

A teacher's goal is to inspire, and the best method of achieving that goal is to model the excitement of learning. The large scale collaborative project that I participated in while in Oregon this past August aimed to collectively involve thousands of citizen scientists to contribute data for one event – the total solar eclipse. Thousands of excited volunteers worked together to produce images of the sun's corona during totality which were then stitched together to produce a movie that documented the changes in the sun's corona over the 90 minutes of the eclipse. This project was a pioneer for future projects of such magnitude, and like real pioneers, the excitement of it inspired us to do our very best, working as a team that stretched across the country. A preview of the project was just recently compiled, with more revisions in the works. The full set of 46,000 images from over 12,300 volunteers will be a treasure trove of data for scientists to sift through. Here is a link to the project where the movie can be viewed and more information about the project's goals and expected discoveries can be viewed. <https://eclipsemega.movie/> Participating in this citizen science project was a once in a lifetime opportunity!

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