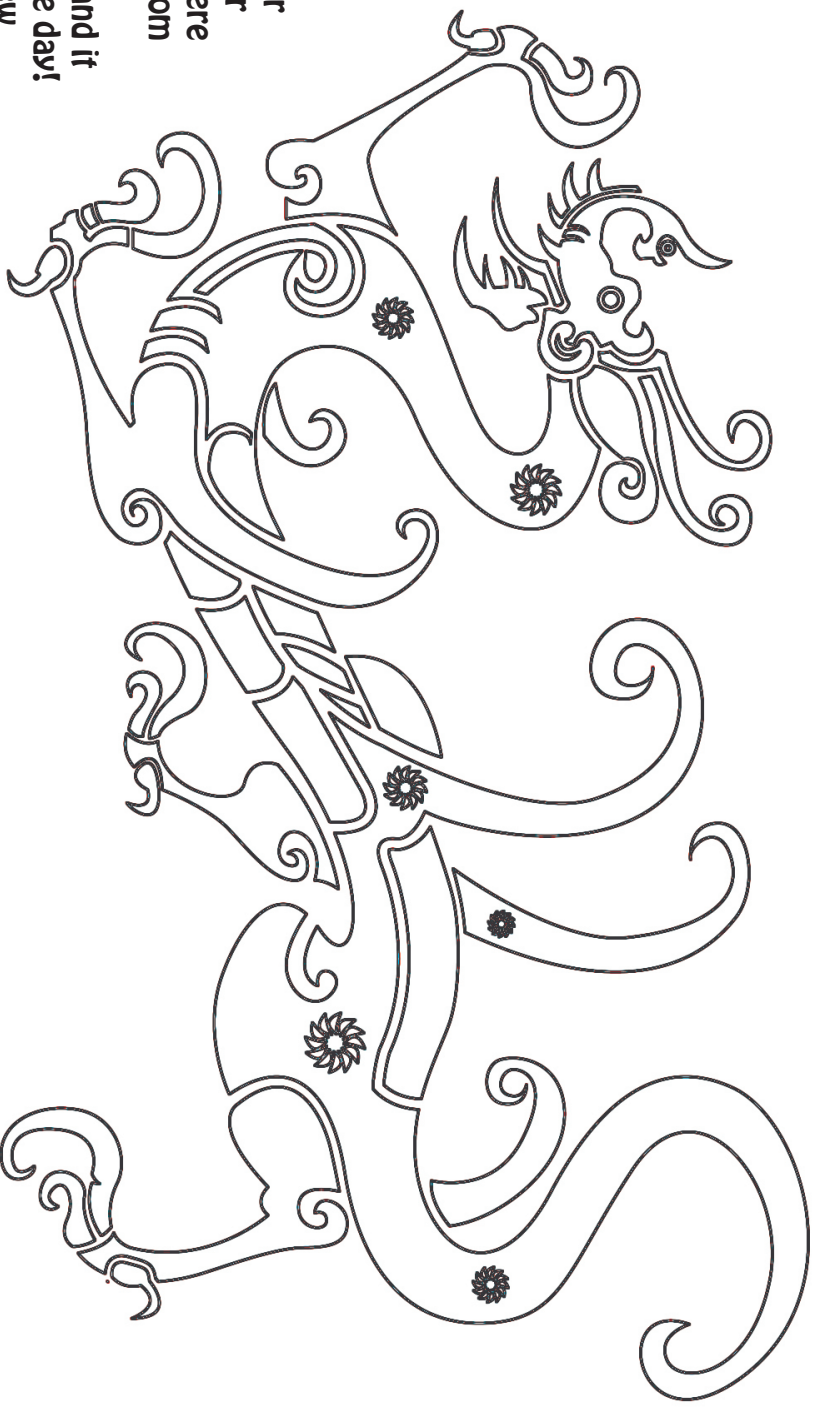


Color the Eclipse Dragon

What is a solar eclipse?

People always want to know about solar eclipses. A long, long time ago, people in China thought that a solar eclipse happened when a giant dragon swallowed the Sun. The people made loud noises like shooting off fireworks to scare the dragon away. They wanted their Sun to come back!

Now we know that a solar eclipse happens when our Moon gets between us here on Earth and the Sun. From Earth we see the Moon covering the whole Sun and it even gets dark during the day! An eclipse only lasts a few minutes - so before you know it, the Moon moves away from the Sun and it is sunny again.



There will be two solar eclipses in China very soon! Ask your teacher or your family to take a look at pictures and movies of the eclipse at www.sunearth.nasa.gov