

Guiding Questions:

Article 1: "Sickening Solar Flares"

- a) What is a coronal mass ejection?
- b) Why are we safe on Earth?
- c) What are the dangers on the Moon?
- d) Why is a space weather forecast important?

Article 2: "Scientists One Step Closer to Forecasting 'Clear Skies' for Astronauts"

- a) What is a solar flare?
- b) How do scientists make these complex predictions?

Article 3: "The Phantom Torso"

- a) What are the dangers of radiation from the Sun? What caused the storm to accelerate so quickly?
- b) How is the Phantom Torso used to determine how we can keep our astronauts safe?

Article 4: "The Biggest Explosions in the Solar System"

- a) Why do astronauts run for cover when a solar flare explodes from the Sun?
- b) Is it possible to predict when a solar flare will occur?
- c) How has technology made space weather predicting better?

Article 5: "Solar Storm Sweeps Past Planets, Satellites"

- a) What have we learned about our Sun through satellite data?
- b) What are the most important facts we have learned that should be considered as we plan for space exploration?

Article 6: "Long Range Solar Forecast"

- a) What does the theory of observation tell scientist about the 25th solar cycle?
- b) What will the 24th cycle be like?